

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

December 7, 2015

- Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Monday, December 7, 2015. Chairman Gerald Huehl called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Al Joe Wallace and Member Terry Finch present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.
- Visitors:** Others present for portions of the meeting: Debora Zachgo, Sheri Suelter, Kelly Larson, Stephanie Simmons, Ladonna Reinert, Mike Weigel, Dustin Florence, Michel O'Hare, Robert Howe and Susan Vavrck.
- Human Resources:** Human Resource Officer Debora Zachgo discussed personnel on family medical leave.
- Health Department:** Health Nurse/Administrator Ladonna Reinert with Sheri Suelter, Stephanie Simmons and Economic Development Direct Kelly Larson provided an update on the 1422 grant: have developed a name and have developed potential logos, working on adding representatives from all communities within Lincoln County, and have chosen RDG Planning and Design to complete a master plan of health needs within Lincoln County.
- Law Enforcement:** Sheriff Mike Weigel with Undersheriff Dustin Florence reported that Glen Mallam has completed his first six months of employment and requested the customary salary increase. Al Joe Wallace moved to grant Glen Mallam a fifty cent per hour merit increase for the completion of the first six months of employment, effective November 26, 2015, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried. Weigel related that it is difficult to retain and hire quality employees and requested a \$1.00 per hour increase for all employees within the department.
- Highway Department:** Director of Public Works Michel O'Hare with Road and Bridge Supervisor Robert Howe reported on highway department projects. O'Hare provided pictures of several roads that have since been repaired. The group discussed bus routes and concerns that have been expressed with specific roads. O'Hare related that KDOT will send a representative to each county to scan bridge files over a two year period, allowing bridge files to be accessed and updated electronically.
- 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.
- Ambulance Service:** Ambulance Director Susan Vavrck reported on ambulance activities. Vavrck related that she will apply for the KRAF grant to replace 2 monitors with a 25% county match and the Post Rock Community Foundation grant for a 3rd monitor, as the current monitor's in the three ambulances will no longer be supported. Vavrck is also working on a grant application to purchase a power cot for the Sylvan Grove ambulance. Al Joe Wallace moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes from 1:25 p.m. – 1:35 p.m. for the purpose of the discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with

Ambulance Service Director Vavrck and County Clerk Harlow present, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 1:35 p.m.

Salary Increases Approved: Terry Finch moved to grant Missy McGinnes, a fifty cent per hour merit increase for the completion of the first six months of employment, effective November 26, 2015 and Jerry Hlad, a fifty cent per hour merit increase for the completion of the first six months of employment, effective November 26, 2015, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.

Tax Abatement: Al Joe Wallace moved to allow tax abatements 2015-07 through 2015-08 in the amount of \$2,738, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

Minutes Approved: Al Joe Wallace moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the November 30, 2015 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 2:47 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Monday, December 14, 2015 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.