

## COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

December 28, 2009

- 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 28, 2009. Chairman Steve Errebo 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: Jennifer O'Hare, Rodney Job, Christen Robinson, Larry Meitler, Michel O'Hare, Ladonna Reinert and Norman Mannel.
- Emergency Management:** Emergency Manager Rodney Job presented a grant application for the board's approval. Al Joe Wallace moved to allow the chairman to sign the Kansas Citizen Corps (CERT) grant application as presented, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.
- Budget Hearing:** Chairman Errebo convened the scheduled budget hearing at 10:30 a.m., for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed amended use of budgeted funds with Jennifer O'Hare and Christen Robinson present. With no others appearing, the chairman adjourned the budget hearing at 11:38 a.m. and convened the meeting to regular session.
- Nursing Home:** Christen Robinson, Lincoln Park Manor LLC, discussed concerns with the current trend in reduction of residents at the nursing home. Robinson related that in order to fill vacant rooms at the nursing home that her business focus will have to change by recruiting residents that visit doctors from outside the community and how that change might have a negative impact on the hospital. Robinson related that an antenna collapsed on the nursing home roof causing damage.
- Budget Amendments Approved:** Al Joe Wallace moved to approve and adopt the following 2009 budget amendments: amend the County General Fund in the amount of \$90,000.; amend the County Health Fund in the amount of \$15,000.; and amend the Refuse Fund in the amount of \$15,000.00, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.
- Highway Department:** Road Supervisor Larry Meitler with Assistant Road Supervisor Michel O'Hare reported on highway department projects. O'Hare requested approval to offer \$65.00 per acre for temporary construction easements for projects funded by the Emergency Watershed Protection Program. The board approved the request.
- Recessed:** The chairman recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:07 p.m.
- Reconvened:** The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 1:00 p.m.
- Health Department:** Health Nurse/Administrator Ladonna Reinert discussed patient fees charged for services provided by the Health Department. After discussion the board approved increasing Home Health Care Service fees to the following: Housekeeping - \$15.00 per hour; and

Nursing - \$20.00 per hour. Reinert requested approval to lift the residential requirement for the H1N1 vaccination, as the Health Department now has a sufficient supply. The board approved the request.

Concerns: Norman Mannel inquired about the fundamentals of the Windpower Economic Benefit Fund governing board, bylaws and fund distribution. Mannel inquired about the rocks that are in ditches along several county roads.

Farmway Storage Public Hearing Set: Terry Finch moved to approve holding a Public Hearing on Monday, January 11, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. in the commission meeting room of the courthouse, for the purpose of hearing public comments concerning an application for property tax exemption pursuant to the Lincoln County Property Tax Exemptions/Abatement for Economic Development Policy, from Farmway Storage #1, LLC, for a 72' x 128', Jump Form Concrete Bin, Temp Cables, Sweep, Aeration, Conveyors, Electrical and all other appurtenances, located upon a portion of land leased from Farmway Coop, Inc., seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.

Tax Abatement: Terry Finch moved to allow tax abatements 2009-46 through 2009-48 in the amount of \$220.58, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.

Minutes Approved: Terry Finch moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the December 21, 2009 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.

Tax Complaints: The board reviewed two letters complaining about taxation at the Wilson Lake Estates from out of county property owners who own properties within Wilson Lake Estates.

Adjourn: With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 31, 2009 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.