

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

August 17, 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, August 17, 2009. Chairman Steve Errebo called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. in the courthouse basement meeting room 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: Marc Lovin, Dean Thaemert, Larry Hiitter, Louis Hynes, Ray Keller, Willis Becker, Sara Crangle, Doug McKinney, Ladonna Reinert, Richard Wolting, Howard Wehrman, Jennifer O'Hare, Keith Vestal and Debora Zachgo.

Sylvan Grove Fire District Fire Station Project:

The board met with Sylvan Grove Rural Fire District Governing Board Members Dean Thaemert, Larry Hiitter, Louis Hynes, Ray Heller and Willis Becker, Sylvan Grove Rural Fire District Fire Chief Marc Lovin, and North Central Regional Planning Commission Representatives Doug McKinney and Sara Crangle concerning Crangle's statement on August 13 after the State monitoring for CDBG Grant Project 08-PF-617, that no volunteers could complete any aspect of the fire station project and the dollar amount required to finish the project will possibly increase due to that fact. Crangle estimated the local match needed to complete the project at \$74,399.63, and that she had clarified with the State that volunteers can complete work on the project, but that their time can not be valued and used towards the fire district's matching funds. The group discussed lack of funds available to complete the project and the process had been started to issue no-fund warrants

N 260<sup>th</sup> Rd:

The board spoke with Richard Wolting concerning the 900 block of N 260<sup>th</sup> Rd and recent discussions on posting that particular section of road as a limited access road, requiring landowners and tenants to access the property through a locked gate.

Highway Department:

Road Supervisor Larry Meitler with Assistant Road Supervisor Michel O'Hare presented a gravel agreement for the board's approval. Terry Finch moved to enter into a three year gravel removal/purchase agreement with Edward A. Hlad Revocable Trust and Mildred L. Hlad Revocable Trust, expiring August 31, 2009, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried. Meitler reported on highway department projects. O'Hare related that the N 280<sup>th</sup> Rd landslide project is set for the State's October 21 letting and discussed the letter received from Saline County concerning a Saline County bridge replacement project. Errebo requested that ditches be mowed along Grant Ave in Grant Township. The group discussed the current status of equipment and the recent surplus property sale.

County Attorney:

County Attorney Jennifer O'Hare provided the advertisement for the sale of county owned property for the board to review and approve for publication. The board approved the publication for sale of the following county owned property: Tract One - building, personal property, and a tract of land in the SE1/4 Section 36, Township 11

South, Range 8 West, in Lincoln County, Kansas described as follows, beginning 1072.5 feet West and 60.4 feet South of the Northeast corner of the SE1/4 of Section 36, Township 11 South, Range 8 West thence 244.6 feet South, thence 100 feet West, thence 244.6 feet North, thence East along the South right-of-way line of K-18 to the point of beginning; and Tract Two - a tract of land beginning at the Southwest corner of Section 6, Township 12 South, Range 7 West, thence North a distance of seventy feet, thence East a distance of one hundred twenty-nine feet, thence South a distance of Seventy feet, thence West a distance of one hundred twenty-nine feet to the point of beginning.

**Budget Hearing:** The chairman opened the Lincoln County, Kansas, budget hearing at 10:05 a.m. to hear and answer objections to the proposed use of funds and the amount of ad valorem tax levied for the 2010 proposed budget with Howard Wehrman and Jennifer O'Hare present. Wehrman expressed his opposition to the proposed mill levy increase and requested that the board reduce the mill levy to the same or lower than the amount of the 2008 levy. With no others appearing the chairman closed the budget hearing at 10:37 a.m. Al Joe Wallace moved to approve and adopt the 2010 Lincoln County, Kansas budget as published, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

**2010 Budget Approved:**

**NC-FHAAA Agreement:** Keith Vestal, Lincoln County's representative to the North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging Board of Directors presented a cooperative agreement with NC-FHAAA and Riley County Housing Authority to continue to administer the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program in Lincoln County. After discussion, Al Joe Wallace moved to enter into a cooperative agreement with North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging, Inc and Riley County Housing Authority to administer Lincoln County's Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

**Saline County Bridge Project:** County Attorney O'Hare discussed the letter received from Saline County in regards to a bridge replacement project located in Saline County

**Executive Session:** Al Joe Wallace moved to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes from 11:07 a.m. – 11:22 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Human Resource Officer Debora Zachgo, County Attorney O'Hare and County Clerk Harlow present, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

**Reconvene:** The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:22 a.m.

**Executive Session:** Al Joe Wallace moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes from 11:22 a.m. – 11:32 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Human Resource Officer Zachgo, County Attorney O'Hare and County Clerk Harlow present, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

**Reconvene:** The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:32 a.m.

- Ambulance Service      The group discussed a need to have a written policy concerning use and retention of information used for the data collection program, its electronic patient care report feature, and attendant hand written patient care reports. The board requested that Human Resource Officer Zachgo contact Ambulance Service Director Wendy Gronau and request that a particular handwritten patient care report be provided to the billing department by the end of the week and also to schedule Gronua on the August 24 agenda.
- Minutes Approved:      Terry Finch moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the August 10, 2009 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.
- Nursing Home/  
Guttering Bid  
Approved:              The board reviewed bids received by Lincoln Park Manor to replace guttering on the nursing home. Al Joe Wallace moved to accept the bid proposal from All Things Exterior, Inc, to replace guttering and downspouts at the nursing home in the amount of \$1,960.00, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.
- Adjourn:                With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. Monday, August 24, 2009 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.