

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

January 5, 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, January 5, 2009. Chairman Terry Finch called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Steve Errebo and Member Al Joe Wallace present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Mitch Obermueller, Joyce Walker, Christen Robinson, Michel O'Hare, Debora Zachgo, Marilyn Hellmer and Steve McReynolds.
- Audit Contract Approved: Al Joe Wallace moved to approve an audit contract between Lincoln County and Pierce, Faris & Co, Chartered, to provide audit services for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried.
- Public Building Commission: Mitch Obermueller, Bank of Tescott, answered the board's questions on the public building commission accounts.
- County Treasurer: County Treasurer Joyce Walker presented three annual resolutions for the board's approval. Walker discussed investment options for the Windpower Economic Benefit Fund. Steve Errebo moved to approve and adopt Resolution 2009-01, allowing the County Treasurer to invest idle funds as seen feasible in Lincoln County banks or investments; Resolution 2009-02, authorizing the County Treasurer to develop and implement a cash management and investment program for the handling of moneys in the custody of Lincoln County, Kansas for the year 2009; and Resolution 2009-03, designating the following Lincoln County banks as depositories of all moneys of Lincoln County, Kansas for the year 2009: Bank of Tescott - Lincoln, Midwest Community Bank – Beverly, Midwest Community Bank – Lincoln, Thunder Bank - Sylvan Grove, Farmway Credit Union – Lincoln, and State Municipal Investment Pool-State of Kansas, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.
- Nursing Home: Nursing Home Administrator Christen Robinson presented bids to replace the water softener in the assisted living facility. The board tabled a decision until the January 12, 2009 regular meeting.
- Highway Department: Road Supervisor Larry Meitler reported on highway department projects and equipment repairs. Meitler and O'Hare provided ideas for future road repair projects and asked for the board's opinions on specific areas. Meitler presented bids received to purchase a new backhoe; recommending that the board not purchase the lowest bid backhoe, due to safety concerns with certain aspects of the equipment. After discussion, Steve Errebo moved to purchase a John Deere Model 310SJ Backhoe from Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. in the amount of \$62,500.00, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried. O'Hare provided the average cost to replace vandalized and/or destroyed road signs. O'Hare inquired if the board wanted to pass a resolution guaranteeing highway department employees a set amount of hours when employees are called back to work during the evenings and weekends. Commissioners indicated that they would be in

favor of guaranteeing hourly employees to be paid for four hours of time, when called out for work requiring less than four hours to complete and guaranteeing eight hours of time for work requiring more than four hours to complete. No formal action on guaranteeing wages was approved this date. The board discussed bridge project management.

- Recess: The chairman recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:22 p.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 1:00 p.m.
- Executive Session: Steve Errebo moved to recess into executive session for twenty minutes from 1:04 p.m. – 1:24 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Road Supervisor Meitler, Assistant Road Supervisor O'Hare, Human Resource Officer Debora Zachgo and County Clerk Harlow present, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 1:24 p.m.
- Land Acquisition: The board reviewed comparable real estate sales information to purchase a permanent easement for the N 280th Rd landslide project. After discussion the board approved offering \$750.00 per acre to the affected landowners.
- Courthouse Use Approved: Marilyn Hellmer requested approval to utilize the Lincoln County Courthouse for the annual Lincoln Re-enactment Day that will be held Saturday, February 14. The board approved the request.
- Tax Abatement: Al Joe Wallace moved to allow tax abatement 2008-16 in the amount of \$144.97, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried.
- Correspondence Approved: The board approved correspondence in support of the Transportation Bus Board's application for grant funds.
- Minutes Approved: Steve Errebo moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the December 30, 2008 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.
- Rescue Vehicles: Steve McReynolds expressed a concern about the need to replace one of the rescue squad vehicles.
- Adjourn: With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Monday, January 12, 2009 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.