

Insurance and Legislative Meeting  
Logan County Safety Complex  
May 8, 2013

Present: Jan Schumacher; Andy Anderson; Kevin Bateman; Dave Hepler; Bill Martin; Chuck Ruben

Absent:

Guests: Pamela Meagher; Nancy Schaub; Nina Huddlestun; Derek Hurley; Jean Anderson; Mike Anderson

Mrs. Schumacher called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Ruben, to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2013 meeting as printed. Motion passed.

#### Old Business

- 1) County physician: Mr. Anderson indicated the City of Lincoln currently utilizes an occupational physician for firefighters and police officers. He will do additional research to find out the details of their process for consideration.
- 2) Identifying individuals for appointments: Discussion on this item was deferred.
- 3) Public Information Officer: **A motion was made by Mr. Hepler, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to appoint the County Clerk as the Public Information Officer for any FOIA requests. Motion passed.**
- 4) Public information regarding raffle requests: Mrs. Schumacher plans to draft a news release reminding the public to obtain County Board approval for any raffles or benefits.

#### New Business

- 1) Local Government Health Plan: Information was passed along to the committee members regarding health insurance coverage offered by the state of Illinois. The committee agreed not to take any action at this time.
- 2) LO 12-13 47 – Prevailing Wage resolution: **A motion was made by Mr. Hepler, seconded by Mr. Ruben, to approve this resolution. Motion passed.**

Insurance Administrator Report: Mrs. Meagher reported that final rates were received for the recent health insurance enrollment. Since the census changed considerably, there were changes in the rates. Overall, the total cost of insurance to the County increased \$15,000 annually. The final rate for employee only coverage went down slightly. However, the final rate for employees enrolled with dependents rose significantly because so many healthy dependents dropped off the plan. Two employees who have family coverage saw an increase in monthly premium from \$1,782 to \$2,037. The committee considered whether to apply the savings from the employee only coverage to the increase for dependent coverage. Because the previous motion was that the County would pay \$475 toward the cost of health insurance, the employees would receive the savings on employee coverage and the employees with dependent coverage will be asked to pay the additional increase for that coverage. The Treasurer's Office will be forced to make changes to employee deductions for the remainder of the year. The committee agreed not to collect retroactively and just make adjustments from this point forward. Ms. Schaub indicated the impacted individuals could apply for individual coverage through any agent; however, coverage could be declined if they have any existing health conditions. Mrs. Meagher was asked to communicate this information to impacted employees. Nothing further to report.

#### Legislative:

- 1) Executive Session minutes: No action at this time.
- 2) Agreements for Regional Office of Education: Mrs. Anderson addressed the Board regarding the public act which mandated consolidation of nine education service regions. Logan County is one

of those nine. If action is not taken by Logan County prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>, the state will direct the consolidation. Consolidation will be effective July 1, 2015. After consultation with many individuals over the last nine months, the recommendation is being made to consolidate Logan County with McLean-Livingston-DeWitt ROE #17. That service region utilizes an intergovernmental agreement to address funding and other aspects of the relationship which has been vetted by the State's Attorney in McLean County. This consolidation will impact the availability of local GED testing, but the Superintendent in McLean County has indicated there is a possibility of using space for GED testing elsewhere in Lincoln. McLean County also offers an alternative school program that would be available to Logan County students.

- a. LO 12-13 45 – Joint Resolution to Incorporate Logan County into the DeWitt-Livingston-Logan-McLean Service Region: **A motion was made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Hepler, to approve this resolution. Motion passed.**
- b. LO 12-13 46 – Intergovernmental Agreement to Fund the DeWitt, Livingston, Logan and McLean Counties Educational Service Region: **A motion was made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve this resolution. Motion passed.**

Appointments:

- 1) LO 12-13 48 – Larry Howen – Logan County Cemetery District: Mr. Ruben indicated he has received complaints about the maintenance, or lack thereof, at some Logan County cemeteries. He asked that Mr. Howen be invited to the Board of Whole meeting to address these concerns. **A motion was made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Bateman, to approve LO 12-13 48. Motion passed.**

Recognitions:

- 1) None

Raffles:

- 1) LO 12-13 43 – Lincoln/Logan American Legion Post #263
- 2) LO 12-13 24 – Abraham Lincoln Healthcare Foundation

A motion was made by Mr. Ruben, seconded by Mr. Bateman, to approve the raffles as presented. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Bateman, seconded by Mr. Ruben, to approve the bills as presented for payment. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Bateman, seconded by Mr. Martin, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting ended at 8:25 pm.