

**Meeting Minutes of  
Lincoln County Administrative & Legislative Committee  
Monday, April 8, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.  
Lincoln County Service Center Room 248**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Robert Lussow, Robert Lee, Frank Saal, Greta Rusch, Patricia Woller, and Dan Caylor

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Graham Rankin

**VISITORS:** Randy Scholz, Chris Marlowe, Don Schlising, Rick Wolf, Nancy Bergstrom, Harry Tubin, Bill Zeitz, and Hans Breitenmoser

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Chair Robert Lussow called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings:** Motion by Rusch, second by Woller to approve the minutes. All ayes.
3. **Departmental Reports**
  - a. **Information Technology Activity and Financial Reports:** Don reported about an update on software. The report was placed on file.
  - b. **Corporation Counsel Activity and Financial Reports:** Nancy informed the committee on her activities. There was a question about the Sheriff's Office-abbreviation in her report. Nancy indicated it was a review of a contract and a records request from the Merrill Fire Department that she believes has been worked out. She also indicated she has looked more into the Expo authority by laws and without a clear direction if there is going to be an expo center or not she is finding it very difficult to move forward on a recommendation from the County. The report was placed on file.
  - c. **Veteran Service Activity and Financial Reports:** Rick reported his department budget is good. There was a Veteran's Organization meeting on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. They would like to see Government Appreciation Day back. Rick indicated there is not enough interest and was inquiring if they could reach out to the cities to see if they could get involved. He was part of the Vineyard Church medical outreach at the elementary school in Tomahawk on April 6<sup>th</sup>. He was there to see if there were any veteran needs. On April 11<sup>th</sup>, there will be a PTSD seminar put on by the Justice Outreach Coordinator from Iron Mountain VA hospital on the second floor of the Service Center. The report was placed on file.
  - d. **Administrative Coordinator Activity and Financial Reports:** Randy talked about some of the meetings he has been attending. A committee member asked about the meetings with Mike Nelson. Randy indicated that he has been following through with mentoring Mike for supervision like he talked about with the Social Services Committee and will report back to the Social Services committee on the progress. The report was placed on file.
4. **County Board YTD Budget Report:** Chris Marlowe said there were no issues. The report was placed on file.
5. **2014 Information Technology Preliminary Budget:** Don reported a 0% increase. Challenges in the future will be that \$210,000.00 of his current budget is for maintenance and that continues to go up 5-10% each year. This is not an issue for 2014 but will become an issue after 2014. There were no questions. Motion by Lussow, second by Rusch to approve the preliminary budget. All ayes.
6. **2014 Corporation Counsel Preliminary Budget:** Nancy had a .8% reduction in her budget. This was due to a re-organization of a position in her department because of a retirement and that position now being at a 60% position. There were no questions. Motion by Caylor, second by Woller to approve the preliminary budget. Motion by Lee, second by Woller. All ayes.

7. **2014 Veteran Service Preliminary Budget:** Rick indicated a 4% increase because of wage and fringes. The only way to get to 0% is to cut hours and reduce his time in Tomahawk. There were no questions. Motion by Rusch, second by Woller to approve the preliminary budget. All ayes.
8. **2014 Administration Preliminary Budget:** Randy came in at a 0% increase because a position with the IT department that was a 50/50 position is now a 40/60 position with Corporation Counsel. There were no questions. Motion by Woller, second by Rusch to approve the preliminary budget. All ayes.
9. **2014 County Board Preliminary Budget:** Chris talked about some changes in the Library at North Central Health Care. There were no questions. Motion by Woller, second by Rusch to approve the preliminary budget. All ayes.
10. **North Central Community Services Program Amended and Restated Bylaws:** Nancy updated the committee on the changes. There are no subtenant changes, they are just making sure the bylaws go along with the current contract and statutory requirements. Motion by Lee, second by Caylor to approve. All ayes.
11. **Reduction of County Board:** Hans Breitenmoser asked to be recognized and gave his reasons for wanting this to be on the agenda. He felt it was a good opportunity since it is a vacant position and we are not removing any of the current board members. He felt it would be a good idea to show the employees of Lincoln County that the County Board is also trying to save as much money as they can. Some issues against it are to move representatives around, adding the amount of people out of that district into other districts. It would add approximately 66 people per district throughout the entire county. It would affect every person in the county. Citizen Harry Tubin indicated he felt it was a good idea to reduce the amount of County Board members. He indicated counties are all over the map with how many members they have. He did indicate that only 25% of the votes cast in the last County Board supervisor election are needed to get a referendum on the ballot to have the citizens of the county decide. The committee directed Randy Scholz to bring back information comparing our county with other counties.
12. **Restructuring County Committees:** No action taken.
13. **Set Next Meeting:** The committee set the next meeting for May 6 and June 3 at 9:00 a.m.
14. **Adjourn:** Motion by Woller, second by Rusch to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:18 a.m. All ayes.