

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

November 23, 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, November 23, 2009. Chairman Steve Errebo 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 portions of the meeting: Rodney Job, Carrie Meili, Sammy Little, Robert Loveless, Larry Meitler, Michel O'Hare, Wendy Gronau and Ron Yates.
- Emergency Man.: Emergency Manager Rodney Job reported on departmental activities.
- Transfer Station Holiday Hours: Landfill/Transfer Station Operator Carrie Meili inquired about holiday hours for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's. The board approved the following holiday hours: open November 28, the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day; and closed December 26 and January 2, the Saturday's following Christmas Day and New Year's Day.
- Personnel: Sam Little related that he was willing to work more than the 1,000 hours limitation and inquired if the board would consider allowing him to work more. The board related that they will take this under consideration, but for the year 2010 he would be limited to the 1,000 hours per year as the 2010 budget has already been set.
- House Disposal: Robert Loveless and Landfill/Transfer Station Operator Meili discussed house disposal options for the Loveless home that was totaled by fire damage.
- Highway Department: Road Supervisor Larry Meitler with Assistant Road Supervisor Michel O'Hare reported on highway department projects. Meitler forwarded a request to gravel a stretch of dirt road to a trailer house in Cedron Township Section 15. After discussion the board denied the request as the cost to gravel the road is not feasible considering the non-permanency of the existing structure. Commissioner Wallace related that he would like to rescind the resolution that addresses graveling to new residences. O'Hare related that Bob Heinze has requested that one of the sites, located on his property, be removed from the EWP (Emergency Watershed Protection) Program project, as he does not feel that building a waterway will correct the problem. The board approved removing the project. The board forwarded Duane Vonada's request for speed control devices or warning signs in the 500 block of E Quail Ln. The highway department officials will look into the regulations on changing the speed limit, and agreed that a feasible option could be for the Vonada's to place warning signs on their own property. The board discussed the large rocks left in the ditches after graveling. Meitler indicated that the conditions were not feasible to pull the rocks into the road bed and roll them at this time. The board told Meitler to pick up the rocks, if they are unable to roll them, as they could be a hazard.

- Ambulance Service:** Ambulance Service Director Wendy Gronau related that a volunteer attendant had received a demand letter from the State of Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services (KSBEMS), seeking restitution for not fulfilling the contractual obligations when utilizing grant funds to attend an education course offered through the Lincoln County Ambulance Service. The board related that this is not the first volunteer to receive the letter and that when the State was contacted for that volunteer, the State indicated that they will be mailing the demands to all grant recipients who did not complete the requirements stated in the contract that they signed. The board related that this is an issue between the KSBEMS and the individual.
- Tax Abatement:** Al Joe Wallace moved to allow tax abatements 2009-10 thru 2009-40 in the amount of \$6,242.88, noting that abatements 2009-10 thru 2009-39 were caused by an error in the CAMA software program, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.
- CDBG Grant Project 08-PF-617 Change Order 2:** Terry Finch moved to approve Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$1,538.74 for CDBG grant project 08-PF-617, Sylvan Grove Rural Fire District fire station project, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.
- Veteran's Memorial:** Ron Yates expressed his concern regarding the lights at the veteran's memorial.
- Holiday Schedule:** The board set the following holiday schedule: December 24 - close at noon, and December 31 - open (courthouse will close at noon to the public to close out the end of fiscal year).
- Minutes Approved:** Terry Finch moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the November 16, 2009 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.
- Adjourn:** With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. Monday, November 30, 2009 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.