

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

February 22, 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, February 22, 2016. Chairman Al Joe Wallace called the meeting to order at 10:00 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: Leann Bishop, Theresa Richards, Kerry Jackson, Michel O'Hare, Robert Howe, Debora Zachgo and Jennifer O'Hare.

County Treasurer:

County Treasurer Leann Bishop provided an estimate to install two ceiling fans. After discussion, Gerald Huehl moved to approve Precision Electric to install two ceiling fans in the County Treasurer's office, in the amount of \$1,723.00, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

Council on Aging:

Council on Aging Director Theresa Richards related that the following individuals agreed to serve on the Lincoln County Council on Aging Board of Directors: Jolene Cole representing the Lincoln Senior Center; Sandy Adams, representing the City of Lincoln; and Justine Dohl, representing the Sylvan Grove Senior Center. The board asked questions in regards to appointing board members and how the organization and senior center was formed.

Landfill/Transfer Station:

Landfill/Transfer Station Operator Kerry Jackson reported that the white good pile was very large and inquired about contacting a firm from Salina to dispose of the materials. The board requested Jackson to contact local contractors prior to contacting the Salina company. The board notified Jackson that there should be no more than two employees scheduled to work Monday – Friday at the Landfill and Noxious Weed Departments, and that although part-time employees can work a maximum of 999 hours, the department's two part-time employees should not be scheduled to automatically work the maximum hours and that they are only supposed to be utilized when one of the full-time staff members are absent.

Executive Session:

Director of Public Works Michel O'Hare with Road and Bridge Supervisor Robert Howe requested an executive session. Terry Finch moved to recess into executive session for twenty minutes from 11:10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Director of Public Works O'Hare, Road and Bridge Supervisor Howe, Human Resource Officer Debora Zachgo and County Clerk Harlow present, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.

Reconvene:

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:30 a.m.

Highway Department:

Director O'Hare and Supervisor Howe reported on highway department equipment and projects. O'Hare discussed the need to replace a culvert under N 60th Rd prior to chip sealing. The group discussed whether they should close the road completely or close a lane of traffic at a time and install the culvert in sections. The board related that the road

should be closed completely at the project site to ensure correct installation and reduce the risk of future culvert failure/collapse.

First Rural Fire: First Rural Fire Chief Michel O'Hare requested approval to wash fire trucks at the highway department shop when needed. The board approved the request. O'Hare related that there is a grant available to purchase an electronic message board and inquired if the county would allow it to be installed at the safety center if he applied and received a sign. The board agreed to the installation.

Tax Abatement: Gerald Huehl moved to allow tax abatement 2015-96 in the amount of \$24.00, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

WEB Fund Distribution Approved: The board reviewed the WEB Fund committee's recommendation for 2016 funding. Terry Finch moved to approve the WEB Fund Committee's recommendation as presented and approved the following Windpower Economic Benefit fund distributions: Lincoln Elementary School, \$922, to purchase a SPOT Vision Screener and accessories, seconded by Gerald Huehl. Motion carried.

Minutes Approved: Gerald Huehl moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the February 16, 2016 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 1:15 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Monday, February 29, 2016 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.