

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

July 22, 2013

- 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 22, 2013. Chairman Al Joe Wallace called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Terry Finch and Member Gerald Huehl present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.
- Visitors:** Others present for portions of the meeting: Leann Bishop, Debora Zachgo, James Oltman, Michel O'Hare, Larry Meitler, Jennifer O'Hare, Gerald Hiitter, Shawn Esterl and Greg Babcock.
- County Treasurer's Budget:** Deputy County Treasurer Leann Bishop presented the Treasurer's Office 2014 budget proposal requesting \$92,615 which is \$1,253 more than the 2013 approved budget of \$91,362.
- Human Resources:** Human Resource Officer Debora Zachgo provided 2014 health insurance premium rates; discussed payroll implications in regards to USD 298's notice that they will pay the county for ambulance standby's at school activities rather than paying each person; and reported that she has been notified by the health insurance plan that tracking requirements for part-time employees will begin October 1, 2013 rather than being retroactive as notified originally.
- Economic Development:** James Oltman, Lincoln County Economic Development Foundation inquired about whether the board had had an opportunity to discuss disposal fees of dilapidated housing. The board related that they had made no decision this date.
- Executive Session:** Terry Finch moved to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes from 9:35 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. for consultation with an attorney deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, with County Attorney Jennifer O'Hare, Road Supervisor Larry Meitler and Assistant Road Supervisor Michel O'Hare present, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.
- Reconvene:** The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:50 a.m.
- Highway Department:** Road Supervisor Meitler with Assistant Road Supervisor O'Hare reported on highway department projects. O'Hare reported on problems with the fuel facility key card program and inquired about replacing the outdated system rather than repairing. O'Hare related that there was an infestation of Johnson grass and trees at one of the county leased gravel pits and that the Noxious Weed Department would be unable to adequately treat due to the terrain. The board approved contacting Post Rock Aviation to treat the area.
- Council on Aging:** Lincoln County Council on Aging Director Theresa Richards updated the board on activities. Richards related that the Council has funds available and will pay the entire 2014 North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging administrative match.

- Road Maintenance: Gerald Hiitter issued a concern about the lack of road maintenance.
- LEPP Update: Shawn Esterl, Salina-Saline County Health Department presented the quarterly Local Environmental Protection Program (LEPP) performance report for services being provided within the county.
- Highway Department: Road Supervisor Meitler reported that Michael Ward has completed his first year of employment and requested the customary salary increase. Terry Finch moved to grant Michael Ward a twenty-five cent per hour merit increase for the completion of the first year of service, effective June 26, 2013, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.
- Health Insurance Renewed: Terry Finch moved to enter into a renewal contract with the Kansas State Employees Health Care Commission, to provide health insurance benefits to county employees from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.
- Recess: The chairman recessed the meeting at 12:03 p.m. to view the nursing home. The board viewed damage created by drainage problems after the recent rain storms. The board authorized Greg Babcock to contact contractors to resolve the drainage issue. The board approved contacting Dennis Cross to complete tuckpointing to portions of the building and approved tree stump removal by Tracy Frederking in the amount of \$600.
- Adjourn: With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:40 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. Monday, July 29, 2013 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.