

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

January 20, 2009

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Tuesday, January 20, 2009. Chairman Steve Errebo called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Al Joe Wallace and Member Terry Finch present. Debora Zachgo served as recording secretary in the absence of Clerk Harlow.

Visitors:

Others present for portions of the meeting: Wendy Gronau, Brandon Hughes, Larry Meitler, Michel O'Hare, John Cashett, and Jennifer O'Hare.

Gravel Appreciation:

Communications was forwarded to the board on behalf of Tammy VonFange, thanking the board for the gravel in her area.

Courthouse Tree:

Debora Zachgo relayed to the board that Scott Chapman had examined one of the pine trees on the courthouse lawn and determined the tree is damaged with Tip Blight. Chairman Errebo suggested Jason Dohl be contacted before a decision was made on treating the tree.

Ambulance Service:

Ambulance director Wendy Gronau related that Roxann Zachgo had completed the EMT-I class and received state certification. Al Joe Wallace moved to grant Roxann Zachgo a twenty-five cent per hour increase for completion of EMT-I certification, effective January 26, 2009, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion Carried. Gronau related that Robert Woody has begun teaching the EMT-B class and is asking to be compensated at a rate of \$325.00 per student. Terry Finch moved to pay Robert Woody \$325.00 per student for teaching the EMT-B class, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried. Gronau request permission to purchase blood pressure cuffs and stethoscopes for the students from the Educational Incentive Grant funds, the board approved the request.

Ambulance CPR Program:

Board members discussed the recent CPR audit conducted by County Auditor John Denny, Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris Chtd, with Ambulance Service Director Wendy Gronau. Board members voiced concerns regarding lack of consistent documentation, inconsistent charges and discrepancies in services provided versus cash received. The board reviewed changes that they would like implemented. Board members requested Gronau establish a separate fee for county entities versus private individuals and organizations. Board members indicated that in the future Lincoln County CPR equipment will not be used to teach courses outside of Lincoln County.

Sylvan Grove Fire Station Project:

Brandon Hughes, Harbin Construction, discussed the status of the Sylvan Grove fire station project. Hughes related that he is awaiting the completion of the tree removal and dirt work. Board members suggested that Hughes discuss the matter with Road Supervisor Larry Meitler later during the meeting.

- Tax Abatements: Al Joe Wallace moved to approve tax abatement 2009-17 and 2009-18 in the amount of \$236.14, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.
- Trash Service: Board members discussed the City of Sylvan Grove solid waste pick-up.
- CIC Agreement: Al Joe Wallace moved to enter into an Annual Peopleware Agreement with Computer Information Concepts, to provide software enhancements and maintenance to several county programs, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried
- Biennial Bridge Inspection Report: John Cashett, Schwab-Eaton, provided the board with copies of the biennial bridge inspection report. Cashett reviewed areas of concern and maintenance needs. Cashett indicated that a number of Lincoln County bridges will need to be inspected on a more regular basis by the highway department employees.
- Sylvan Grove Fire Station Project: Brandon Hughes, Harbin Construction, discussed with Larry Meitler the progress of the Sylvan Grove fire station project. Meitler indicated that he will have the trees removed and the dirt work completed within the next two weeks, weather permitting. Meitler will be volunteering his time to complete the work.
- County Attorney: County Attorney Jennifer O'Hare provided the board with a Certification of facts regarding the Smoky Hills Wind Farm Project II LLC for their review and signature.
- Highway Department: Road Supervisor Larry Meitler with Assistant Road Supervisor Michel O'Hare reported on highway department projects. Commissioner Errebo discussed a road in Grant township. Meitler reported on equipment repair.
- Executive Session: Terry Finch moved to recess into executive session for five minutes from 11:42 a.m. – 11:47 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel, with Road Supervisor Larry Meitler, Assistant Road Supervisor Michel O'Hare and Debora Zachgo present, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:47.
- Highway Department: Michel O'Hare provided the board with a fuel contract between Lincoln County and Martin Oil Company for approval. The board approved and signed the contract. O'Hare provided the board with cost estimates for a 12 X 56 portable office space as a solution to the over crowding of the highway department office. Board member suggested that O'Hare and Meitler view the used units prior to a decision being made.
- Trash Service: Board members discussed the City of Sylvan Grove's solid waste pick-up with City of Sylvan Grove Mayor Larry Meitler.
- Recess: The chairman recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:20 p.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 1:02 p.m.

- Courthouse Tree: Commissioner Wallace related that he had examined the tree on the courthouse lawn suffering from pine wilt and it appeared to be beyond saving. Board members requested the highway department be contacted to remove the tree.
- Certification Signed: Board members signed a Certification stating that no permits or licenses is required to be obtained from or submitted to the County in connection with the construction, ownership, operation, and maintenance of the Wind Project in Lincoln County as presented by the County Attorney.
- NCRPC Representative: The board appointed Steven Errebo as Lincoln County representative to the North Central Regional Planning Commission.
- Payroll Processing: Board members discussed payroll processing.
- Executive Session: Al Joe Wallace moved to recess into executive section for ten minutes from 1:56 p.m. – 2:06 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel, with Debora Zachgo present, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 2:06 p.m.
- Executive Session: Al Joe Wallace moved to recess into executive section for five minutes from 2:07 p.m. – 2:12 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel, with Debora present, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 2:12 p.m.
- Payroll Run Approved: Al Joe Wallace moved to approve 2009 longevity gross payroll in the amount of \$9,482.84, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.
- Minutes Approved: Al Joe Wallace moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the January 12, 2008 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.
- Adjourn: With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:27 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Monday, January 26, 2008 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.