

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

June 10, 2013

- Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Monday, June 10, 2013. Chairman Al Joe Wallace called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Terry Finch and Member Gerald Huehl present. Debora Zachgo served as recording secretary in the absence of County Clerk Dawn Harlow.
- Visitors:** Others present for portions of the meeting: Patricia Winters, Carlene Friesen, John Buttenhoff, Carl Nielsen, Cindy Feldkamp, Larry Meitler, Michel O'Hare and Lowell Vonada.
- Conservation District Budget Request:** Conservation District Board Members John Buttenhoff, Carlene Friesen and Carl Nielsen, with Manager Patricia Winters, presented the District's 2014 budget request, noting that the requesting an increase of \$1,000.00 over the amount received for budget year 2014. Winter shared that the additional amount will be matched by the State of Kansas. Discussion was held on the water well permit process.
- Concealed Carry:** Human Resource Officer Debora Zachgo shared a copy of House Bill 2052 with the board and provided a request from County Attorney Jennifer O'Hare that the County 'opt-out' of the requirements of the bill. The board agreed that they do not want to allow concealed carry in any county building at this time. As there is limited time to address adequate security for county buildings prior to the bill going into effect, the board requested the County Attorney prepare the needed paperwork to file for an exemption.
- Hospital Board:** The board discussed the vacant hospital board of trustee's position with Cindy Feldkamp.
- Highway Department:** Road Supervisor Larry Meitler presented a bid from Jeremy Vath for mowing at the West Lot. Discussion was held regarding adding the Spring St location to the bid, Meitler requested that the board not make a decision until additional individuals are offered the opportunity to bid. Meitler presented bids to replace his vehicle. The board requested Meitler solicit a bid from a local dealer before a decision is made. Assistant Road Supervisor Michel O'Hare reported that they are having an issue with one of the gravel pits. Due to safety issues a bridge in Scott Township will need to be closed until appropriate repairs can be made; a shoe-fly will be installed prior to the closing of the bridge. The board discussed repair options for a bridge in Valley Township. Member Huehl forwarded a request for gravel in Cedron Township, a field entrance expansion in Grant Township, and requested a status report on the tree removal at Lincoln Park Manor.
- Executive Session:** Terry Finch moved to recess into executive session for five minutes at 10:09 a.m. – 10:14 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel

with Road Supervisor Meitler, Assistant Road Supervisor O'Hare and Human Resource Officer Zachgo present, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:14 a.m.

Funds Request: Lowell Vonada, Lincoln County Rescue Squad, reported on problems with the rescue truck and the jaws-of-life. Vonada shared two bid options for repairs; one would be a quick fix and one a long term solution. Vonada offered budget projections for the current and upcoming year. The board approved needed repairs in the amount of \$5,835. The board offered suggestions for sources of additional funding to help pay for the needed equipment and repairs, as the County's General Fund does not have adequate funding.

Resolution 2013-12: Gerald Huehl moved to approve and adopt Resolution 2013-12, an agreement to employ Rhonda Wright as Lincoln County Appraiser, from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2017, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

Resolution 2013R-02: Terry Finch moved to approve and adopt Resolution 2013R-02, Preliminary Resolution and Notice of Proposed Vacation, whereby the board proposes to vacate that part of Vesper Ave lying North of Lot 1 and 14, Block 2 of Vesper City, Right of way being 70 ft., an undeveloped alley beginning 70' North of the Northwest corner of lot 12 Block 1, Vesper City thence east 132 ft to the alley. Said alley being 8' wide from West to East and 132 ft wide from North to South. A vacation hearing will be held June 24, 2013, 8:30 a.m. in the commission meeting room of the courthouse, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.

Health Care: Human Resource Officer Debora Zachgo updated the board on the possible affects that the upcoming Health Care Reform requirements may have on the County.

Minutes Approved: Gerald Huehl moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the June 3, 2013 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

Adjourn: With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. Monday, June 17, 2013 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.