

March 3, 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. Jason Sabine led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Herb Pemberton moved to approve the following add/abate/refund orders: 2007-197 thru 199. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk informed the Commission that we received a notice from WCA that the disposal charges for solid waste are going up 3% effective April 1, 2008. The new rate will be \$20.22 per ton. Our contract with WCA allows a 3% increase per year.

Mel Bolling asked about the US Cellular plan. Herb Pemberton stated that we are being charged roaming and we could save \$200.00 to \$300.00 per month by changing plans. Herb Pemberton moved to allow Bolling to upgrade our cell phone plan to a plan with no roaming or long distance charges. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

John Maloney informed the Commission that he found a building at Tanglewood Lakes that extends into the right of way. The property owner has not responded to letters that Maloney sent telling the owner that he needs to get a variance from the Zoning Board. Jason Sabine suggested having Gary Thompson look into the issue.

John Black presented a permit to bury water line requested by RWD #2 located at 800 & Vernon Road (Trenton Umphenour). Jason Sabine moved to approve the permit to bury water line as requested. Herb Pemberton seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Harry Wisdom presented a permit to bury telephone cable requested by Embarq located at 8951 Botkin Road. Jason Sabine moved to approve the permit to bury telephone cable as requested. Herb Pemberton seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Wisdom also presented a permit to bury water line requested by Mike Page located at 8108 W. 1100 Rd. Herb Pemberton moved to approve the permit to bury water line as requested. Jason Sabine seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. Mike Page abstained.

The Commission and Road Foremen discussed buying road salt and storing it for next year. The Commission agreed that we should order another load of salt for each road district.

Mike Page moved to increase Donnie Snow's pay to Range 5, Assistant Road Foreman. Herb Pemberton seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Herb Pemberton suggested that Dan Morris should also have an Assistant Foreman. John Black already has an Assistant Foreman.

Doug Barlet informed the Commission that next week is Severe Weather Awareness Week. There is a tornado drill scheduled for March 11th at 1:30.

Barlet informed the Commission that the Fire Board recommends terminating D. J. Mitchell as a Firefighter from Station 920 due to lack of participation. Jason Sabine moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Board to terminate D. J. Mitchell's employment from Station 920. Herb Pemberton seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Fire Board has also set a deadline of March 7th for Firefighter NIMS training. Firefighters that have not completed NIMS training by that date would be suspended. Firefighters that have not completed their NIMS training by March 31st will be recommended for termination.

The Fire has also drafted Burn Resolution, False Alarm Resolution, and Mutual Aid Agreements. Gary Thompson is reviewing the Mutual Aid Agreements.

Barlet also informed the Commission that a roof was blown off a building in Pleasanton yesterday, and we lost a mobile home from a structure fire in Sugar Valley Saturday.

Barlet received bids for batteries and chargers for mobile radios. The lowest bid was from Commenco, \$1,287.00 for 20 batteries and 5 chargers. Herb Pemberton moved to approve the purchase as requested. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Herb Pemberton moved to allow the Chairman to sign a Hazard Mitigation Plan Grant Agreement with Kansas Emergency Management. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commission discussed the electrical bids for Station 950. Mike Page stated that we should have a presentation ready for next week's meeting.

Joe Maloney presented permits for hauling trash. Maloney also needs to attend a conference in Overland Park on March 28th. Maloney also presented information on repairing or replacing solid waste containers. The bids received for 2 new containers were: MWM, Inc., \$13,408.00; Roy Conley & Company, Inc., \$14,373.52; and Downing Sales & Service, \$14,865.00. The bid from JRK Portable Welding for repairing 2 containers was \$9,528.76. Maloney recommends buying two new containers. The Commission agreed that we should buy 2 new containers, but Mike Page wants to ask MWM about their price increase before making a decision. Mike Page also wants to keep the old containers for use as cardboard containers. Jason Sabine moved to accept the bid from MWM, Inc. for 2 new containers for \$13,408.00. Herb Pemberton seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jason Sabine moved to approve Solid Waste Hauling Permits for Arnold Ayers, Hester Transportation (Sandstone Farms Trust), Al Doan, David Cummings, and L&K Services, Inc. Herb Pemberton seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Dennis Arnold announced that we have received the grant for constructing a new airport runway for up to \$1,000,000.00 with a 90% grant.

