

LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S MINUTES

JULY 16, 2015

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met on July 16, 2015, in the Commissioner's office at the Lincoln County Courthouse. Present were Commissioner Greg Larson, Commissioner Mark Peck, Administrative Assistant Bill Bischoff and Clerk and Recorder Robin Benson. Commissioner Mike Cole present from Eureka via Vision Net.

9:30 AM **Department Supervisor Meeting:** Present were Jay Sheffield, Marc McCully, David Kyriss, Daniel Williams, Susan Farmer, Lisa Oedewaldt, Brent Faulkner, Bernie Cassidy, Nick Raines, Kathi Hooper, Vic White, Tom Magone, Ric Kesling, Rick Ball, and Nancy Trotter Higgins.

The commission officially announced Bill Bischoff's retirement at end of July, 2015 expressing the loss of 31 years of serving the county, especially service directly related to the commission and as H. R. Director. Commissioner Peck expressed that losing an employee with that many years of service will have a huge effect on any organization. Commissioner Peck said this meeting is to inform everyone about decisions and the direction the county is headed as follows:

Current EMA Director Vic White is moving into the H.R. Director position. Discussions with Vic White have taken place and his qualifications make this move an easy fit. Vic gave a brief overview of his prior H.R. experience and shared his enthusiasm to assume this position as H.R. Director for the county.

Kirk Kraft is moving into the EMA Director position. Commissioner Peck said that in other counties, EMA falls under the Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff's Department and Kirk Kraft have worked alongside EMA and are involved in all county emergencies which make this a smooth and logical transition.

County Planner Lisa Oedewaldt will continue to share her time working in both Planning and EMA. Lisa will also help with county grant administration.

Commissioner Peck expressed that Bill Bischoff has served county commissioners for approximately 20+ years as Executive Assistant to the Board of Commissioners, but the commission is not going to rush to fill that vacancy; first, we are going to spend some time assessing the needs in that area. Commissioner Larson said the commission will be researching how other counties conduct business and stressed open communication and welcomes input from any department supervisor and elected officials. Commissioner Peck will be acting County Administrator until the end of 2015, at which time the commission will revisit and reassess this issue.

10:30 AM **Meeting adjourned.**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mike Cole, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Robin A. Benson, Clerk of the Board