

## COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

May 17, 2010

- Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Monday, May 17, 2010. Chairman Al Joe Wallace called the meeting to order at 8:00 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: Keith Vestal, Michel O'Hare, Larry Meitler, Debra Byarlay, Doris White, Jennifer O'Hare and Russ Black.
- Silver Haired Legislature/  
NCFHAAA: Keith Vestal, Lincoln County's Silver Haired Legislator, related that the Silver Haired Legislature organization no longer has sufficient funds to pay for expenses for attendees when attending meetings and forwarded a request for funding. The board determined that they would not provide funding to the organization, but would reimburse Vestal directly for lodging and mileage expense while attending Silver Haired Legislature meetings. Vestal, Lincoln County's Representative to the North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging (NCFHAAA) provided 2011 funding requests for the agency and the Senior Care Act fund; and updated the board on NCFHAAA activities.
- Highway Department: Road Supervisor Larry Meitler provided the price paid by surrounding counties for purchasing gravel and sand from leased pits. The group discussed whether the highway department could afford to increase the price per ton paid to gravel pit owners; the board determined that they should not increase the price for 2010, but will consider an increase when preparing the 2011 budget. Meitler reported on highway department projects. Meitler related that Rod Tromble has completed his first year of service and requested the customary salary increase. Terry Finch moved to grant Roderick Tromble a twenty-five cent per hour merit increase for the completion of the first year of service, effective April 26, 2010, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried. Assistant Road Supervisor Michel O'Hare discussed changes to regulations for land purchases by counties.
- Salary Increase: Road Supervisor Larry Meitler provided the price paid by surrounding counties for purchasing gravel and sand from leased pits. The group discussed whether the highway department could afford to increase the price per ton paid to gravel pit owners; the board determined that they should not increase the price for 2010, but will consider an increase when preparing the 2011 budget. Meitler reported on highway department projects. Meitler related that Rod Tromble has completed his first year of service and requested the customary salary increase. Terry Finch moved to grant Roderick Tromble a twenty-five cent per hour merit increase for the completion of the first year of service, effective April 26, 2010, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried. Assistant Road Supervisor Michel O'Hare discussed changes to regulations for land purchases by counties.
- Executive Session: Al Joe Wallace moved to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes from 10:02 a.m. – 10:17 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Road Supervisor Meitler, Assistant Road Supervisor O'Hare and County Clerk Harlow present, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:17 a.m.
- Mental Health: Debra Byarlay, Central Kansas Mental Health Center with Lincoln County Representative Doris White provided an update on services provided to residents of Lincoln County.
- County Attorney: County Attorney Jennifer O'Hare discussed county legal matters.

Law Enforcement: Sheriff Russ Black reported that Jessica Flaherty has completed her first six months of employment and requested the customary salary increase. Terry Finch moved to grant Jessica Flaherty a fifty cent per hour merit increase for the completion of the first six months of employment, effective April 26, 2010, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried.

Salary Increase:

Minutes Approved: Terry Finch moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the May 10, 2010 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried.

Constitutional Tax Abatement: The board reviewed the payroll data received from US Tower Corporation to determine whether the business should continue to receive the full one hundred percent constitutional tax abatement for equipment purchased. The board concluded that for tax year 2010, US Tower Corporation continues to qualify for the one hundred percent constitutional tax abatement, for the following equipment: 6 – Welding Units; 1 – Forklift; and 1 – Metal Forming Unit & Accessories.

Adjourn: With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. Monday, May 24, 2010 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.