

**July 7, 2014**

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a **special session** on July 7, 2014, in the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present are Commissioner Tony Berget, Commissioner Ron Downey, Commissioner Mike Cole, Executive Assistant Bill Bischoff and Clerk and Recorder Tammy Lauer. Also present today are County Sanitarian Kathi Hooper, EMA Director Vic White and EMA Assistant Director Lisa Oedewaldt. The County Health Nurse Micki Carvey is on the conference telephone.

This purpose of this meeting is to discuss the MCH grant funds and the PHEP grant and the policy for communicable diseases.

Maria Clemons and Nicki Willy are here from the Northwest Community Health Center. Maria is concerned about the MCH funds that she once shared with the county and the fact that the county is no longer sharing those funds. She stated that she did not get a notice to inform her that she would not be receiving some of the grant funds. Micki Carvey stated that DPHHS representative Denise Higgins had met with her and told her that there was no requirement for the county to share those funds and since Micki was having a hard time doing the duties of the grant on the amount she was receiving she decided to write the grant without the Family Planning involved. Maria acknowledged that the county was not required to give CHC any of the funds however she would have thought that she would have been told. The commissioners apologized for the miscommunication and agreed to keep the conversation open.

The PHEP grant is for emergency planning in case of an outbreak of any disease. This grant has nothing to do with communicable diseases. The funds are strictly to form a plan and monitor disease outbreaks for our county. Lisa is taking care of the work on this grant and is willing to continue doing that.

Lisa also handles the communicable diseases as part of her EMA job, however, she is not a health care professional and has a hard time getting the information she needs to do the job. She feels that the job could be much less cumbersome for someone in the health care industry. The representatives from the CHC said they would look into it, but they have some reservations about the CHC doing it. Lisa said she believes that it would be a half time position for someone. She estimated that most of the work is in the South of the county with a much smaller percentage of the cases in North Lincoln County.

The group agreed that the City/County Health Board needs to be involved in this conversation. It was decided that there would be a Health Board meeting on July 30, 2014 at 3:30 in the afternoon with Dr. Brad Black, the county Health Officer, present and also members of the hospital and clinics in the area.

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Anthony Berget, Chairman

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Tammy D Lauer, Clerk of the Board