

**LINCOLN COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF MAY 17, 2006 7:30 a.m.**

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.

Roll Call of Members Present: All members in attendance.

Visitors Welcomed: Visitors in attendance were Nancy Bergstrom, Chief Deputy Mike Soucy, Coroner Dave Haskins, Diane Hanson and Willie Kimmons. All were welcomed.

Discussion on Elected Coroner vs. Medical Examiner: Mr. Lee said he favors the elected coroner. Mr. Mittelsteadt said most of those counties who have Medical Examiners are larger counties. He said he would not feel comfortable about contracting out with another county without knowing the cost involved.

Mr. Haskins said that an elected coroner has the power to set his own policy without county board involvement, and elected coroner does not necessarily need to have a law enforcement or medical background. If an elected coroner does not have any of these qualifications, an accurate cause of death may not be found, which ultimately may find the county involved in liability issues.

Mr. Plant asked Ms. Bergstrom if the county did decide to go with a hired Medical Examiner by the county, if the county could back out if things didn't work out. Ms. Bergstrom said yes, the county could terminate that position.

Mr. Haskins said he has enough confidence in our county administrator to hire someone who is well qualified. Ms. Bergstrom said Mr. Mulder feels that he could hire someone for less than \$45,000 per year.

Mr. Haskins also said that out of the counties who have switched to Medical Examiners, that none have switched back to elected coroners.

(It is to be noted that Mr. Caylor excused himself from participating and/or voting on this issue).

Mr. Plant said that he really did not have sufficient time from being a member of this committee, nor information to really vote on this issue. Mr. Krueger said he felt the same as Mr. Plant, that he really didn't have sufficient information either.

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Motion by Mittelsteadt, Second by Lee to withdraw this resolution. Unanimous.
Carried.

Award Bid for Construction of Pole Building: Chief Soucy distributed a spread sheet to the committee containing brief information from each vendor. After reviewing the information, committee decided to go with the Decker Lumber bid.

Motion by Krueger, Second by Mittelsteadt to accept Decker Lumber (meeting all specifications) at the bid of \$26,500. Unanimous. Carried.

Adjournment: Motion by Caylor, Second by Krueger to adjourn. Unanimous.
Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 a.m.