

February 25, 2008

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Linn County Courthouse Annex, Mound City, Kansas. Those present were Jason Sabine, Chairman; Herb Pemberton, Vice Chairman; Mike Page, Member; David Lamb, County Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Mike Page led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Herb Pemberton moved to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting as printed. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Herb Pemberton moved to approve the following add/abate/refund orders: 2007-194, 195, and 196. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commission reviewed the YTD Park Report for January 2008.

The Clerk read a thank you note from Gary Thompson for the flowers for his mother's funeral.

The Clerk informed the Commission that the next SEK County Officials meeting will be held on Thursday, March 20th, in Greenwood County. We need to tell Greenwood County how many people will be attending by March 17th.

Herb Pemberton moved to approve the annual dues for the Kansas County Commissioners Association in the amount of \$280.80. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Herb Pemberton moved to pay the \$300.00 for the District Court roof maintenance agreement out of Special Building. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission asked the Clerk to inform Ann Ware to include the maintenance agreement in her 2009 budget.

John Maloney asked about opening chemical bids. The Commission agreed to open bids on March 10th at 11:00 AM.

The Clerk informed the Commission that March 10th is County Government Day.

Maloney also discussed licensing for sanitation haulers (sanitation permits) in the County. Maloney is working on issues with haulers.

Mel Bolling presented Lot Split #08-226 requested by Jason Mensing located at 1100 Rd. and Vernon Rd. The lot split meets our requirements and Bolling recommends approval and acceptance of easement. Mike Page moved to approve Lot Split #08-226 and accept the accompanying grant of easement. Herb Pemberton seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commission discussed a moratorium on planning and zoning until a new Zoning Administrator is hired. Gary Thompson stated that the Commission could decide to not accept any new applications until someone is hired. It is also possible to have the hearings without a staff report and then continue the item to the next Planning Commission meeting. Mike Page also stated that we are going to advertise for a County Engineer. The Commission decided not to have a moratorium at this time. The Clerk gave the Commission copies of a proposed advertisement for an Engineer. The Commission agreed to place the advertisement and start reviewing applications on March 17th.

Doug Barlet gave the Commission a list of fire personnel that have not completed their NIMS training. Barlet also stated that there will be a workshop on burning practices at 7:00 PM Thursday at Bunker Hill. Jason Sabine asked Doug Barlet about complaints he received about AMR. Sabine asked Barlet to let Steve Hoeger know about complaints he has received. Barlet stated that AMR is supposed to have a 3rd ambulance in route when both ambulances are out of County. Also, a Fire Chief requested an air ambulance but AMR personnel cancelled the air ambulance until the AMR ambulance arrived on scene. Then AMR called the air ambulance. Barlet stated that under NIMS, the Incident Commander should be

able to call an air ambulance when needed. Barlet also stated that he and Josh Marshall need to attend a meeting in Topeka Wednesday for Homeland Security.

Jason Sabine stated that he received a call from Ellie Davey asking all three Commissioners attend the March 10th Republican Central Committee meeting to discuss plans for the health clinics. Herb Pemberton moved to schedule a special meeting for March 10th at 7:30 PM at Bunker Hill. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jason Sabine stated that no decisions have been made about a clinic in Mound City. Pat Katzer from Olathe Health System is supposed to get back with us within 30 days with estimates on building a new clinic or buying and remodeling a building for a clinic in Mound City. The Commission will review the information as soon as it is available.

At 10:00 AM the Commission opened bids for box culverts. Bids received were:

	<u>Foote Construction</u>	<u>Thoele Foundations</u>
Class A Concrete (per Cu. Yd.)	\$237.00	\$240.00
Co. Furnished Reinforcing Steel (per Lb.)	\$.37	\$.30
Class I Excavation (per Cu. Yd.)	\$ 24.00	\$ 20.00
Class III Excavation (per Cu. Yd.)	\$ 29.00	\$ 24.00

Jason Sabine moved to award the bid for the north half of the County to Thoele Foundations and the south half of the County to Foote Construction. Herb Pemberton seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Larry Robinson announced that we received another \$97,273.17 from FEMA for last year's flood damage. Robinson stated that his records show that FEMA still owes us \$17,000.00.

