

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

August 15, 2016

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Monday, August 15, 2016. 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: Kerry Jackson, Michel O'Hare, Jennifer O'Hare, Wanda Backstrom, Jennifer Warkentin, Eunice Thaemert, Justine Dohl, Janis Oetting, Barbara Kingery, Lu Willingham, Keith Yarnell, Rozella Trapp, Valerie Robinson, Alexis Pflugh, Shawn Esterl and Kelly Larson.

Landfill/Transfer Station:

Landfill/Transfer Station Operator Kerry Jackson presented a bid from Schwab Eaton to prepare a Notice of Intent application and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan for the Lincoln County Solid Waste Facility. After discussion, Terry Finch moved to allow the chairman to sign an agreement with Schwab Eaton to prepare a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan, in the amount of \$3,000, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion Carried. Jackson requested approval to hire one or two part-time employees; the board approved placing an ad for the positions. Clerk Harlow inquired about a decision on the disposal fee rate charged to a resident who had a portion of a product disposed of at the landfill/transfer station after an accident. Currently the product has been disposed of in the grass pit; personnel are removing small amounts at a time and disposing in the transfer station trailer as required. The clerk's office billed the resident \$60 per ton, which is the fee to dispose of construction/demolition materials; however the materials would not necessarily fit into that category, and requested that the board determine an appropriate fee for the materials. After discussion, Terry Finch moved to reduce charges for disposal of the product from a truck accident to \$35 per ton, seconded Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.

Highway Department:

Director of Public Works Michel O'Hare reported on highway department projects. O'Hare reported that a member of the bridge crew had resigned his position.

Community Corrections:

Wanda Backstrom, 12th Judicial District Community Corrections, with County Attorney Jennifer O'Hare, introduced Jennifer Warkentin who has been hired as the Juvenile Intake & Assessment Services Coordinator. Backstrom provided the Kansas Department of Corrections Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan Quarterly and Year End Outcome Report and requested signatory approval. Terry Finch moved to allow the chairman to sign the Comprehensive Plan Quarterly and Year End Outcome Report as presented, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.

Recess:

The chairman recessed the meeting at 10:15 a.m. to the basement meeting room.

Reconvene:

The chairman reconvened the meeting at 10:16 a.m. in the basement meeting room of the courthouse with the following Sylvan Grove Senior Center representatives present: Eunice Thaemert, Justine Dohl, Janis Oetting, Barbara Kingery, Lu Willingham, Keith

Sylvan Grove Senior Center concerns: Yarnell, Rozella Trapp, Valerie Robinson and Alexis Pflugh. Members of the group discussed their perception of the following topics: why members became involved in the issue of funding to the senior center; noted specific passages in the Council on Aging (COA) bylaws that they believe that the COA are not following; they do not believe that they are a community organization, but rather forced to perform community activities as a fundraiser for their organization, due to the lack of funding received by the COA; their organization does not have the funding available to provide activities and/or programs to seniors within their community, or to begin new programs; suggested that the board consider funding the senior centers directly and disbanding the Council on Aging as they believe that the coordinator's position is obsolete, and that the senior centers could hire someone to coordinate activities for the elderly and that the North Central Flint Hill Area-Agency on Aging (NCFLAAA) provides all the necessary services that are needed to assist the Senior Center's employees; process to which members of the Council on Aging are appointed; representative from the NCFLAAA told a member that only one other COA pays their coordinator to be a SHICK volunteer; requested that the board consider directly distributing funds to the senior centers; dissatisfaction concerning the COA's current funding method, and believe the methods keep changing; and suggested that funding be based upon a percentage split rather than based upon participation. Board members made no decision this date, as they would like the opportunity to discuss the topics brought forth, with Lincoln Senior Center representatives, Council on Aging representatives, and with other communities including Barnard and Beverly. The group requested that the board schedule a meeting to discuss the matters further and suggested the first week in October. The board declined to schedule a follow up meeting until meetings could be scheduled with the other groups. The board encouraged the group to follow up with the County Clerk to determine meeting availability.

Recess: The chairman recessed the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:20 a.m.

LEPP: Shawn Esterl, Saline County reported on 2nd quarter Local Environmental Protection Program (LEPP) services being provided within the county. Esterl related that the current contract with Saline County will expire at the end of the year and inquired if the board was interested in extending the contract. The board agreed that they would like to extend the contract for an additional two year term.

Minutes Approved: Terry Finch moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the August 8, 2016 regular meeting as presented, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.

Transportation Bus Payment Approved: The board received notification that the new transportation bus will be delivered by the end of the week and that the county portion of the purchase will be required when delivered. Gerald Huehl moved to authorize the County Clerk to pay Mid-America Coach \$7,516.20, for the county's share of the purchase of a 2016 Dodge Grand Caravan with the BraunAbility ADA manual fold out WC conversion, funds to be drawn from the Capital Improvement Fund, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

Economic
Development:

Economic Development Director Kelly Larson provided information on a potential grant available for a county wide clean-up day that is being offered by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation as a partnership with the Post Rock Community Foundation.

Adjourn:

With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:31 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. Monday, August 22, 2016 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.