

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

June 16, 2008

- 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 16, 2008. Chairman Terry Finch called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Steve Errebo and Member Al Joe Wallace present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.
- Visitors:** Others present for portions of the meeting: Joyce Walker, Wendy Gronau, Rod Rees, Tami Kerth, Michel O'Hare, Larry Meitler, Art Wagoner, Carl Eyman and Dan Heina.
- County Treasurer:** County Treasurer Joyce Walker related that all employees who issue drivers licenses must have a background check and be fingerprinted beginning January 1, 2009, noting that all employees have been fingerprinted. Walker discussed investment options for the Windpower Economic Benefit Fund. The board approved investing the PILOT payment received to date into a certificate of deposit. Walker discussed concerns over the recent audit process and the air conditioning unit in the Treasurer's Office.
- Ambulance Service:** Ambulance Service Director Wendy Gronau and EMT I/D Rod Rees reported that the ambulance service had been requested for an agency assist in Chapman and that a crew covered the Saturday day shift for the tornado damaged community. Gronau provided an estimate of the cost to the ambulance service for providing the assistance.
- Register of Deeds:** Register of Deeds Tami Kerth presented the Register of Deeds Office's 2009 budget request.
- Highway Department:** Road Supervisor Larry Meitler with Assistant Road Supervisor Michel O'Hare reported on highway department projects. The group discussed a ditch maintenance project in Grant Township, Section 14. Commissioners forwarded areas of concern within their respective districts. The group discussed the bridge project 053C-4152-01, West Elkhorn Creek Bridge replacement project. O'Hare reported on the status of the following projects being completed by John Cashatt, Schwab-Eaton, P.A.: Bulk Fuel Facility Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure Plan; Survey of N 260th Rd; Landfill mapping; and N 280th Rd road slide. O'Hare provided cost information for alternative bridge structures being built by the Ellsworth County Highway Department. O'Hare discussed future equipment needs.
- Musk Thistle Complaint:** Art Wagoner issued a noxious weed complaint concerning musk thistle in Elkhorn Township.
- Executive Session:** Steve Errebo moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes from 10:35 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with County Clerk Harlow present, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.
- Reconvene:** The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:45 a.m.

- Executive Session: Al Joe Wallace moved to recess into executive session for five minutes from 10:45 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with County Clerk Harlow present, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:50 a.m.
- Executive Session: Al Joe Wallace moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes from 11:03 a.m. – 11:13 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Noxious Weed Director Dan Heina present, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:13 a.m.
- Noxious Weed: Noxious Weed Director Dan Heina discussed the departments operations and activities.
- KWORCC: Carl Eyman, Loss Prevention Specialist with KWORCC, the County's worker's compensation insurance provider, provided premium and loss information, claim analysis by department and claim analysis by accident type for Lincoln County. The group discussed whether it would be financially beneficial for the County to start paying a deductible for each work comp claim. Eyman will run further statistics on the County's claims history and return at a later date.
- Inventory Approved: Al Joe Wallace moved to approve the document submitted by County Clerk Harlow as the official inventory for the year ending December 31, 2007, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried.
- CDBG Grant 08-PF-825/Sylvan Fire Station: Al Joe Wallace moved to approve entering into Grant Agreement 08-PF-825 with the State of Kansas Department of Commerce, for the construction of the Sylvan Grove Rural Fire District fire station, seconded by Steve Errebo. Motion carried.
- Minutes Approved: Steve Errebo moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the June 9, 2008 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 12:48 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. Monday, June 23, 2008 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.