

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

February 24, 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, February 24, 2014. Chairman Terry Finch called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Gerald Huehl and Member Al Joe Wallace present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.

Visitors:

Others present for portions of the meeting: Karlton Place, Norman Mannel, Larry Meitler, Michel O'Hare, Christen Robinson, Pete Falcon Jr and Steve McReynolds.

KDOT:

KDOT Area Engineer Karlton Place, P.E., L.S. provided an agreement for the board to review concerning an unofficial detour route utilizing county roads, while replacing a bridge on K-18 with Road Supervisor Larry Meitler and Assistant Road Supervisor Michel O'Hare. Participants expressed concerns on the proposed detour route and compensation. Place will forward comments received and return to the February 28 meeting to further address the unofficial detour route.

Concerns:

Norman Mannel inquired about why the County was not using funds received from the Windtower's to repair county roads. The board related that interest from the funds are being distributed annually to applying entities. Mannel issued concerns about equipment, roads, bridges, discrimination, economic development, taxes and copy charges assessed by Saline County.

WEB Fund
Distributions
Approved:

The board reviewed the WEB Fund committee's recommendations for 2014 funding. Al Joe Wallace moved to approve the WEB Fund Committee's recommendations as presented and approved the following Windpower Economic Benefit fund distributions: Lincoln County, \$3,000, to fund the Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) Student Loan Assistance year 4 reimbursement; Lincoln County, \$1,500 to fund an additional student for the Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) Student Loan Assistance year 2 reimbursement; Lincoln County Rescue Squad, \$12,500 to purchase a power unit and new cutters for the Jaws of Life; Lincoln County Historical Society, \$500, to help assist with expenses for the 2014 Lincoln Reenactment; Lincoln County Fair Board, \$1,500, to purchase metal covering and fasteners for the beef barn; Lincoln Recreation Department, \$1,000, to replace softball equipment for the 2014 summer ball season; Lincoln Carnegie Library, \$1,000. towards the door replacement project; Lincoln County Economic Development, \$3,000 to be used for the Business Revitalization Grant Program; and to allow the chairman to sign the grant agreement for the Lincoln County Rescue Squad, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.

Recess:

The chairman recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:21 p.m.

Reconvene:

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 1:10 p.m.

Recycling Center:

Terry Finch related that Bullfoot Contractors encountered a problem while replacing the Recycling Center's roof, which will require additional materials to make

modifications to the building prior to the installation of the new roof. The board approved the additional repairs.

Courthouse Maintenance: Pete Falcon, Jr, courthouse maintenance, related that he has obtained pricing for paneling from Lincoln Building Supply and from Lowe's and that there is a large variance in pricing. The board requested that Falcon check to make sure that both businesses are bidding the same material.

Motor Grader Purchase Approved: Steve McReynolds, Citizens State Bank provided the interest rate that the bank would charge for a lease purchase agreement; Road Supervisor Meitler with Assistant Road Supervisor O'Hare provided the interest rate charged by The Bennington State Bank; and Commissioner Wallace provided the interest rate charged by The Bank of Tescott. Al Joe Wallace moved to purchase a 2013 12M2 Caterpillar motor grader from Foley Equipment in the amount of \$179,000, with the County paying a \$30,000 down payment, and enter into a lease purchase agreement with The Bennington State Bank at 2.15% for the remaining \$149,000, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.

Meeting Invite: Meitler invited the board to attend the North Central Kansas Highway Officials meeting on April 2.

Fire Chief's Request: O'Hare related that at the recent Fire Chief's meeting that several fire chiefs had requested that the County enact a burn ban due to the dry conditions. The board tabled a decision.

Tax Abatements: Al Joe Wallace moved to allow tax abatements 2013-26 through 2013-27 in the amount of \$1,230.26, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.

CIC Agreement Approved: Al Joe Wallace moved to enter into an Annual Peopleware Agreement with Computer Information Concepts, to provide software enhancements and maintenance to several county programs, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried

Minutes Approved: Al Joe Wallace moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the February 18, 2014 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.

Adjourn: With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Friday, February 28, 2014 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.