

May 19, 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.

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

Jason Sabine moved to approve the following add/abate/refund orders: 2007-236. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve the Sheriff's Monthly Fee Report for April 2008. Herb Pemberton seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Joe Maloney presented bids for scrap metal. The only bid received was from Wes's Recycling in the amount of \$3,851.00. Jason Sabine moved to accept the bid of \$3,851.00 from Wes's Recycling. Herb Pemberton seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Maloney also announced that the new Solid Waste containers came in this morning.

Doug Barlet informed the Commission that the Prescott station is having an open house on May 24th. Next Sunday is the program at the Youth Front Camp. There should be 5,000 to 6,000 people attending. Barlet also stated that the Fire Board recommends hiring James Folsom as a Firefighter for Station 960. Jason Sabine moved to accept the recommendation of the Fire Board to hire Folsom. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Herb Pemberton recommended hiring someone to finish the electrical work in Station 950. The Commission agreed to hire someone to finish the work.

The Clerk read a letter from the Kansas Emergency Management Association announcing that Doug Barlet has completed his certification as a Certified Emergency Manager. The Clerk then presented Doug Barlet with his Certified Emergency Manager Certificate.

At 9:40 AM Jason Sabine left the Commission meeting.

Mike Page moved to approve the following pays/special pays: General, \$91,939.04; Employee Benefit, \$43,152.17; Appraiser, \$9,904.98; Rural Fire, \$9,228.04; Road and Bridge, \$55,487.75; Health Dept., \$4,945.20; Crime Victim Assist., \$904.71; Elderly, \$2,045.52; and Zoning LEPP, \$216.67. Herb Pemberton seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

The Clerk announced that he received 5 applications for the part-time evening custodian position. The Commission agreed to start the position at \$9.34 per hour.

At 9:48 AM Herb Pemberton asked for public comment. Jean Vaughn asked when Jerry Bedgood got hurt. (He was injured in December.) Vaughn also stated that the lights were on in the Courthouse at 10:00 PM one night last week. Vaughn also stated that prices are going up on everything and suggested putting a freeze on all raises for County employees. Bernita Robbins asked about motor graders getting their doors taken off. Herb Pemberton stated that we did have a dump truck that was hit and damaged but he was not aware of any problems with motor graders.

The Clerk and Commission discussed the health plan renewal and the computer system upgrades. The Clerk and Deputy Clerk John Copple will present the details when Commissioner Sabine returns.

At 9:58 AM Herb Pemberton moved to take a 15 minute break. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 10:31 AM Jason Sabine returned to the Commission meeting.

The Commission, Clerk, and Deputy Clerk discussed the computer upgrades. We had budgeted \$20,000.00 for Windows Server, \$5,000.00 for Capital Outlay, and \$10,000.00 for RVI training. The estimates we have from Infinitec for the projects are as follows: Windows Server, \$10,232.74; RVI and Capital Outlay, \$13,000.00. Herb Pemberton moved to approve the Windows Server and RVI projects as presented. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commission, Clerk, and Deputy Clerk then discussed the health insurance renewal. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas submitted a renewal quote with a 7.04% increase. The previous two renewals were approximately a 2% decrease and a 2% increase, so the total rate increase has averaged less than 2 ½% for the last three years. The Clerk stated that our number of full time employees is down this year, so we should be able to fund the insurance with little or no increase in budget. The Clerk recommended renewing with Blue Cross with no changes in the plan. Herb Pemberton moved to renew the health plan with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas with no changes. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk informed the Commission that AMR invited them to a picnic tomorrow at 11:30 AM in Pleasanton. All three Commissioners stated that they will try to attend.

Larry Robinson informed the Commission that Cook, Flatt, & Strobel will charge \$1,200.00 to study the feasibility of using the temporary bridge as a permanent bridge on Vail Road. Herb Pemberton moved to approve paying \$1,200.00 for the engineering study. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Herb Pemberton stated that Doug Barlet is the only Certified Emergency Manager that the County has ever had. Herb Pemberton moved to allow Doug Barlet to take his emergency vehicle to all functions so he can be available for emergencies. Jason Sabine seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 11:15 AM Jason Sabine moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss legal issues (attorney/client privilege) with the County Counselor. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Counselor, and Dennis Arnold attended the executive session.

At 11:30 AM the executive session ended.

At 11:30 AM Jason Sabine moved to extend the above listed executive session for 20 minutes. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The Commission and Counselor attended this portion of the executive session.

At 11:50 AM the executive session ended. No action taken.

The Clerk informed the Commission that Doug Barlet gave them the wrong name of the new Fire Dept. employee. It should be John Harrington instead of James Folsom. Jason Sabine moved to rescind the motion to hire James Folsom as a Firefighter and to hire John Harrington as a Firefighter for Station 960. Herb Pemberton seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 11:52 AM Jason Sabine moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss personnel issues related to non-elected personnel. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission and Larry Robinson attended the executive session.

At 12:22 PM the executive session ended. No action taken.

With nothing further on the agenda Jason Sabine moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Tuesday, May 27, 2008. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Attest:

Commission Chair

County Clerk