

**AGENDA/Minutes**  
**LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**January 19, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.**

The Lincoln County Commission, Regular Session on January 19, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in room 108 of the Lincoln County Courthouse

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to Order by: **Charles Vance, President**

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT**

Direl Baker, County Clerk	<u>  X  </u>
Charles Vance, President	<u>  X  </u>
Phoebe Harless, Commissioner	<u>  X  </u>
KK Matthews, Commissioner	<u>  X  </u>

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion By: **Maria Harless**      Second By: **KK Matthews**

To approve the minutes of the regular session of the Lincoln County Commission Meeting that was held on January 5, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

Vote: Harless **Yes**      Vance **Yes**      Matthews **Yes**

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Doug Davis** water on Kentuck on 4-Mile – wants to know if he can get city water to run up Kentuck Hollow. President Vance said this would be considered a self-help project. Mary will contact Pleasant View to have them get the costs for such a project.

**Truman Chafin** – Wants to help Lincoln County file a suit against the companies that have distributed so many pain pills to our county. His firm would work with Morgan & Morgan, a Florida law firm, to file this suit.

**Alan Ashworth** – Had a few questions he wanted answered. 1.) Who is on the Civil Service Commission? 2.) Do you know what the code says about the Civil Service Commission? 3.) Is it customary to consult the PA regarding a hire? 4.) Is it customary to buy uniforms for people before they were hired? **Scott Pauley** asked a few questions regarding the civil service. **Kim Quintrell** spoke about an alarm call she had 1 year ago that 911 said it would be 2 hours before a deputy could respond. She also spoke about a pack of feral dogs running wild in the Sumerco area. She thought the Sheriff's Department desperately needed a humane officer. The Commission answered as many questions as they could. However, they directed the legal questions to Jim Gabehart, Prosecuting Attorney. Mary is going to call the animal shelter and get the costs of sending animals to the shelter again. Also, President Vance suggested the Commission write a letter to the DNR asking what we could do to help them with catching the feral dogs.

**Peni Adams** – Wanted to introduce herself. She is the Consumer Representative & Compliance Specialist with the Attorney General's Office.

**Jerry Swanson and J.L. Frye** - gave an update on some things the Day Report Center has been doing.

#### **IV. DISCUSSION OF CONCERN/POSSIBLE ACTION**

Region 2 Budget Amendment and Drawdown Request

Motion By: **KK Matthews**

Second By: **Maria Harless**

To approve the Grant Amendment #1 as submitted for the Lower Mud River Water Project and give Charles Vance, President authorization to sign the documents

Vote: Harless **Yes** Vance **Yes** Matthews **Yes**

Motion By: **Maria Harless**

Second By: **KK Matthews**

To approve the Small Cities Block Grant Draw Down Request #2 in the amount of \$101,449.40 as submitted for the Lower Mud River Water Project and give Charles Vance, President authorization to sign the documents

Vote: Harless **Yes** Vance **Yes** Matthews **Yes**

Budget Update – Guy Browning, Assessor gave an update of the expected deficit the County will be sustaining due to lower coal taxes. He anticipates the county will drop from a Class 5 to a Class 6 due to a 30 million dollar decrease in oil and gas. With the preliminary numbers, the Assessor's Office has, the county will feel at the least a \$240,000.00 decrease for taxes due this next fiscal year. President Vance had Mary to give an update. We are currently down \$264,091.80 in taxes from the previous year. We are \$544,545.75 behind to the jail. We have been paying a \$20,000.00 payment to the jail since November of 2015, however the last time we have made a payment was August 2016. We received Coal Severance tax for the first quarter in the amount of \$15,828.00 Last January we received \$66,665.00 The Commission is trying to operate the Government as financially stringent as they can. There will be cuts in the new fiscal year but we can't wait until the new fiscal year. The Commission is asking all Elected Officials to enact a hiring freeze. Darel Baker, County Clerk; Guy Browning, Assessor; and Charles Brumfield have already been asked and they are not filling any position from employees that resign or retire. The Commission also has asked each elected official to not use overtime if not completely necessary.

