

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

April 16, 2018

- Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the basement meeting room of the courthouse Monday, April 16, 2018. Chairman Terry Finch called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Alexis Pflugh and Member Al Joe Wallace present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Cynthia Nelson, Nancy Nitsch, Roger Nitsch, Sondra Lyne, Howard Wehrman, Don Weseloh, Tyler Gier, Jim Wiebke, Mona Gerstmann, Rhonda Wright, Mike Kratky, Shirley Small, Keith Yarnell, Bret Kingan, Kelly Larson and John Baetz.
- Minutes Approved: Alexis Pflugh moved to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2018 regular meeting as corrected, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.
- Dilapidated Housing Program Updated: Alexis Pflugh moved to approve the amendments to the Disposal of Dilapidated Housing Program, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.
- Live Lincoln County Ad: Tyler Gier presented a sample ad for the Live Lincoln County magazine. The board made changes to the ad. Gier will return with a revised ad at a later meeting.
- Road Request: Don Weseloh related that if the county would close the portion of E Elk Dr that goes over the Highland Lake Dam that traffic would start utilizing the road that goes by his home and that it would need repairs and graveled.
- County Appraiser: County Appraiser Rhonda Wright provided an update on appraiser's office activities and answered questions on the appeal process and cell tower taxation, which is classified exempt as the State considers the cell phone towers as commercial personal property and has been exempt from taxation since 2006.
- Sylvan Senior Center: Mike Kratky provided an updated report showing the three deposits that were **made into the private account** not previously reported on reports that he had given the board. Kratky read a letter aloud to the board requesting that the county consider providing funds directly to the senior center and requested that Commissioner Finch provide the Sylvan Senior Center with copies of the invoices that the Council on Aging paid for on behalf of the senior center.
- Ambulance Service: Ambulance Director Bret Kingan reported on the following: run statistics; and Alex Winters completed class and has passed his certification and has started fulfilling his volunteer requirement for the grant. Kingan answered questions in regards to response times and dispatch responsibilities.
- Economic Development: Kelly Larson, Economic Development reported that Eagle Communications has earmarked funds to bring fiber internet services to the City of Lincoln residents and businesses, however they will need 200 customers to preregister for the service prior to May 15 to ensure that the earmarked funds will be invested into the Lincoln project. Larson requested that the board allow flyers to be placed in employee's paychecks at the end of the month. The board

approved the request. Larson inquired if the board would be interested in preregistering for county facilities that do not currently have Eagle communications.

Motions: Alexis Pflugh moved to require weekly updates from the highway department personnel, Director of Public Works, supervisor or secretary so that the commission may properly oversee the largest expense of our budget, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried. Pflugh – Aye; Wallace – Aye; Finch – Nay.

Motions: Alexis Pflugh moved to request a detailed and quantitative report of services provided by the LCCA to validate the need for its absorption of fifty percent of the mill levy for services for the elderly. Motion died for a lack of second. Terry Finch moved to ask the LCCA for a list of services that they provide to the county, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried. Pflugh inquired about board member's plans in regards to the remaining distribution to the Council on Aging, and whether the amount that was previously budgeted by the Council for Sylvan Senior Center would be withheld from the final distribution. Commissioner Finch related that he is not in favor of distributing any funds to the Sylvan Senior Center until they follow through with the audit but and would consider withholding it from the Council's next distribution.

Motions: Alexis Pflugh moved for the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners to report all alleged and substantiated conflictual or illegal contract negotiation and making by Lincoln County Attorney O'Hare and O'Hare Law LLC using county attorney budget as prohibited by K.S.A. 75-4304 to the Attorney General who has jurisdictional and enforcement authority over the statute. Motion died for a lack of second.

Resolution 2018-14: Alexis Pflugh moved to approve Resolution 2018-14, pursuant to K.S.A. 68-590, authorizing the transfer of \$42,361.15 from the Road Fund to the Special Highway Improvement Fund, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.

Land Acquisitions Approved: Al Joe Wallace moved to approve the purchase of right-of-way and temporary construction easements for bridge replacement project 53C-4876-01, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried. (Charles John Wiebke and Jolene K Wiebke, permanent right-of-way and temporary easement in the amount of \$794.00; H Stanley and Cornelia Ann Crawford Family Trust, permanent right-of-way and temporary easement in the amount of \$362.00; and Susan Ancell & Richard Ancell II Share of the Lily K Ancell Trust No 1, permanent right-of-way and temporary easements in the amount of \$202.00)

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Monday, April 23, 2018 in the basement meeting room of the courthouse.