

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

June 22, 2015

- Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Monday, June 22, 2015. Chairman Gerald Huehl 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: Tami Kerth, Sheila Nelson-Stout, Lorraine Harris, Patrick Wallerius, Ladonna Reinert, Michel O'Hare, Robert Howe, Donavon Huehl, Kelly Larson, Justin Robinson, Christen Robinson, Robert Crangle and Jennifer O'Hare.
- Register of Deeds:** Register of Deeds Tami Kerth presented her office's 2016 budget proposal of \$41,800 which is \$1,196 more than the 2015 approved budget of \$40,604. Kerth related that the County has not seen a substantial decrease in revenue with the changes in the calculation of mortgage registration fees, as predicted last year.
- OCCK:** OCCK Inc. representatives Sheila Nelson-Stout, Lorraine Harris and Patrick Wallerius presented the 2016 budget request, noting that the request is for the same amount that was received for the 2015 budget year. The group discussed OCCK activities and services provided to residents within the county.
- Health Department:** Health Nurse/Administrator Ladonna Reinert requested approval to employee Jenny Hillegeist as a full-time Home Health Aide. Al Joe Wallace moved to approve the status change for Jenny Hillegeist from part-time per-need to full-time Home Health Aide effective June 29, 2015, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.
- Highway Department:** Director of Public Works Michel O'Hare with Road and Bridge Foreman Robert Howe reported on highway department projects. O'Hare related that the Colorado Township resident has been contacted and that all items on the county road and right-of-way are supposed to be removed by the end of the week. O'Hare presented a utility permit agreement for the board's approval. Al Joe Wallace moved to approve a utility permit agreement with Wilson Communications, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried. O'Hare provided a flow chart of hierarchy and potential job positions. The board approved preparing job descriptions with the proposed title changes, however no formal decision was made on the creation of new positions or appointing employees to the proposed positions.
- Nursing Home:** Nursing Home Administrator Christen Robinson discussed three topics with the board the following present: Attorney Robert Crangle, Justin Robinson and Economic Development Director Kelly Larson. 1. Robinson wanted to open the line of communication in regards to Exhibit A of the current lease agreement. Robinson was advised that the Exhibit A does not exist at this time as the county has been waiting for her to complete and submit an inventory, all of which should have been done in 2009 when the lease agreements were approved. 2. Robinson related that the CMS fine had

been reduced to \$32,500, however a payment plan was not approved as Robinson did not specifically request a payment plan in her financial hardship application, so the facility will be required to make the lump sum payment, this date, in order to prevent further penalties and accrual of interest. Robinson requested rent forgiveness for ten months so that she can pay the fine, current rent payments to the County are \$3,500 per month. The board took no formal action at this time. 3. Robinson related that the current lease agreement expires April 1, 2016 and wanted to begin talks to consider an extension of the current contract at that time.

Executive Session: Al Joe Wallace moved to recess into executive session for five minutes from 10:55 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. for the purpose deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship with County Attorney O’Hare and County Clerk Harlow present, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:00 a.m.

Executive Session: Al Joe Wallace moved to recess into executive session for five minutes from 11:00 a.m. – 11:05 a.m. for the purpose deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship with County Attorney O’Hare and County Clerk Harlow present, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:05 a.m.

County Attorney: The board requested that County Attorney O’Hare offer a counter-proposal to Lincoln Park Manor for rent forgiveness and negotiate an agreement.

Minutes Approved: Terry Finch moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the June 15, 2015 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 11:37 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. Monday, June 29, 2015 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.