

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

November 13, 2023

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room Monday, November 13, 2023. Chairman Dennis Ray called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Debora Smith and Member Ryley Hembry present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Justin Dempsey, Dale Hlad, Brett Wilkinson, Elizabeth Sheldon, Sidney Ammon, and Darren Ammon.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: a letter from the Department of the Air Force; an invitation from Kirkham Michael to attend a free meal at the KAC conference; a letter from the City of Lincoln requesting a recommendation for an appointee to the Lincoln Recreation Commission; bills for Lincoln Park Manor; WEB fund recommendations; and an email from Nursing Home Administrator Diane Walters.
- Correspondence Action: Debora Smith moved to continue to have Ryley serve as the county's representative to the Recreation Commission, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Debora Smith moved to approve the Web Fund disbursements to Madison township in the amount of \$1,455.80, Sylvan Senior Center in the amount of \$6,600.00, and LEPC in the amount of \$450.00, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. The board reviewed the bids received to replace the heater/air conditioner in the chapel of Lincoln Park Manor. Dennis Ray moved to award Hayden the bid for the \$7,562.31 for replacing of the chapel, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried
- Courthouse Radiator: Clerk Harlow provided the bids received from Glassman Corporation to purchase and install a used radiator in the Human Resource Office. Debora Smith moved to purchase a used radiator and tray for \$3,275, from Glassman Corporation, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.
- Executive Session: Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes for the purpose of discussing cyber security pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(12)(C) to discuss matters relating to security measures, if the discussion of such matters at an open meeting would jeopardize such security measures, that protect: a public body or agency, public building or facility or the information system of a public body or agency, to reconvene in the courthouse commission meeting room with the commission, County Clerk Dawn Harlow, and Nex-tech Representative Justin Dempsey, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried. Time in: 8:58 a.m. Time out: 9:13 a.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:13 a.m. with no action taken.
- Highway Department: Director of Highway Department Dale Hlad provided an update on department projects. Hlad discussed the suggestion to transfer a backhoe to the landfill and purchase a different backhoe for the department. Brett Wilkenson, Kirkham Michael reported that the start date to complete the pavement marking has been set for April 2024. Wilkenson detailed the status of bridge replacement project OS 107, which will be let in October 2025. Commissioner Hembry inquired about an incident in which a bridge was damaged. Hlad invited the board to Tarry Dougherty's retirement dinner on November 21.

Health Department: Health Nurse/Administrator Elizabeth Sheldon requested that the board approve bonuses for three health department employees. Funding for the bonuses is available in grant funds received by the department and was discussed but not approved in June. Dennis Ray moved to approve the bonuses for Sherry Pickering, Sheri Suelter, and Judy Coats through the grant funding from the State of Kansas, in the amount of \$1,000 per person, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Voting as follows: Ray – Aye, Hembry – Aye, Smith – Nay. Sheldon requested approval to take a CNA instructor class, allowing her to teach a CNA class for USD 298. The board approved the request. Sheldon related that she needs to be appointed to the Children’s Health Care Endowment board, and the flyer needs to be updated.

Minutes Approved: Dennis Ray moved to approve the November 6th minutes as presented, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.

Recess: The chairman recessed the regular meeting at 9:58 a.m. Chairman Dennis Ray called the Lincoln County Board of Canvassers meeting to order at 10:01 a.m., pursuant to the provisions set forth in K.S.A. 25-3101 – 3110 to enumerate the results of the November 7, 2023, City/School General Election.

Election Results: The November 7, 2023, City/School General Election’s preliminary abstracts of election results and records prepared by the duly appointed election boards were provided to the Board of Canvassers by Election Officer Dawn Harlow.

The Board of Canvassers inspected and checked for accuracy the records presented. Clerical errors were corrected.

Provisional Ballots: Three provisional ballots were received, with three being approved and counted. Provisional ballot totals were added to the abstracts of votes cast.

Recess Canvass: Chairman Ray recessed the canvass at 11:40 a.m. until November 20 at 9:30 a.m., where the board will break a tie vote pursuant to K.S.A. 25-3108(b) and certify the final abstract. Chairman Ray reconvened the regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners to order at 11:40 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Debora Smith and Member Riley Hembry present.

Reconvene Regular Meeting:

Journal Entries: Clerk Harlow provided, as requested, a breakdown by department of the \$1 per hour pay raise granted in early 2023, with hours paid February – October and estimated November – December for the board to review. Clerk Harlow provided the sources of funding discussed in January. The board approved the transfers from the General Fund.

ARPA Funds Request: Commissioner Ray related that the City of Barnard contacted him with a request for an additional \$17,700 in ARPA funds to complete their lift station project. No decision was made on this date.

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m. The next meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. Monday, November 20, 2023, in the courthouse commission meeting room.

Clerk’s Note: Beginning January 1, 2024, the Lincoln County Clerk will not be responsible for live streaming and video recording the commission meetings. Comments, suggestions, or volunteers should go directly to the Board by contacting your commissioner or attending a commission meeting.