

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

March 2, 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, March 2, 2009. Chairman Steve Errebo called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Member Terry Finch present; and Vice-Chairman Al Joe Wallace absent. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Sara Crangle, Wendy Gronau, Debra Byarlay, Doris White, Carrie Meili, Larry Meitler, Michel O'Hare, Charles Wurth Sr., Charles Wurth Jr., Christen Robinson, Jennifer O'Hare and Rodney Job.
- Member Arrives: Commissioner Al Joe Wallace arrived at 10:15 a.m.
- Ambulance Service: Ambulance Service Director Wendy Gronau requested a salary increase for Roxann Zachgo who has completed the first six months of employment. Terry Finch moved to grant Roxann Zachgo a fifty cent per hour merit increase for the completion of the first six months of employment, effective, February 26, 2009, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried. Gronau inquired why the Lincoln and Sylvan Ambulance's were being charged separately for annual Repeater Dues, as Beverly Rural Fire and Hunter Rural Fire are not being assessed additional fees for Westfall Fire and Denmark Fire. The board referred her to the Repeater Board. Gronau related that she had attended a assistance to fire departments grant workshop in Asherville and discussed whether it was feasible for the Ambulance Service to apply for grant funding, noting that North Central Regional Planning Commission was also in attendance at the grant workshop and related that they could assist in the completing the grant application.
- Salary Increase:
- Planning Commission: Sara Crangle, North Central Regional Planning Commission, provided an update on the environmental review of the fill dirt being utilized at the Sylvan Grove Rural Fire District CDBG Grant Project 08-PF-825, fire station project. Crangle provided information on the City of Barnard water tower project and related that if funding is secured, that the City of Barnard will need assistance to demolish the current water tower structure.
- Mental Health: Debra Byarlay, Central Kansas Mental Health Center with Lincoln County Representative Doris White provided an update on services provided to residents of Lincoln County. Byarlay presented brochures that were created to assist individuals affected by current economic conditions.
- Landfill/Transfer Station: Landfill/Transfer Station Carrie Meili related that the highway department has looked at the landfill's backhoe and determined that the main hydraulic pump is leaking. Meili requested approval to have Sellers Equipment Inc make the necessary repairs. The board approved the request. Meili reported that the new walking bottom trailer is splitting and that she has notified the manufacturer of the defect.

Highway Department: Road Supervisor Larry Meitler reported on highway department projects and equipment repairs. Assistant Road Supervisor Michel O'Hare reported that he has received notification that the State has approved additional funding for 2007 flood damages to Apache Dr and Jaguar Dr. O'Hare provided estimates from R&R Street Plumbing, to install water, sewer and electrical services, and from the City of Lincoln to upgrade wiring, to the proposed portable office space unit discussed at previous meetings. The group discussed whether it was financially appropriate to move forward with this project or to wait until later in the budget year; the board tabled the project until later this year.

Recess: The chairman recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:10 p.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 1:00 p.m.

Nursing Home: Charles Wurth Sr. Mid-America Health Center LLC, Charles Wurth Jr. Arbor Springs, Inc and Nursing Home Administrator Christen Robinson discussed the nursing home lease agreement, which will expire March 31, 2009. Charles Wurth Sr. related that he would like to see the new lease agreement be transferred to his sons' company, Arbor Springs, Inc. Charles Wurth Jr. provided information on Arbor Springs, Inc a company owned by David Wurth, Paul Wurth and himself; Wurth Jr. related that Arbor Springs, Inc would like to lease and manage the nursing home.

Executive Session: Terry Finch moved to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes form 1:48 p.m. – 2:03 p.m. for the purpose of discussing confidential data relating to the financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts and individual proprietorships, with Mid-America Health Center LLC Representatives Charles Wurth Sr. and Charles Wurth Jr., County Attorney Jennifer O'Hare and County Clerk Harlow present, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 2:03 p.m.

Executive Session: Terry Finch moved to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes form 2:03 p.m. – 2:18 p.m. for the purpose of discussing confidential data relating to the financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts and individual proprietorships, with Mid-America Health Center LLC Representatives Charles Wurth Sr. and Charles Wurth Jr., County Attorney Jennifer O'Hare and County Clerk Harlow present, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 2:18 p.m.

Emergency Management: Emergency Manager Rodney Job provided information on ICS 200 and ICS 300 training being held. Job related that he has enough people signed up to attend CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training, and that classes will begin soon; that his department has been awarded a \$5,000. CERT grant; and that the State has appointed him to teach future CERT Train the Trainer courses. Job reported that the National Weather Service completed a review of the County and removed Lincoln

County's temporary Storm Ready County status certificate, as cooperation between county departments could not be obtained. Job discussed radio communication difficulties during severe weather events, and suggested possible ways to resolve the problems. After discussion, the board approved the purchase of an 800 MHz portable scanner. Job provided information on grant funds being received in 2009 and the equipment that is being purchased with regional homeland security funds.

ICS Training: The board related that county employees, who are required to attend ICS training, because of fire department responsibilities, could attend the day class but would be required to utilize leave time.

Minutes Approved: Al Joe Wallace moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the February 23, 2009 and February 27, 2009 regular meetings as presented, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

Adjourn: With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Monday, March 9, 2009 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.