

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

December 30, 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, December 30, 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: Jennifer O’Hare, Steve McReynolds, Tim Meier, Wendy Gronau, Christen Robinson, Larry Meitler, Michel O’Hare and Debora Zachgo.
- County Attorney: County Attorney Jennifer O’Hare, presented Resolution 2013-22 addressing Violence and Weapons in the Workplace and the proposed Security Plan for the courtroom while court is in session, due to last year’s state legislation which allows concealed carry handguns into county owned buildings.
- Budget Hearing: Chairman Wallace convened the scheduled budget hearing at 10:15 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, Steve McReynolds, Tim Meier and Wendy Gronau present for portions of the hearing. With no others appearing, the chairman adjourned the budget hearing at 10:45 a.m. and convened the meeting to regular session.
- Budget Amendments Approved: Terry Finch moved to approve and adopt the following 2013 budget amendments: amend the County General Fund in the amount of \$35,000; amend the Ambulance Fund \$25,000; amend the Employee Benefits Fund in the amount of \$10,000; and amend the Noxious Weed Fund in the amount of \$3,000, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.
- Economic Development: Steve McReynolds with Tim Meier inquired as to why the county could not financially assist or even provide health insurance benefits for the Lincoln County Economic Development Foundation, and what could be done to increase the mill levy. Board members related that the Foundation is a not-for-profit foundation and that it is not a county entity so therefore employees are not county employees; and that the foundation’s mill levy was levied based upon an election for a maximum of two mills, so any future mill levy increase must be voted on.
- Ambulance Service: Ambulance Service Director Wendy Gronau provided cost estimates to program other counties 800 MHz frequencies into the Service’s 800 MHz radios so that when responding for mutual aid the agencies will be able to communicate. The board tabled a decision until the new budget year.
- Resolution 2013-22 Gerald Huehl moved to approve and adopt Resolution 2013-22, adopting county employee regulations for Violence and Weapons in the Workplace and as well as

incorporating a Security Plan for the courtroom, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

Nursing Home: Nursing Home Administrator Christen Robinson reported on nursing home activities, noting that the facility was surveyed in December and provided information on deficiencies.

Highway Department: Road Supervisor Larry Meitler with Assistant Road Supervisor Michel O'Hare reported on highway department activities and equipment. Meitler presented a gravel removal/purchase agreement for the board's approval. Terry Finch moved to enter into a two-year gravel removal/purchase agreement with Block Family Ventures, expiring December 30, 2015, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.

Recess: The chairman recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:15 p.m.

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

Payroll & Accounts Payable Approved: Terry Finch moved to approve December gross payroll in the amount of \$172,507.64 and December accounts payable warrants in the amount of \$289,233.36, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.

Tax Abatements: Gerald Huehl moved to allow tax abatements 2013-09 through 2013-12 in the amount of \$572.54, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

Resolution 2013-23: Al Joe Wallace moved to approve and adopt the following Resolutions: Resolution 2013-23, pursuant to K.S.A. 19-1946, transferring \$15,000.00 from the Lincoln County General Fund into the Lincoln County Ambulance Service Fund; Resolution 2013-24, authorizing the transfer of \$500.00 from the Lincoln County General Fund to the Lincoln County Transportation Bus Fund; Resolution 2013-25, pursuant to provisions of K.S.A. 68-141(g) transferring \$100,000.00 from the 2013 Lincoln County Road & Bridge Fund into the Road & Bridge Special Machinery Fund; Resolution 2013-26, pursuant to K.S.A. 65-204, transferring \$13,000.00 from the Lincoln County Health 2013 budgeted funds into the Lincoln County Health Capital Outlay Fund; Resolution 2013-27, pursuant to provisions of K.S.A. 19-3612(c), transferring funds from the 2013 budgeted General Operating Fund of each Rural Fire District into the Special Equipment Fund of that district in the following amounts: Barnard Rural Fire District - \$2,000; Beverly Rural Fire District - \$12,000; First Rural Fire District - \$10,500; Hunter Rural Fire District - \$11,000; and Sylvan Grove Rural Fire District - \$10,000; and Resolution 2013-28, pursuant to provisions of K.S.A. 65-6116(e)&(f), to clear insurance write-offs, collection agency fees and uncollectable accounts receivable, in the amount of \$43,391.90, from the Lincoln County Ambulance Service accounts receivable records, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.

Transportation Bus: Human Resource Officer Debora Zachgo updated the board on the Transportation Bus and what will happen while an employee is absent on Family Medical Leave.

Minutes Approved: Gerald Huehl moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the December 23, 2013 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 3:00 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Monday, January 6, 2014 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.