Arnold recommends appointing a City/County Airport Commission to manage the project. The City of Pleasanton was the applicant and the grant will go to the City, but the airport will become County property after it is completed. Arnold also submitted a grant application for repairing the Courthouse.

The Commission discussed the pest control bids. Tom Coryell stated that he agreed to take half of the pest control for \$1,500.00, not \$15.00 per building per spraying. After discussion, Mr. Coryell stated that he is withdrawing his bid. Mr. Coryell then stated that he would accept \$25.00 per building for the 14 buildings he had originally agreed to spray. Herb Pemberton moved to award the bid for 14 buildings to Coryell for \$25.00 each and leave the other buildings with Purinton at \$15.00 each. The motion died for lack of a second. Mike Page moved to pay Coryell \$25.00 per building for the work he has already done and accept the bid from Purinton Pest Control for all the buildings for the year at \$15.00 per building per spraying. Jason Sabine seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-1. Herb Pemberton voted no.

At 10:50 AM Jason Sabine moved to take a 15 minute break. Herb Pemberton seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 11:07 AM Jason Sabine moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss legal issues (attorney/client privilege) with the County Counselor and members of the Extension Council. Herb Pemberton seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Counselor, Judy Houtman, Bob Weickert, and John Sawyer attended the executive session.

At 11:27 AM the executive session ended.

At 11:28 AM Jason Sabine moved to extend the above executive session for 10 minutes. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission and Counselor attended this portion of the executive session.

At 11:38 AM the executive session ended. No action taken.

Larry Robinson presented a listing of the costs of street signs. The current cost for materials per intersection is \$147.89. Robinson stated that the cost including labor would be \$200.00 to \$250.00.

Robinson also informed the Commission that the check we received last week is the final check from FEMA for last year's flood damage. FEMA only pays 85% of actual cost. Herb Pemberton asked Robinson about a letter from KDOT about blacktopping or chip & sealing intersections. Robinson was unaware of the letter. KDOT wants to know if we want blacktop or chip & seal. Robinson will check with Hugh Bogle. Herb Pemberton also asked about an agreement with KCPL on 2200 Road, Power Plant Dam. Robinson does have a copy of the proposed agreement now. Mike Page also informed Robinson about some signs that have been knocked down. Mike Page also stated that he has had a request from Wes's Recycling about "Trucks Entering" signs. Robinson stated that there is adequate site distance and no signs are needed. Robinson provided information about duties that require an engineer.

At 11:55 AM the Chairman asked for public comment. Ed Samyn asked about the wages for a County Engineer. We advertised a starting salary of \$60,000.00 to \$70,000.00, commensurate with experience. Jean Vaughn asked about the building that we would not need to spray for pest control after this year. The building that would not need to be sprayed for pest control after this year would be the old fire station in La Cygne. Fred Kautt asked about feedback from AMR about address markers. The Commission hasn't heard anything yet.

Mike Page moved to approve the following pays/special pays: General, \$168,844.67; Employee Benefit, \$50,846.53; Appraiser, \$10,085.04; Rural Fire, \$13,525.51; Road and Bridge, \$37,971.93; Health Dept., \$4,319.49; Crime Victim Assist., \$904.71; Elderly, \$3,358.19; and Zoning LEPP, \$216.67. Herb Pemberton seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk stated that he talked to Pat Katzer and Darren Lawrenz with Olathe Medical Service about costs for clinic. They do not have the new estimates yet. The Clerk will check with Katzer and Lawrenz again this week.

The Clerk informed the Commission that we did not receive the grant for the fire station in Prescott.

The Clerk reminded the Commission that next week is County Government Day.

The Clerk updated the Commission on the County Engineer advertisement.

Mike Page stated that the small mold problem at the jail has been taken care of, the insulation has been removed.

Mike Page also stated that we do have an Extension Agent in the County, Joy Purkeypile. Mike Page will have a letter from Extension Office for needed repairs on their building next week.

Gary Thompson presented an application from an individual for an Agricultural Anhydrous Ammonia Permit. Mike Page moved to approve signing the application. Herb Pemberton seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page also stated that he and the janitor reviewed the roofs at Centerville & Parker Senior Centers. We will probably need to do some work on the roofs.

With nothing further on the agenda Mike Page moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, March 10, 2008. Herb Pemberton seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commission Chair

Attest:

County Clerk