

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

February 2, 2009

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Monday, February 2, 2009. Chairman Steve Errebo called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Al Joe Wallace and Member Terry Finch present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.

Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Wendy Gronau, Larry Meitler, Michel O'Hare, Rodney Job, Jennifer O'Hare and Michael Kratky.

County Investment Options: The board spoke with Representative Elaine Bowers to arrange a meeting to further discuss legislation changes to the current regulations on investments of county funds.

Ambulance Service: Ambulance Service Director Wendy Gronau provided a listing of current rates charged to teach each type of CPR class. After discussion, the board determined and approved a CPR fee structure for county departments and emergency services, at \$5.00 per student less than that charged to private individuals and businesses.

Highway Department: Road Supervisor Larry Meitler with Assistant Road Supervisor Michel O'Hare reported on highway department projects. Meitler requested approval to return to a four, ten hour work day schedule. After discussion, the board approved returning to the modified work week beginning April 6. Assistant Road Supervisor O'Hare discussed purchasing new equipment; and the federally mandated sign exchange to a higher reflectivity. O'Hare reported that Jeff Howard has completed his first six months of employment and requested the customary salary increase. Al Joe Wallace moved to grant Jeff Howard a fifty cent per hour salary increase for the completion of his first six months of employment, effective January 26, 2009, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried. O'Hare related that two hundred thirty-five feet of a gravel windrow was taken in Scott Township. O'Hare provided two preliminary options to replace a bridge in the 100 block on N 280th Rd. Commissioner Errebo identified areas that need assistance within his district and issued a concern about the amount of wasted time used to travel to and from the Vesper shop, suggesting that Meitler contact landowners to determine if they could find a place to park the motor grader when working in the northern part of the County.

Recess: The chairman recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:10 p.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 1:00 p.m.

Emergency Manager: Emergency Manager Rodney Job presented a draft of the letter that he will send to an insurance company concerning a bill that has not been paid for cleanup of a fertilizer spill. Job related that all department heads and fire chiefs need to attend ICS 200 and ISC 300 classes to continue to qualify for grant funding; Job provided proposed dates for the classes. Job inquired if there should be a policy on when county employees will

be required to wear their name and photo identification cards (ID's); the board related that each individual department could make their own policy on wearing the ID's when not in an emergency situation. Job provided bid estimates to build an Emergency Operations Center to grant specifications, commissioners determined that the County could build a building for less money than building to meet grant specifications. Job related that the Lincoln County weather spotter meeting will be February 19; and that Lincoln County weather spotters can attend an advanced class on April 6, in Russell, noting that space is limited so each emergency department will be limited to 2 attendees. Job provided a fire hazard update and inquired if the board would be interested in enacting a burn ban. The board declined to enact a burn ban at this time. Job related that he has been approved for a CERT (community emergency response team) grant to purchase a storage shed to store CERT equipment; and noted that he will hold training sessions for CERT training every other month for members to stay current on and improve their skills.

- Road Vacation Request: Michael Kratky requested that the board vacate an undeveloped road right-of-way located in the 700 block of E Ash Dr in Golden Belt Township.
- Tax Abatement: Al Joe Wallace moved to allow tax abatement 2008-19 in the amount of \$849.74, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.
- Minutes Approved: Terry Finch moved to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2009 and January 30, 2009 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.
- Adjourn: With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:07 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Monday, February 9, 2009 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.