

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

December 19, 2022

Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room Monday, December 19, 2022. Chairman Dennis Ray called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Darrell Oetting and Member Randy Lohmann present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.

Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Norman Mannel, Debora Smith, Sarah Hageman, Diane Walters, and Scott Wright.

Correspondence: Correspondence: company names that completed the Mitchell County window and HVAC replacement projects; tax abatements; bill for Lincoln Park Manor; a letter from Richard White declining the Franklin Township Clerk position; the Kansas Prosecutor magazine; a letter notifying that the hearing process for the Flood Plain Map will begin; and an email from David Gerstmann expressing interest in continuing to serve on Lincoln County Hospital Board of Trustees.

Correspondence Action: Randy Lohmann moved to approve the tax roll corrections for 2022-12 and 2022-13 in the amount of \$32.68, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Randy Lohmann moved to appoint Roger Witte as the Franklin Township Clerk, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.

Invoices Reviewed: The board reviewed the accounts payable invoices received.

Lincoln Ave Tax Foreclosure Property: Commissioner Ray related that he has reached out to contractors about tearing down the Lincoln Ave property obtained through the tax foreclosure sale. In addition, Commissioner Ray shared his ideas for creating a space that the community could utilize once the building is removed.

Human Resources: Human Resource Officer Sarah Hageman provided a letter for the board to sign to be included in county employees' Christmas gifts. Hageman inquired if the board had any changes to the employee handbook, forwarded the one recommendation received and reminded the board of items discussed throughout the year. Hageman requested an executive session to discuss employee negotiations. Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing negotiations for the clerk position, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the courthouse commission meeting room with the commission, Commissioner-elect Smith, County Clerk Dawn Harlow, and HR Sarah Hageman, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Time in: 9:44 a.m. Time out: 9:54 a.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:54 a.m. with no action taken.

Executive Session: Hageman requested an executive session to discuss a previous EEOC complaint. Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for five minutes for the purpose of discussing the EEOC complaint, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the courthouse commission meeting room with the commission, Commissioner-elect Smith, and HR Sarah Hageman, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Time in: 9:57 a.m. Time out: 10:02 a.m.

- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:02 a.m. Dennis Ray moved to approve the settlement agreement previously discussed between Lincoln County and KCAMP, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Nursing Home: Nursing Home Administrator Diane Walters provided an update on nursing home maintenance issues and a follow-up on the repairs needed after the State Fire Marshall's inspection. Walters related that the three PTAC units that stopped working need new heating valves. Walters was told that replacing the units would be less expensive due to their age and lack of available parts.
- Executive Session: Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for forty-five minutes for the purpose of discussing an interview for the landfill supervisor position with candidate #2, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the courthouse commission meeting room, with the commission, Commissioner-elect Smith, HR Director Sarah Hageman, and candidate #2, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Time in: 10:20 a.m. Time out: 11:05 a.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:05 a.m. with no action taken.
- Executive Session: Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for forty-five minutes for the purpose of discussing the landfill supervisor interview with candidate #3, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the courthouse commission meeting room with the commission, commissioner-elect Smith, HR Sarah Hageman, and candidate #3, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Time in: 11:10 a.m. Time out: 11:55 a.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:55 a.m. with no action taken.
- County Attorney: County Attorney Scott Wright provided a draft copy of a letter to Lincoln Park Manor for the board to review. Darrell Oetting moved to approve the draft and allow the County Attorney to send a Notice of Amendment to Lease to Lincoln Park Manor, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. The board discussed the property on Lincoln Ave obtained at the last tax foreclosure sale.
- Minutes Approved: Randy Lohmann moved to approve the minutes of December 12, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.
- Executive Session: Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes for the purpose of evaluating the landfill directors applicants, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the courthouse commission meeting room, with the commission, Commissioner-elect Smith, and HR Sarah Hageman, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Time in: 12:08 p.m. Time out: 12:23 p.m.
- Reconvened: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 12:23 p.m. The board approved to make an offer of employment for the Landfill/Transfer Station Operator to candidate #2.
- Solid Waste: Darrell Oetting moved to send a letter to the Bank of Tescott to show the ending of RanDan's contract to pick up trash (and release the performance security deposit), seconded by Randy

Lohmann. Motion carried. The board reviewed the draft letter to businesses that will be added to the business solid waste disposal billing process. Clerk Harlow discussed how solid waste is currently being billed for apartment complexes. The board authorized billing the Post Rock Apartments the solid waste disposal fee per occupied apartment beginning January 1, 2023.

Vesper Shop:

Commissioner Oetting discussed the Vesper shop and the need for continued access to the lot that has been used for years but is owned by Alice Block. Dennis Ray moved to allow Darrell Oetting to enter into negotiations to purchase the lot to the North of the Vesper shop, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:47 p.m. The next meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 27, 2022, in the courthouse commission meeting room.