

## COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

July 20, 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, July 20, 2015. Chairman Gerald Huehl called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Al Joe Wallace and Member Terry Finch present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.
- Visitors:** Others present for the portions of the meeting: Mark Rohr, Mike Weigel, Kelly Larson, Larry Meitler, Michel O'Hare, David Dohe, Carol Miller, Leann Bishop, Jennifer O'Hare, Lola Suelter, Paul Winckler, John Gunzelman, Theresa Richards, Janet Dowlin, Paul Kuchera, Kay Jackson, Charlene DeWitt, Lester Walter, Suzanne Wehrman, and Debora Zachgo.
- Pipeline Information:** Mark Rohr, Northern National Gas Pipeline provided information and maps of the company's pipelines that are running through the county.
- County Policy:** The board discussed the County's residency requirement with Sheriff Mike Weigel.
- C/D Material Fee Request:** Sylvan Grove City Mayor Larry Meitler with Economic Development Director Kelly Larson reported that the City of Sylvan Grove is applying for a Housing Rehabilitation Grant through the Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG), which will rehabilitate and demolish several properties within the city. The group asked that the board consider waiving all landfill fees for the disposal of the demolished properties in the construction/demolition pit, as an in-kind match to the grant application. The board made no decision this date, as they would like to review past projects utilizing the dilapidated housing program to determine the overall cost and potential ramifications if the request is approved.
- Highway Department:** Director of Public Works Michel O'Hare reported on highway department projects and employees. O'Hare provided maps of areas sprayed by the noxious weed department and highway department staff. Chairman Huehl forwarded a request for placement of bicycle signs. No decision was made this date. O'Hare related that they have completed interviews and provided his recommendations. Al Joe Wallace moved to employ the following employees: James Reagan as a full-time equipment operator, starting salary \$11.30 per hour, effective August 3, 2015 and Tyler Reno as a full-time equipment operator, starting salary \$11.30 per hour, effective July 27, 2015, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.
- Employees Hired:**
- Executive Session:** Terry Finch moved to recess into executive session for five minutes from 9:53 a.m. – 9:58 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Director of Public Works O'Hare and County Clerk Harlow present, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.
- Reconvene:** The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:58 a.m.

Emergency Management: Emergency Manager David Dohe presented the Lincoln County Severe Weather PSAP Protocol for the board's approval. Terry Finch moved to allow the Chairman to sign the Lincoln County Severe Weather PSAP Protocol as presented, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.

CASA Budget Request: Carol Miller, North Central Kansas CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children) presented the 2016 budget request of \$7,000, which is \$3,000 more than the amount received for the 2015 budget, mostly due to increased mileage reimbursement as there are no local volunteer advocates.

County Treasurer: County Treasurer Leann Bishop provided the following 2nd quarter 2015 Treasurer Quarterly reports: Treasurer's Special Vehicle Fund Balance - \$12,550.99; and Interest Earned on Idle Funds - \$6,438.42.

County Attorney: County Attorney Jennifer O'Hare provided a report that showed the last five years of distributions from the Lincoln County Council on Aging to the Sylvan Grove Senior Center as well as an email received from Justine Dohl for the board to review.

Recess: The chairman recessed the meeting to the courthouse meeting room at 10:48 a.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:50 a.m. in the courthouse meeting room of the courthouse with the following Council on Aging Representatives present: Lola Suelter, Paul Winckler, John Gunzelman, Janet Dowlin, Paul Kuchera, Kay Jackson, Charlene DeWitt, Lester Walter and Suzanne Wehrman, Director Theresa Richards, and County Attorney Jennifer O'Hare present. The group discussed the funding that is provided to the Sylvan Grove and Lincoln senior centers, and complaints received from the Sylvan Grove Senior Center concerning how the funding for each center is determined.

Recess: The chairman recessed the meeting to the commission meeting room at 11:54 a.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting in the commission meeting room at 11:55 a.m.

Recess: The chairman recessed the meeting for lunch at 11:57 a.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 12:50 p.m.

Employee Hired: Terry Finch moved to employ Christopher Handley, as a full-time equipment operator, starting salary \$11.30 per hour, effective July 27, 2015, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.

Executive Session: Terry Finch moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes from 1:13 p.m. – 1:23 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Human Resource Officer Zachgo and County Clerk Harlow present, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 1:23 p.m.

Residency Requirement/  
Ambulance Service: The board discussed the residency requirement for the ambulance service. The County's residency requirement has been cited as an issue by potential applicants, and after discussion the board decided to advertise the position with the requirement that the individual live within an hour driving time to see if removing the residency requirement would garner additional applicants.

Employee Hired: Al Joe Wallace moved to employ Tommy Knapp, as a part-time per-need EMT, starting salary \$11.55 per hour, effective July 20, 2015, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

Minutes Approved: Al Joe Wallace moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the July 13, 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 8: 00 a.m. Monday, July 27, 2015 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.