

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

October 21, 2019

- Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Monday, October 21, 2019. Chairman Alexis Pflugh called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Randy Lohmann present and Member James Gabelmann absent. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Sharon Dohe, Cynthia Nelson, Mona Gerstmann, Howard Wehrman, Leann Bishop, Al Joe Wallace, David Gerstmann and Brendan Mackay.
- Minutes Approved: Randy Lohmann moved to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2019 regular meeting as corrected, October 15, 2019 special meeting, October 16, 2019 special meeting, and October 17, 2019 special meeting as corrected, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: letter from Commissioner Gabelmann suggesting that the board appoint him to work with departments to develop a 5-year plan, an update on a conversation that he had with John Grace regarding the nursing home, and notes from the hospital board meeting; Commissioner Lohmann provided the bid from DHPace to repair the fire doors at the nursing home. Alexis Pflugh moved to approve the bid from DHPace in the amount of \$6,398 to replace the original bid for the same project by the same company, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Juvenile Detention: Al Joe Wallace updated the board on the North Central Regional Juvenile Detention Center monthly board meeting and provided background information on the facility. Wallace volunteered to attend the monthly meetings on a short term basis until another board member can be named. The board approved Al Joe Wallace to continue through the end of the year.
- Inquiry: David Gerstmann inquired about the status of the county obtaining a bid from Thomson Reuters that was discussed at the May 28 meeting. Alexis Pflugh moved to have the appraiser request a tax search web module from Komtek to see if it can be linked to our website along with the fee to do so, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Gerstman related that he had requested an open records request for a copy of the Statement of Substantial Interest form for the Lincoln County Hospital's CFO Tawnya Seitz and suggested that the board read the Public Building Commission's bond book for the 2016 PBC bonds.
- Recreation Commission: Commissioner Lohmann related that Jim Metz would be interested in continuing his position on the Recreation Commission. Randy Lohmann moved to appoint Jim Metz to the Recreation Board, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried.
- Highway Department: Director of Highway Department Brendan Mackay presented property damage letters with corrections made for the board's approval. Randy Lohmann moved to approve the letters that will be sent to different landowners to not disc roads or violate road right-of-way laws, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried. Lohmann related that Steve Schneider had contacted him regarding N 50th Rd and N 45th Rd in Cedron Township. Mackay related that they plan to go back to those roads, once they complete another project and that he has not heard anything from Schneider's attorney regarding the bill to replace the culvert that was removed from the road. Mackay discussed the following topics: gravel sales to private parties; gravel agreement

with Hi-Plains Sand is being reviewed by the County Attorney; moving the road on N 150<sup>th</sup> Rd; 2018 taxes paid by property owners within Wilson Lake Estates; and selling used tires on the internet. Mackay requested an executive session to discuss interviews. Clerk Harlow provided a copy of the Lincoln County Commissioner handbook regarding special meetings questioning action that was taken at October 17 special meeting. Randy Lohmann moved to rescind motion made at the special meeting offering Lance Wolting an increase in pay, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried. Alexis Pflugh moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing highway department applications filing open position and job consolidations, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1), to discuss personnel matters on non-elected personnel to reconvene in the commission meeting room with commission, Director of Highway Department Mackay, and acting HR Dawn Harlow County Clerk, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Time in: 11:58 a.m. Time out: 12:08 p.m.

- Reconvene:** The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 12:08 p.m. with no action taken.
- Wilson Lake Estates:** Alexis Pflugh related that she has received a bid from Kenny Branda, Kenny's Construction in the amount of \$86,082.00 to repair the road slide at Wilson Lake Estates.
- Salary Increase:** Randy Lohmann moved to raise Lance Wolting's hourly wage to \$18.00 per hour consolidating two mechanics into one and also because no one has applied, effective October 26, 2019, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried.
- Wilson Communications** Dan Finnegan and Lester Engelbrecht, Wilson Communications presented costs to provide managed IT (information technology) services for the county as well as options for the county to lease all computer equipment. The board requested that Managed IT services be placed on the agenda for Monday, October 28.
- Email Correspondence:** Email Correspondence: Ambulance Service Director Derek Walter requesting a pay raise for Tommy Knapp who has completed his AEMT certification. Alexis Pflugh moved to increase wages for Tommy Knapp as he has completed AEMT certification at \$.50 per hour, effective October 26, 2019, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.; Health Nurse/Administrator Ladonna Reinert requested approval to contract with Schwerdtfager Masonry to remove windows and air conditioner and block in the spaces at the Health Department storage building in the amount of \$1,800. The board approved the project. Lincoln County Appraiser Rhonda Wright, will forward the board's email to the Lincoln County Treasurer, regarding the motion earlier this date to place valuation and tax roll information on the County's website.
- Hospital:** The board asked that the following items be placed on a future agenda: Review PBC bond agreement and documentation. Alexis Pflugh moved to have the hospital provide to the county commission copies of all contracts with providers and service contracts with companies providing for the hospital and a complete list of billing write-offs for the last 2 years, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Executive Session:** Alexis Pflugh moved to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes for the purpose of discussing the HR Officer position, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(2) for consultation with an attorney for the public body or agency which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, with the commission, Clerk Harlow and Attorney Wendell Cowan, Foulston Siefkin, representative through Attorney Assist, to reconvene in the commission meeting room,

seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Time in: 1:04 p.m. Time out 1:19 p.m. Commissioner Gabelmann arrived to the meeting and entered the executive session at 1:06 p.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting at 1:19 p.m. with no action taken. Jim Gabelmann moved to disqualify all five applicants for the Human Resources job as not meeting our standards, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Voting as follows: Lohmann – Aye; Gabelmann – Aye; Pflugh – Nay.

Evening Meeting: Sharon Dohe inquired about when the board would hold another evening meeting. The board scheduled an evening for December 30.

Recess/Reconvene: The chairman recessed the meeting at 1:39 p.m. to attend the meet and greet for the new administrator of the nursing home. Commissioner Gabelmann departed the meeting at 1:39 p.m. The chairman reconvened the meeting at Lincoln Park Manor.

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Monday, October 28, 2019 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.