

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

August 5, 2024

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room on Monday, August 5, 2024. 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: Norman Mannel, Tyler Garst, Leann Johnson, Mary Ann Stertz, Michelle Brenwald, Chris McElgunn, Kelly Gourley, Scott Wright, Dan Heina, Dale Hlad, and Felicia Strahm.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: bills for Lincoln Park Manor; a letter from the Lincoln County Hospital notifying that there will be a meeting with the Sunflower Network; corrected minutes; and WEB fund recommendations.
- Correspondence Action: Debora Smith moved to approve the recommended disbursements submitted from the WEB fund: Lincoln County Ambulance Service, \$2,300; Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, \$24,095.34; Lincoln Art Center, \$10,000; Lincoln County District Court, \$3,278; Lincoln County Emergency Management/Health Department, \$12,000; and City of Beverly, \$2,000, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Debora Smith moved to approve the corrected minutes of the July 15, 2024 meeting, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Updates: Commissioner Hembry related that he asked EMS Director Cochran about the status of the Medicare renewal and was told that they were waiting on a surprise inspection from Medicare. Commissioner Smith related that Eric Johnson did not complete code footprint plans and that he is in the process of retiring. The board discussed requesting Nursing Home Administrator Diane Walter to find a firm that can create the plans needed. Smith also contacted the attorney with Gilmore & Bell, who had completed the PBC bonding documents, concerning the bond covenant requirements and options for the county if the hospital does not make sufficient payments to make the bond payment, he will research the bond documents and provide her with comments.
- Information: Norman Mannel suggested that board members read the code of conduct in the Commissioners Handbook from the Kansas Association of Counties. Mannel also suggested that the members have a copy of the U.S. Constitution and provided a document for the board to read.
- Information: Tyler Garst, Community Building Solutions, provided information on the services his company provides.
- Transportation Bus: Transportation Bus Director Roberta Turner reported that the Dodge van has been repaired, and provided two estimates received to repair vehicle damage from an accident. Turner related that she attended a community meeting concerning the bike program and that the county will need to provide insurance in future years.
- Tax Sales: Michelle Brenwald & Chris McElgunn, Klenda Austerman, detailed how the firm can assist the county with tax foreclosure sales, including the process and fees for services.

- Noxious Weed: The board notified Noxious Weed Director Dan Heina that the board is creating a Public Works Department and that Dale Hlad will be in charge of the Noxious Weed Department and the Landfill/Transfer Station moving forward. Heina provided a map of areas that have been sprayed and reported that the new spray truck is completed and ready to be picked up.
- Highway Department: Director of Highway Department Dale Hlad provided an update on department activities. The Landfill permit due July 1 has been submitted. Commissioner Smith related that she would like to see the board travel county roads as a group again.
- Ambulance: County Clerk Dawn Harlow discussed ambulance billing.
- Human Resources: Human Resource Officer Felicia Strahm provided a draft copy of the Director of Public Works job description and changes to the Grade and Step scale as requested. Debora Smith moved to approve the job description for the position of Director of Public Works, to include it being added to grade and step plan at a grade level 36, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Dennis Ray moved to appoint Dale Hlad as Lincoln County Public Works Director effective July 31 at grade 36, step 20 at \$35.95, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.
- Director of Public Works:
- Minutes Approved: Debora Smith moved to approve the July 29 and July 31 minutes, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.
- Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting to regular session at 11:37 a.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, August 12, 2024.