

June 16, 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.

Dan Morris presented a permit to bury water line requested by James Johnson located at 17185 E. 2300 Lane. Herb Pemberton moved to approve the permit to bury water line as requested. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Morris also presented a permit to bury phone cable requested by Embarq located at 10438 W. 2300 Road. Herb Pemberton moved to approve the permit to bury phone cable as requested. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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

Harry Wisdom presented a permit to bury water line requested by Anderson Co. RWD located at 3294 W. 1600 Road. Mike Page moved to approve the permit to bury water line as requested. Herb Pemberton seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Wisdom also asked to hire another part time employee for mowing. The Commission asked Wisdom to try another week and then evaluate the need for another employee.

Joe Maloney informed the Commission that the State inspected the burn site and we are approved for another year. The State is also going to provide containers to dispose of mercury this summer.

Doug Barlet informed the Commission that he has tried to contact Rick Zingre about a new estimate for the proposed Prescott Fire Station but has not received a return call yet. Also Barlet needs dirt and rock for the Centerville station. Barlet met with FEMA last week and will meet with them again this week to assess storm damage. Barlet needs to attend a Kansas Emergency Manager meeting in Lawrence tomorrow. Barlet also stated that we should be able to move in to the new station at La Cygne in about 2 weeks. Barlet also met with the Power Plant last week and participated in an evacuation exercise. KCPL may be willing to provide some Haz-Mat Technician level training if the County is interested in pursuing the training. The Commission is interested in pursuing the training.

John Black gave his budget report for Dist. #2. Black also has 2 people looking at what would be needed to fix the dozer.

The Clerk informed the Commission that the traffic control plan that was discussed last week for the Power Plant Dam project will not work because of the length of the road. Robinson was working this weekend to set up a pilot car.

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

The Clerk told the Commission that he and Marilyn Augur discussed using the evening cleaning person to clean at Bunker Hill. The Commission stated that they did not have a problem with using our cleaning person for those duties. Mike Page also stated that Roger Carbon talked to him about cleaning at the 4-H Building. The Clerk reminded the Commission of the Special Meeting at Pleasanton Thursday at 6:00 PM. Mike Page will also get someone lined up to work on the Extension Office. Mike Page also stated that he looked at the water problem at the Courthouse last week. Page discussed ideas to help the water problem with Jerry Bedgood. Page also discussed issues with the bell towers on the Courthouse. We need to have some roof repairs done soon.

Herb Pemberton moved to approve the following pays/special pays: General, \$127,557.82; Employee Benefit, \$57,666.15; Appraiser, \$10,307.01; Rural Fire, \$2,230.77; Road and Bridge, \$37,019.29; Law Enforcement Trust, \$243.88; Health Dept., \$5,018.68; Special Alcohol, \$3,000.00; Crime Victim Assist., \$904.71; Elderly, \$1,946.23; and Zoning LEPP, \$216.67. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Alan Hauser presented the SEK Mental Health 2009 Budget request. They are requesting \$90,600.00 for 2009. Mike Page moved to tentatively approve the SEK Mental Health 2009 Budget in the amount of \$90,600.00 (\$2,610.00 increase). Herb Pemberton seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Doug Barlet informed the Commission that he has a meeting set up with Rick Zingre Wednesday afternoon.

At 10:02 AM the Chairman asked for public comment. Jean Vaughn stated that her daughter's County doesn't mow their roadsides. Vaughn stated that we might be able to save some money by not mowing our roadsides.

At 10:07 AM Jason Sabine moved to take a 15 minute break. Herb Pemberton seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jack Harris presented information on an Emergency Warning System. The system Harris discussed would attempt to notify every household in the County in case of emergency. The system is called Code Red. It is currently being used in Miami & Anderson Counties. The system can be used for weather warnings, missing children, etc. It would cost approximately \$7,500.00 per year for a County of 7,000 people. Linn County's cost could be higher because of our population of almost 10,000. Doug Barlet is also gathering information on this type of program. Harris suggested that the Commission should check the Simple Surf and Code Red websites for more information.

With nothing further on the agenda Herb Pemberton moved to adjourn until 6:00 PM Thursday, June 19, 2008. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Attest:

Commission Chair

County Clerk