

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

July 14, 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, July 14, 2014. Chairman Terry Finch called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Gerald Huehl and Member Al Joe Wallace present. Debora Zachgo served as recording secretary in the absence of County Clerk Dawn Harlow.
- Visitors:** Others present for portions of the meeting: Norman Mannel, Tami Kerth, Ladonna Reinert, David Dohe, Larry Meitler, Michel O'Hare, Steve McReynolds and Carol Miller.
- Citizen Concern:** Norman Mannel shared concerns regarding the Board's public image and attitude, information being recorded during the meeting, appropriate procedures for executive session, pros and cons of utilizing drones and the appropriate representation of Lincoln County taxpayers. Mannel expressed that the Board needs to follow guidelines in the commissioner handbook but could not give any specific instances in which they have done anything wrong; Mannel stated that he was just providing general information and questioning procedures.
- Economic Development:** Kelly Larson, Economic Development Director, provided the Board an update on the Foundation's activities and projects. Larson shared that Lincoln County Hospital is partnering with Economic Development and the Lincoln Area Chamber of Commerce to contract with KRRC, Kansas Recruitment and Retention Center, in the recruitment of a dentist for the Lincoln County area. Lincoln County Hospital administrator Steve Granzow has offered to be the lead contact person in the effort. The group hopes that the Web Fund board will approve funds to cover one-third of the contract expense and the remainder to be funded by Lincoln County Hospital and Economic Development.
- Budget Request:** Register of Deeds Tami Kerth presented her office's 2015 budget proposal of \$40,604.00 which is \$1,333.00 more than the 2014 approved budget of \$39,271.00. Kerth related that the County will see a decrease in revenue starting in January of 2015 due to legislative changes in the calculation of mortgage registration fees. Kerth provided a report of fees collected to date.
- Emergency Management:** Health Nurse/Administrator Ladonna Reinert and Emergency Manager David Dohe updated the board on the recently attended Regional Mitigation Planning Meeting. Dohe related that EMS Director Wendy Gronau will accompany him to the Quarterly Homeland Security Meeting on the 23rd of July, as Gronau was appointed voting proxy. The Board will appoint Dohe as a voting member prior to the fall meeting. Dohe expressed his appreciation in Reinert's and Gronau's support in attending meetings with him as he becomes familiar with his new role.
- Health Department Door Bid:** Health Nurse/Administrator Ladonna Reinert presented a bid received to replace the door to the Health Department storage building. Reinert is awaiting additional bids for the project and hopes a decision can be made next week.

- Motor Grader Bid Update:** Road Supervisor Larry Meitler with Assistant Road Supervisor Michel O'Hare updated the board on the bidding of the new motor grader; bids will be presented next week. Meitler made contact with several banks regarding submitting an interest rate quote. O'Hare presented the 2015 budget proposal for the Road and Bridge Fund requesting \$2,557,500.00, which is \$662,500.00 more than the 2014 approved budget of \$1,895,000.00 and the Special Bridge fund requesting \$200,000, which is the same as the 2014 approved budget.
- Small Bridge Replacement Program:** Assistant Road Supervisor O'Hare provided information on the state's small bridge replacement program. The board approved identifying a bridge that would meet the program requirements. Millings have been processed and the company did not go over the approved amount. O'Hare is still attempting to locate an oil distributor available for lease; the hope is to oil the Westfall road in August.
- Executive Session:** Al Joe Wallace moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes from 9:34 a.m. – 9:44 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 Human Resource Officer Debora Zachgo present, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.
- Reconvened:** The Chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:44 a.m.
- Interest Rate Quote:** Steve McReynolds, Citizens State Bank, provided the Board with an interest rate quote that the bank would charge for a lease purchase agreement for a motor grader and mower tractor.
- 1st Rural Fire:** Michel O'Hare, 1st Rural Fire Chief, inquired if protocols for emergency response have been changed recently. O'Hare and McReynolds issued concerns that current protocols are not being adhered to.
- Jail Activity:** Undersheriff Dustin Florence updated the board on jail activity. Florence reported an officer was involved in a car vs. deer accident earlier in the morning.
- Executive Session:** Al Joe Wallace moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes from 10:05 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Undersheriff Dustin Florence and Human Resource Officer Debora Zachgo present, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.
- Reconvened:** The Chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:15 a.m.
- Budget Request:** Carol Miller, North Central Kansas CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children) presented the 2015 budget request of \$4,000, which is \$500 less than the amount received for the 2013 budget.
- Bat Problem:** The Board discussed the bat problem in the courthouse. A bid from United Bat Control should be available next week for review.

Recreation Board Position: The Board discussed the vacant City of Lincoln Center Recreation Commission Board position.

Minutes Approved: Gerald Huehl moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the July 7, 2014 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.

Adjourned: With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. Monday, July 21, 2014 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.