

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

January 27, 2014

- 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 27, 2014. Chairman Terry Finch called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Gerald Huehl and Member Al Joe Wallace in attendance. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.
- Visitors:** Others present for portions of the meeting: Michel O'Hare, Larry Meitler, Christen Robinson, Albert Oller, Kermit Rush, Terry Kueser, Kathy Luthi, James Kay, Karen Brumbaugh, Tim Meier, Doug McKinney and Greg Babcock.
- Board Appointment:** Terry Finch moved to appoint Lorelei Dohl to the vacant position on the Lincoln County Hospital Board of Trustees, term expiring February 28, 2014, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.
- Resolution 2014-06:** Al Joe Wallace moved to approve and adopt Resolution 2014-06, amending Resolution 2007-36, setting the mileage allowance of privately owned conveyances used for official purposes at fifty cents per mile effective February 1, 2014, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.
- Resolution 2014-07:** Gerald Huehl moved to approve and adopt Resolution 2014-07, declaring a State of Disaster Emergency Proclamation for Lincoln County, Kansas prohibiting controlled burns, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.
- Highway Department:** Road Supervisor Larry Meitler with Assistant Road Supervisor Michel O'Hare reported on highway department projects and equipment. Meitler reported that Ron Sutton has completed his first year of employment and requested the customary salary increase. Al Joe Wallace moved to grant Ron Sutton a twenty-five cent per hour merit increase for the completion of the first year of service, effective January 26, 2014, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried. O'Hare presented a bid from MHC Kenworth to overhaul the engine in the snow plow truck. After discussion, Al Joe Wallace moved to contract with MHC Kenworth to perform an engine overhaul on the snow plow truck at an estimated cost of \$16,524.44, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.
- First Rural Fire:** Fire Chief Michel O'Hare, First Rural Fire related that Mike Street has expressed interest in serving on the First Rural Fire governing board.
- Nursing Home:** Nursing Home Administrator Christen Robinson reported on nursing home activities.
- Recess:** The chairman recessed the meeting to the basement meeting room at 11:37 a.m.
- Reconvene:** The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:40 a.m.

- LEPP Program: The board met with Ellsworth County Commissioners Albert Oller, Kermit Rush and Terry Kueser and Ottawa County Commissioners Kathy Luthi, James Kay and Karen Brumbaugh to discuss the administration of the Local Emergency Protection Program (LEPP), which is administered by the Saline County Health Department. Each county was offered a one year contract to continue providing LEPP administration. The group discussed options if Saline County would elect not to renew the contracts past 2014.
- Recess: The chairman recessed the meeting to the commission meeting room at 1:00 p.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session in the commission meeting room at 1:05 p.m.
- Economic Development: Doug McKinney, North Central Regional Planning Commission with Tim Meier, Lincoln County Economic Development Foundation inquired about the county's constitutional tax abatement and inquired if a business would qualify for exemption if they purchased the former Carrico Implement buildings. After reviewing the current policy a business would not qualify for the exemption however the State policy is more generic and would allow an exemption for businesses purchasing existing buildings. After discussion, the board agreed to modify Lincoln County's policy to match the State's policy, in order to attract new business to the county.
- Minutes Approved: Al Joe Wallace moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the January 21, 2014 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.
- Adjourn: With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Friday, January 31, 2014 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.