

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

January 7, 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, January 7, 2008. Chairman Al Joe Wallace called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Terry Finch and Member Steve Errebo present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.
- Visitors:** Others present for portions of the meeting: Wendy Gronau, Leann Bishop, Russ Black, Les Richards, Michel O'Hare, Debora Zachgo, Richard Schultz, Chris Behrens, Jyll Phillips, Roger Suelter and Aaron Suelter.
- Ambulance Service:** Ambulance Service Director Wendy Gronau presented price estimates to purchase an electronic stethoscope for each ambulance. The board approved the purchase. Gronau discussed the series of articles ran by the Salina Journal concerning ambulance services in the State of Kansas. Gronau provided statistical information on ambulance runs for 2006 and 2007 as well as 2007 education hours completed by Ambulance Service personnel in 2007. Gronau reported that Michael Fosha has completed his first year of service and requested the customary salary increase. Terry Finch moved to grant Michael Fosha a twenty-five cent per hour merit increase for the completion of the first year of service, effective December 26, 2007, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried. Gronau related that she is planning a community wide CPR class on February 5; and discussed lighting problems with the ambulances.
- Treasurer:** Deputy Treasurer Leann Bishop presented three annual resolutions for the board's approval. Steve Errebo moved to approve and adopt Resolution 2008-01, designating the following Lincoln County banks as depositories of all moneys of Lincoln County, Kansas for the year 2008: Bank of Tescott, Midwest Community Bank – Beverly, Midwest Community Bank – Lincoln, Thunder Bank - Sylvan Grove, Farmway Credit Union – Lincoln, and State Municipal Investment Pool-State of Kansas; Resolution 2008-02, authorizing the County Treasurer to develop and implement a cash management and investment program for the handling of moneys in the custody of Lincoln County, Kansas for the year 2008; and Resolution 2008-03, allowing the County Treasurer to invest idle funds as seen feasible in Lincoln County banks or investments, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.
- Law Enforcement:** Sheriff Russ Black and Undersheriff Les Richards reported on Sheriff's Department activities. The board discussed the proposed political activity policy.
- Highway Department:** Assistant Road Supervisor Michel O'Hare provided employee evaluations completed. O'Hare reported on highway department projects; and discussed permitting problems with fuel tanks at outlying shops, noting that KDHE will not permit the tanks unless State Fire Marshal requirements are met. O'Hare presented several options to meet the requirements, after discussion the board requested O'Hare obtain price quotations to replace the outlying shop tanks with properly vented double wall tanks. Al Joe Wallace relayed information concerning a county leased gravel pit. Wallace forwarded a request

from the Milo Cemetery board requesting use of the County's tree clipper. The board approved the request with the condition that a County employee must volunteer to operate the equipment.

- Recess:** The chairman recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:07 p.m.
- Reconvene:** The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 1:00 p.m.
- Human Resources:** Human Resource Officer Debora Zachgo presented a revised Political Activity Policy for the board to review.
- Recycling:** The board discussed recycling operations with Chris Behrens and Richard Shultz, CB Trucking & Services LLC. The board determined that at this time the County will continue to operate the Lincoln County Recycling Center and will sell materials to CB Trucking for further processing.
- Political Activity Policy Approved:** Steve Errebo moved to approve and adopt the Lincoln County Political Activity Policy, prohibiting employees from participating in certain political activities while at work, on duty, in uniform or while on County property, with implementation effective immediately, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.
- Road Request:** Roger Suelter requested road maintenance in Elkhorn Township.
- Salary Increase:** Clerk Harlow reported that Fred Fuller has completed his first six months of employment. Terry Finch moved to grant Fred Fuller a fifty cent per hour merit increase for the completion of the first six months of employment, effective December 26, 2007, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried.
- Correspondence Approved:** The board reviewed and approved the following correspondence: a letter to the North Central Regional Homeland Security Council authorizing Emergency Manager Rodney Job to receive and sign for equipment; a letter of support for the Lincoln County Transportation Bus; and a letter to State Representative Elaine Bowers concerning investment options for payment in lieu of tax (PILOT) payments and bequeathed funds.
- Cereal Malt Beverage License 2008-01:** Steve Errebo moved to approve issuance of Cereal Malt Beverage License 2008-01, to Westfall Tire Service and Hardware Store, expiring December 31, 2008, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried.
- Software Agreement Approved:** Steve Errebo 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.
- Audit Contract Approved:** County Clerk Harlow presented the annual audit contract for the board's approval. Steve Errebo moved to approve an audit contract between Lincoln County and Pierce, Faris & Co, Chartered, to provide audit services for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

Tax Abatement: Steve Errebo moved to allow tax abatement 2007-28 in the amount of \$7.14, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

Resolution 2008-04: Terry Finch moved to approve and adopt Resolution 2008-04, setting the salaries for County Officials and employees for the year 2008, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried.

Minutes Approved: Steve Errebo moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the December 31, 2007 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 3:45 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Monday, January 14, 2008 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.