Rubie Scott stated that the Republican meeting will be at 8:00 PM on March 10th, not 7:30 PM. Scott also stated that Olathe has made a commitment that we will have a doctor. Donna Spencer asked what other information the Commission needs concerning the clinic in Mound City. Public opinion is one of the things that the Commission needs to know about. The people in attendance at the Commission are here showing their support for the clinic.

At 10:21 AM the Chairman asked for additional public comment. Bernita Robbins thanked Dan Morris for road work last Thursday during the storm. Mary Grosshart announced that there will be a Legislative Forum on March 15th, 9:00 AM, in the F&M Bank Community Building. Pat Apple, Shirley Palmer, Jene Vickrey, and Bill Feuerborn will attend the Forum. Bob Ming asked about addressing in Centerville. That will be part of the discussion at 11:30 today. Jean Vaughn asked about the log books for County vehicles, is anyone checking on the log books? Tom Coryell stated that he did not agree to the price for pest control stated in the contract. Coryell stated that he wanted to split the pest control for \$1,500.00 dollars per year, not \$15.00 per building. The Commission asked the Clerk to bring the bids to next week's meeting.

At 10:33 AM Jason Sabine moved to take a 15 minute break. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jason Sabine read a letter from Ed Lacey thanking the County for the Transportation Service and stating that Rebecca Patience is a very good and helpful employee. Jason Sabine also read an announcement from IPC about a job fair on March 4th and March 5th at Pleasanton City Hall.

Mike Page announced that we do not currently have a County Extension Agent and will not have one for approximately six months.

Elizabeth Maxwell, Director of the East Central Kansas Area Agency on Aging, gave her annual report and an overview of the ECKAAA responsibilities.

The Commission discussed addressing issues in Centerville with Larry Robinson. We also have Boicourt, Trading Post, and Goodrich as other unincorporated towns. Robinson and Josh Marshall gave the following estimates of costs for new signs for the 4 unincorporated towns: Boicourt, 32 signs, \$1400.00;

Goodrich, 36 signs, \$1750.00; Trading Post, 50 signs, \$2450.00; and Centerville, 76 signs, \$3325.00. Those costs were based on the old regulations regarding street signs. In order to meet current State requirements, all new street sign need to be green & white, Type 4, high intensity prismatic. The high intensity prismatic signs will be more expensive. Robinson also stated that a property owner in Goodrich has asked to vacate several streets, so we wouldn't need as many signs if those streets are vacated. We do also have a problem with vandalism of signs. Steve Hoeger discussed the use of GPS units the ambulances. Hoeger stated that at this time, GPS is not that reliable in Linn County. The Commission discussed various addressing issues with Larry Robinson, Doug Barlet, Dave Striegel, and Steve Hoeger.

The Commission then discussed various issues/complaints about the ambulance service with Steve Hoeger. The Commission discussed what the procedure is when both ambulances are out of the County, the policy for calling an air ambulance, transporting bodies in ambulances, attitude of ambulance employees, etc. Hoeger stated that the contract does state that AMR will make a 3rd ambulance available when needed. Hoeger stated that Fire, Law Enforcement, and EMS can all call for an air ambulance, but the public cannot make that call. Air ambulances are not first response vehicles. Hoeger also stated that EMS does assume Medical Command when they arrive on scene. Hoeger stated that he will look into issues about specific calls/situations but he needs to have times and dates so he can investigate the issues. Hoeger also stated that it is against AMR's policy to transport bodies in the ambulances. AMR does not take an ambulance out of service for transporting a body because that ambulance may be needed for a patient.

Mel Bolling presented information on cell phone plans that the County has. Bolling stated that we can upgrade to a better plan and save money because of no roaming fees. The Commission will review the options and discuss it next week.

With nothing further on the agenda Mike Page moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, March 3, 2008. Herb Pemberton seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commission Chair

Attest:

County Clerk