

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

July 3, 2023

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room Monday, July 3, 2023. Chairman Dennis Ray called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Darrell Oetting and Member Debora Smith present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Dale Hlad, Kelly Gourley, Tim Meier, and Felicia Strahm.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: The Fair Board's 2024 budget request; a deed and sales validation questionnaire for the vacant lot at 618 N 5th St; the Floodplain Letter of Final Determination; a propane contract from Central Valley Ag; an abatement; and an engagement letter with Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris Chartered to assist with the 2024 Lincoln County budget.
- Tax Abatement: Debora Smith moved to approve tax abatement 2022-15 in the amount of \$72.00, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.
- Minutes Approved: Debora Smith moved to approve the minutes of June 26 and June 30, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried.
- Law Enforcement Center: The board discussed the bids from firms interested in conducting a feasibility study for a new law enforcement center. Dennis Ray moved to award the feasibility study to JJS Inc in the amount of \$9,980, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. Voting as follows: Ray – Aye; Oetting – Aye; Smith – Nay.
- Highway Department: Director of Highway Department Dale Hlad provided an update on projects completed to date. Hlad reported the county's application for funding to replace OS 65 was denied and that Jonathan Clemens resigned from his position. Hlad discussed a request for gravel.
- Economic Development: Economic Development Director Kelly Gourley presented economic development's 2024 budget request for 2024.
- Human Resources: Human Resource Officer Felicia Strahm provided the department payroll totals identified by the board as an alternative to a four percent salary increase.
- Executive Session: Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing the rover 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, HR Felicia Strahm, and County Clerk Dawn Harlow, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried. Time in: 10:04 a.m. Time out: 10:14 a.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:14 a.m. with no action taken.
- 2024 Budget Assistance: Debora Smith moved to sign the engagement letter with Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris Chartered for the 2024 budget process, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.
- Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m. The next meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. Monday, July 10, 2023, in the courthouse commission meeting room.