

**Meeting Minutes of
Lincoln County Administrative & Legislative Committee
Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.
Lincoln County Service Center Room 248**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Lussow, Robert Lee, Patricia Woller, Dan Caylor and James Alber

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Greta Rusch – Excused, Hans Breitenmoser, Jr. - Excused

VISITORS: Randy Scholz, Debbie Moellendorf, Art Lersch, Travis Spoehr, Rick Klemme and Tom Schmitz

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Chair Lussow calls the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings:** Motion by Caylor, second by Woller to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. All ayes.
3. **Answering questions the Committee has about salaries and funding for UW-Extension Dean Rick Klemme and Tom Schmitz, North Central Regional Director:** Rick Klemme, UW Dean, addressed the committee and went over the questions and concerns that the committee has and the issues UW Extension is facing statewide. The committee talked about future budgets and the need for UW Extension to come in at a zero percent increase. Rick indicated he would take concerns back to leaders at both the UW and the UW Extension. The committee thanked him for coming to speak and they voiced their support of the UW Extension programs and employees but are under budget concerns as is the state. They need the state to step up for funding if they want to continue the programs.
4. **Teleconference with Adam Holroyd from SonicNet about options for county wide broadband internet:** Adam indicated what his company does and what he has done for other counties with seven years of experience, they provide high speed internet broadband through local towers. It is considered a fixed wireless system. The range of the towers varies between three to seven miles depending on the terrain with speeds of 7MB upload and download at 2MB. As technology continues to evolve, it can get faster and stronger in time. The committee asked Adam questions on the logistics of how the system works. Adam indicated that a typical 150 foot tower costs about \$12,500.00. He works with numerous, cities, towns, and counties in a variety of ways to see if he can add to their towers. In some instances, he has receives grants from the state. His current agreement with a municipality is \$1 per month per provider to be returned as revenue back to the municipality. Motion by Lussow, second by Albert to have Administrative Coordinator Scholz work with SonicNet to complete an analysis on the broadband feasibility for Lincoln County.
5. **Set Next Meeting:** February 3 at **2:30 pm in the County Board Room.** This is a joint meeting with Marathon County. **Please note the change of time and location.** We will return to the Service Center Room 248 for our March 3 meeting at 8:00 a.m.
6. **Adjourn:** Motion by Albert, Second by Lee to adjourn at 9:33 a.m. All ayes.