

December 23, 2014

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on December 23, 2014 in the Lincoln County Courthouse. This meeting is a day early due to the Christmas holiday. Present are Commissioner Tony Berget, Commissioner Mike Cole, Commissioner Greg Larson, Executive Assistant Bill Bischoff and Clerk and Recorder Tammy Lauer.

9:13 AM: The **meeting was** opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

9:15 AM: **Justice of the Peace service Plan for Eureka:** Jay Sheffield, Justice of the Peace, has presented a written plan for the modifications to the Eureka Annex Courtroom. He made a trip to Eureka and viewed the office and courtroom and spoke with Karmen McKinney at the front desk about her concerns. At the end of that visit, Jay felt that the initial thought of putting the video conferencing in the Justice Center did not seem like a viable plan. Now Jay and the Sheriff feel that it would be better to have the video conferencing in the existing courtroom. Commissioner Cole still feels that there will be a problem by not having a staff member in Eureka dealing with the court issues. Commissioner Larson said that if the motive was to save money that would not be effective. Jay said that because they are creating a new system he is sure there will be adjustments. Commissioner Larson moved to approve the new plan, Commissioner Berget seconded. The motion passed with Commissioner Larson and Commissioner Berget for and Commissioner Cole abstained.

9:30 AM: **Mariners Haven Subdivision, Bond release:** There is a bond on this subdivision of \$600,000 for water and sewer that the developers are hoping to have released. Mark Liechti from APEC is here today with proof that the DEQ requirements have been met. The only one that is of question is #3 which needs to be resolved. The \$200,000 can be released as long as within 30 days Lincoln County receives an approval from DEQ showing that the original easement to Gateway Street has been moved to the Ural Street or a statement from APEC that an approval is going to be obtained. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the release of the sewer bond of \$200,000 and it carried. The roads and storm water bond of \$200,000 will remain as bonded because the work has not been done. The Phone portion of the Bond is approved and ok to release. The 730 feet of power that is not completed will still cost about \$21,000 (\$16k to pull power & \$5k for install) to finish so they will give the developer \$99,000 and keep \$21,000 in bond. Therefore, \$299,000 of the \$600,000 that was originally bonded will be returned to the developer. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the proposed plan shown by Lisa and it carried.

10:00 AM: **Veteran's Burial:** The law changed in 2011 to allow counties to pay up to \$500 to veteran's burials and up to \$100 for headstones. Currently Lincoln County pays \$250 for the burial and \$70 for the headstone. In June of 2011 the commissioners discussed raising the benefit from \$250 to \$300 and from \$70 to \$75. They had intended to discuss it more during the budget process but unfortunately that did not happen. Today Steve Schnackenburg, Larry Stroklund and Wes Huffman are here to request that the benefit be raised by \$100 to \$350. Commissioner Larson felt that was low and moved to approve an increase of \$150 to \$400 for burial costs and it carried. Also, the benefit for headstones will now be \$75. This will be effective immediately.

10:20 AM: The commissioners read **the minutes of the December 23, 2014 meeting**. Commissioner Cole moved to approve the minutes as written and it carried.

10:25 AM: The commissioners signed an **Easement for Janice K Williams in Eureka**. The garage of her property encroaches on a very small piece of county property and she needed that corrected to qualify for a mortgage.

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Anthony Berget, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Tammy D. Lauer, Clerk of the Board