

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

May 31, 2011

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Tuesday, May 31, 2011. 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 Harlow was in attendance.

Visitors:

Others present for portions of the meeting: Wendy Gronau, Les Richards, Russ Black, Debora Zachgo, Joyce Walker, Renee Lippincott, Doug McKinney, Mandy Fincham, Jennifer O'Hare, Debora Zachgo, George Miller, Joel Flory and Harry Knoll.

Ambulance Service:

Ambulance Service Director Wendy Gronau presented an application for the renewal of the services' pharmaceutical license for the board's approval. Al Joe Wallace moved to approve the application for renewal of the Ambulance Service's pharmaceutical license and allow the chairman to sign the appropriate documents, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried. Gronau provided information on upcoming training that will be attended by full-time staff.

Law Enforcement/

2012 Budget Requests:

Sheriff Russ Black with Undersheriff Les Richards presented the following 2012 budget proposals for the Sheriff's Department, Emergency Communications and Law Enforcement-Special Equipment fund: Sheriff's Department - \$417,570.00 which is \$17,135.00 less than the 2011 approved budget of \$434,705.00; Emergency Communications - \$141,976.00 which is \$926.00 more than the 2011 approved budget of \$141,050.00; and Law Enforcement-Special Equipment - \$37,000 which is \$5,000.00 more than the 2011 approved budget of \$32,000.00.

County Treasurer:

County Treasurer Joyce Walker reported that 96.3% of current year taxes have been collected.

Rural Opportunity Zone:

Renee Lippincott, Kansas Department of Commerce, explained the benefits of being identified as a Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) county, which contains two key benefits that are to encourage growth. The first part is the Tax Credit Program which will provide an income tax exemption for up to five years to individuals who relocate to a ROZ county from out of state, the second part is the Student Loan Program that authorizes ROZs counties to participate in a state-matching program to repay student loans of up to \$3,000 per year (\$15,000 maximum) for students who graduate from an accredited post-secondary institution and move to a ROZs county. Lippincott explained that to participate in the Student Loan Program that the board will be required to adopt a Resolution committing to a funding level and number of participants for five years.

Highway Department:

Road Supervisor Larry Meitler with Assistant Road Supervisor Michel O'Hare reported on storm damage to county roads and drainage structures. O'Hare inquired about increasing the price paid for materials from county leased pits. After discussion, Al Joe Wallace moved to increase the amount paid to purchase gravel from County gravel

lease agreements to \$1.00 per cubic yard, effective June 1, 2011, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried.

Payroll & Accounts Payable Approved: Al Joe Wallace moved to approve May gross payroll in the amount of \$155,358.87 and accounts payable warrants in the amount of \$483,371.99, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried.

Minutes Approved: Al Joe Wallace moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the May 23, 2011 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried.

Courthouse Roof: The board met with Joel Flory, Flory Roofing and Harry Knoll, Knoll Building & Maintenance regarding the courthouse roof.

Adjourn: With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. Monday, June 6, 2011 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.