

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

June 30, 2008

- 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 30, 2008. Chairman Terry Finch called the meeting to order at 8:00 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: Jennifer O’Hare, Greg McNeil, Dan Metz, Rodney Job, Michel O’Hare, Larry Meitler and Christen Robinson.
- Cereal Malt Beverage License Approved: Al Joe Wallace moved to approve the issuance of Cereal Malt Beverage License 2008-04, to the Sylvan Grove American Legion Post #359, for a special four day event, expiring July 20, 2008, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.
- Hospital Renovation Project: Hospital Administrator Greg McNeil and Hospital Attorney Dan Metz, with County Attorney Jennifer O’Hare, related that the Hospital administration had completed a series of public forums to notify the public on the Hospital’s proposed renovation project. McNeil requested that the board consider the establishment of a Public Building Commission, which can issue revenue bonds at a lower rate than general obligation or regular revenue bonds. The board requested that the Hospital Board of Trustees take formal action on the request at their next meeting and further requested County Attorney O’Hare to proceed with preparation of a Charter Resolution to establish a Public Building Commission.
- Ambulance Service: Ambulance Service Director Wendy Gronau provided information on the current ambulance rates and Medicare allowable charges. No decision on rate increases were made this date. Gronau reported that radios had been replaced in two of the ambulances and that an individual had offered to purchase the replaced units at \$25.00 per radio. No decision was made this date with the board noting that the highway department could possibly use the radios.
- Emergency Management: Emergency Manager Rodney Job provided information on a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture that provides funding for warning sirens. Job related that the grant requires matching funds, and that the deadline for submission of the grant did not afford the appropriate time to visit with each community to determine if they could provide match money towards the project, noting that he will not apply for funding at this time due to the time constraint. Job provided information on other grant opportunities available to the county.
- Highway Department: Road Supervisor Larry Meitler with Assistant Road Supervisor Michel O’Hare reported on highway department projects and equipment. Meitler presented an application for the board to review and requested approval to employ Jefferey Howard as a full-time truck driver. After discussing the starting wage, Al Joe Wallace moved to employ Jefferey Howard as a full-time Truck Driver, starting salary \$9.55 per hour, effective
- Employee Hired:

upon successful completion of pre-employment testing, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried.

Executive Session: Terry Finch moved to recess into executive session for five minutes from 9:47 a.m. – 9:52 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Road Supervisor Meitler, Assistant Road Supervisor O’Hare and County Clerk Harlow present, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:52 a.m.

Nursing Home: Nursing Home Administrator Christen Robinson reported on nursing home activities. Robinson requested approval to move forward with the window replacement project. The board approved moving forward with the window project, replacing the windows with vinyl windows and having Rick Lund complete the installation of one window to help determine the complexity of the project.

Payroll and Accounts Payable Approved: Al Joe Wallace moved to approve May gross payroll in the amount of \$154,276.70 and May accounts payable warrants in the amount of \$243,583.98, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried.

Purchase Approved: Bids were reviewed to replace a computer at the landfill and noxious weed departments. The board approved the purchase of a Dell Optiplex 330 from McPherson Business Machines. The board discussed program options for a Noxious Weed billing program and approved upgrading the current outdated program.

Tuckpointing Projects Bids Opened & Approved: The board opened the three bids received to tuckpoint four drainage structures located in Battle Creek, Beaver and Scott Townships. Al Joe Wallace moved to accept the low bids and award all of the projects to Dennis Cross to tuckpoint the following structures: Wirth Arch Bridge - \$11,800.00, Miller Arch Bridge - \$11,800.00, Loy North Arch Culvert - \$2,300.00, and the Loy South Arch Culvert - \$2,300.00, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried.

Minutes Approved: Al Joe Wallace moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the June 23, 2008 regular meeting as corrected, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried.

Adjourn: With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. Monday, July 7, 2008 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.