

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

March 17, 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, March 17, 2008. Chairman Terry Finch called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Steve Errebo and Member Al Joe Wallace present. Debora Zachgo acted as Recording Secretary in the absence of County Clerk Dawn Harlow
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Stanley Walker, Richard Schultz, Rodney Job, Larry Meitler, Michel O’Hare, Leon Kingan, Lori Obermueller, Kathie Crispin, Brenda Peterson and Jennifer O’Hare.
- Contribution Application: Steve Errebo shared a copy of the Lincoln County Economic Development Foundation Contribution Application with board members.
- Right-of-Way Permits: Economic Development Director Stanley Walker discussed the utility right-of-way permits that will be needed for Phase II of the Smoky Hill Wind Farm project.
- E-Waste: Richard Schultz, CB Trucking & Services LLC Recycling Division, provided the board with a list of e-waste that the business can accept. Schultz stated that at this time they can not offer money for e-waste, but can accept e-waste at no cost to the county. Schultz and board members discussed the Inter-Local Cooperative Agreement for E-Waste that the board entered into.
- Emergency Management: Emergency Manager Rodney Job discussed recent emergency management activities. Job related to the board that the City of Lincoln will be updating the City’s emergency sirens; provided an update on the Homeland Security Grant; and noted that all emergency responders will need to have their radio programming updated. Job provided the board with bids for a new vehicle. No decision was made. Job provided an update on CERT training. The board viewed the 500 gig external hard drive that he has purchased.
- Right-of-Way Permits: Economic Development Director Stanley Walker provided board members a map outlaying the areas in which the utility right-of-way permits will be needed for Phase II of the Smoky Hill Wind Farm project.
- Highway Department: Road Supervisor Larry Meitler with Assistant Road Supervisor Michel O’Hare updated the board on current projects underway. Meitler reported that Nickolas Sallman accepted the full-time equipment operator position and requested a starting wage of \$10.30 per hour. Al Joe Wallace moved to employ Nickolas Sallman as a full-time equipment operator, starting salary \$10.30 per hour, effective upon completion of pre-employment testing, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried. O’Hare reported that Powell “Bud” Patrick has completed his first six months of service and requested the customary salary increase. Steve Errebo moved to grant Powell “Bud” Patrick a fifty cent per hour merit increase, for the completion of his first six months of service,
- Employee Hired:
- Salary increase:

effective March 26, 2008, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried. O'Hare submitted an agreement for a temporary construction easement between Lincoln County and David and Betty Johnson for the board's approval. O'Hare reported that a faulty computer panel has caused the diesel dispenser at the new bulk fuel facility to malfunction; it will be temporarily out of service while they await replacement parts.

Repeater Board Meeting:

Leon Kingan reported that the Repeater Board will be meeting Wednesday, March 19, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Crop Services building in Beverly and requested that the board of commissioners be present. Kingan stated that they will be discussing needed updates to the repeater system and the costs associated with the updates. The board agreed to attend the meeting and called for a Special Meeting.

Recess:

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

Reconvene:

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 1:05 p.m.

Chamber of Commerce:

Lori Obermueller, President of the Lincoln Area Chamber of Commerce, provided the board an update on Chamber of Commerce activities. Obermueller invited Lincoln County to become a member of the Chamber at a rate of \$500.00 per year. Kathy Crispin and Brenda Peterson, Lincoln County Tourism Coalition, a chamber committee, provided the board with an update on tourism activities. Crispin provided information on a project to erect billboards to welcome visitors to Lincoln County. Discussion was held on past and possible future financial contributions from Lincoln County to the Chamber of Commerce. Al Joe Wallace moved to donate \$1000.00 for the 2007 year and \$1000.00 for the 2008 year to the Lincoln Area Chamber of Commerce, seconded by Steven Errebo. Motion carried.

Highway Department:

The board contacted Road Supervisor Larry Meitler via telephone to report a road concern on Barnard-Beverly road. Board members discussed with Meitler the North Central Kansas Highway Department Officials meeting being held on March 20, 2008 at the Lincoln Jr. Sr. High School that the board will be attending.

County Attorney:

The board discussed with County Attorney Jennifer O'Hare the upcoming Lincoln County Hospital Board meeting that the board will be attending Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. The board provided O'Hare with preliminary ideas regarding the bylaws and organization of the Wind Power Economic Benefit Fund board. O'Hare will provide a draft of the bylaws for their consideration at their next regular meeting.

Minutes Approved:

Al Joe Wallace moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the March 10, 2008 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried.

Adjourned:

With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Monday, March 24, 2008 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.