Motion By: **KK Matthews**

Second By: **Maria Harless**

To approve a hire freeze for county employees.

Vote: Harless **Yes** Vance **Yes** Matthews **Yes**

Gary Linville, Sheriff - letter of request for overtime

Motion By: **KK Matthews**

Second By: **Maria Harless**

To approve to pay the 12 hours of overtime that Deputy Anthony Adkins has already incurred.

Vote: Harless **Yes** Vance **Yes** Matthews **Yes**

Gary Linville, Sheriff - request to hire

Motion By: **KK Matthews**

Second By: **Maria Harless**

To approve not to consent to the hire request as submitted by the Sheriff

Vote: Harless **Yes** Vance **Yes** Matthews **Yes**

McCorkle Community Center update – They are wanting to make sure the Community Center stays open. Mary is to find out if there is a company that can perform the duties that Kemron does as a lower cost. Mary is also going to find out if the old system can work again.

## **V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/POSSIBLE ACTION**

Open Bids for the annex electrical. We only received 1 bid. President Vance opened the bid. It was from BNB for a total of \$9763.00. with half up front and the other half at completion.

Motion By: **KK Matthews** Second By: **Maria Harless**

To approve the bid from BNB in the amount of \$9763.00 for the electrical work at the annex. Half payment at the start of the job and the other half at completion.

Vote: Harless **Yes** Vance **Yes** Matthews **Yes**

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

Motion By: **KK Matthews** Second By: **Maria Harless**

To approve the bills as submitted for payment

Vote: Harless **Yes** Vance **Yes** Matthews **Yes**

Motion By: **KK Matthews** Second By: **Maria Harless**

To approve the Appointments, Wills and Settlements as submitted by Dired Baker, County Clerk

Vote: Harless **Yes** Vance **Yes** Matthews **Yes**

Motion By: **KK Matthews** Second By: **Maria Harless**

To approve the Wills done in vacation of the Lincoln County Commission as submitted by Dired Baker, Clerk

Vote: Harless **Yes** Vance **Yes** Matthews **Yes**

Motion By: **KK Matthews** Second By: **Maria Harless**

To approve to set the Board of Equalization Dates as follows: 1/30/17, 2/2/17, 2/7/17, 2/10/17, 2/13/17, 2/15/17 and Mineral Day 2/28/17

Vote: Harless **Yes** Vance **Yes** Matthews **Yes**

Motion By: **KK Matthews** Second By: **Maria Harless**

To approve the State Budget Revision as submitted by Mary Napier

Vote: Harless **Yes** Vance **Yes** Matthews **Yes**

Motion By: **KK Matthews** Second By: **Maria Harless**

To accept the resignation of Dallas Clay from the Parks & Rec Board

Vote: Harless **Yes** Vance **Yes** Matthews **Yes**

Motion By: **KK Matthews** Second By: **Maria Harless**

To re-appoint Steve Messinger to the Pleasant View PSD

Vote: Harless **Yes** Vance **Yes** Matthews **Yes**

Motion By: **KK Matthews** Second By: **Maria Harless**

To approve the Audit Engagement Letter presented by Balestra, Harr & Scherer, CPA and give authorization to Charles Vance, President to sign the document

Vote: Harless **Yes** Vance **Yes** Matthews **Yes**

## **VII. OPEN DISCUSSION**

Phoebe Harless- None.

**KK Matthews**- None

**David Webb** wanted to say Mary Napier does a great job watching the budget. President Vance said yes she does a great job.

### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion By: **KK Matthews**

Second By: **Maria Harless**

To adjourn this session of the Lincoln County Commission at the time of 8:23p.m. until

**February 2, 2017 immediately following the 5:15 hearing.**

Vote: Harless **Yes**      Vance **Yes**      Matthews **Yes**