

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

January 26, 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, January 26, 2015. Vice-Chairman Al Joe Wallace called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. with Member Terry Finch present. Chairman Gerald Huehl was absent. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Norman Mannel, Kerry Jackson, Leann Bishop, Pete Falcon, Jr, Jennifer O'Hare, Ron Karn, Michel O'Hare, Larry Meitler, Jeff Bender, Ladonna Reinert, Debora Zachgo and John Wiebke.
- Road Request: Norman Mannel requested a field entrance be replaced that was removed by the county in 1999. The board will forward the request to the highway department.
- Landfill/Transfer Station: Landfill/Transfer Station Operator Kerry Jackson reported that the State has approved digging cell 2 at the construction/demolition pit, and that North Central Kansas Technical College Heavy Equipment students will dig the pit beginning this date.
- County Treasurer: County Treasurer Leann Bishop provided the following 4th quarter 2014 reports for the board to review: Treasurer's Quarterly Idle Funds Investment Report interest earned - \$5,737.32; and the Treasurer's Special Vehicle Fund Report with a 12-31-14 fund balance of \$24,876.08. Bishop presented three resolutions for the board's approval. The board tabled approval of the resolutions until all members were present.
- County Attorney: The board notified County Attorney Jennifer O'Hare that they had agreed to pay 100% of the cost to install a phone system in the County Attorney's Office contingent upon the following: O'Hare agrees to reimburse the county the cost if she should decide to resign or not run as county attorney amortized over a ten year period. O'Hare agreed to the terms and will provide an agreement for the board to approve at a later date.
- Highway Department: Road Supervisor Larry Meitler with Assistant Road Supervisor Michel O'Hare presented bids to purchase a dozer. The board opened the various bids received to purchase a dozer with Ron Karn, Berry Tractor and Jeff Bender, Foley Equipment present. The board tabled a decision this date. Meitler reported on highway department projects. O'Hare reported that the Lincoln Shop was broke into and the leads from the welder stolen. O'Hare presented a breakdown on estimated costs to oil the Westfall blacktop this summer.
- Tax Abatement: Al Joe Wallace moved to allow tax abatements 2014-22 through 2014-24, in the amount of \$1,521.20, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.
- Recess: The vice-chairman recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:03 p.m.
- Reconvene: The vice-chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 1:00 p.m.

- Health Department:** Health Nurse/Administrator Ladonna Reinert reported on health department activities. Reinert related that Mitchell County will sponsor four Lincoln County representatives to attend a meeting in Garden City next week and requested approval to transport the two, non-county employees, in the Health Department vehicle. The board approved the request. Reinert provided a fact sheet on Local Health Departments in Kansas for the board to review. Reinert related that the Mitchell County Health Foundation applied and received a 1422 State & Local Public Health Actions to Prevent Obesity, Diabetes, Heart Disease and Stroke grant in cooperation with five counties, including Lincoln County. This grant will provide \$250,000 per year for five years to awardees to study and coordinate prevention activities to prevent obesity, diabetes, heart disease and stroke within the five counties. The board approved participation in the grant.
- Executive Session:** Terry Finch moved to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes from 1:33 p.m. – 1:48 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Human Resource Officer Debora Zachgo and County Clerk Harlow present, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.
- Reconvene:** The vice-chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 1:48 p.m.
- Executive Session:** Terry Finch moved to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes from 1:48 p.m. – 2:03 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Human Resource Officer Zachgo and County Clerk Harlow present, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.
- Reconvene:** The vice-chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 2:03 p.m.
- Gravel Pit Request:** John Wiebke requested that the county close the gravel pit located on his property as all usable materials seem to have been used.
- Minutes Approved:** Al Joe Wallace moved to approve and adopt minutes of the January 20, 2015 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 2:25 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. Friday, January 30, 2015 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.