

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

May 28, 2019

- Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Tuesday, May 28, 2019. Chairman Alexis Pflugh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Member Randy Lohmann present and Vice-Chairman Al Joe Wallace absent. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Cynthia Nelson, Gary Browder, Jim Wiebke, John Gabelmann, Howard Wehrman, Carl Nielsen, Bill Reinert, Steve Schneider, Kelly Larson, Colleen Biggs, Mary Ann Stertz, Craig Stertz, Brandon Cochran, Shiloh Florence, John Gruber, Krista Cheney, Kent Rahmeier, Jennifer McClure, Krista Biggs, Joyce Wacker, Delbert Wacker, Cheryl Gier, Gaylene Zier, Steve Boor, Larry Dohe, Mona Gerstmann, David Gerstmann, Emmett Howg, Ronda Mishler and John Wiebke.
- Meeting Time Changed: The board approved moving the end of month meeting to 9:00 a.m. on May 31, 2019.
- Minutes approved: Randy Lohmann moved to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2019 and May 23, 2019 meetings, seconded Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried.
- Resolution 2019-12: Randy Lohman moved to approve Resolution 2019-12, which extends the local disaster declaration, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried. (Proclamation of a State of Local Disaster Emergency for Lincoln County, for a period of seven days)
- Correspondence: Correspondence: bills for Lincoln Park Manor; Fair Board 2020 budget request, requesting the same as last year; and the Transportation Bus budget.
- Correspondence Approved: Alexis Pflugh moved to approve correspondence to the Kansas State Historical Society accepting the grant award, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Update on Aging Activities: Cynthia Nelson provided information on the Silver Haired Legislature and North Central-Flint Hill Area Agency on Aging activities.
- County Wide Health Living Master Plan: Kelly Larson introduced members of the County Wide Healthy Living Master Plan Committee and presented the Lincoln County, Kansas Healthy Living Master Plan requesting that the board adopt the plan. Larson provided history on the committee and plan formulation beginning in 2015 through current. The committee answered questions regarding the plan and specific projects. Larson related the Lincoln Ave Bridge and McReynolds Mill Park as potential projects that would need assistance from the county. Alexis Pflugh moved to approve the Lincoln County, Kansas Healthy Living Master Plan, for the purpose of supporting citizen initiated community projects, to be funded by independent action on each project in attempt to complete this plan, with no commitment of future county action or funding, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- City of Sylvan Grove: City of Sylvan Grove Representatives Jennifer Huehl and Stephen Boor inquired about the status of purchasing one of the County's motor graders and funding options.

- Nursing Home: Commissioner Lohmann related that he is drafting correspondence to John Grace regarding the nursing home which will include the following topics: rent; accounts payable; Appendix A of the lease, including specific responsibilities regarding maintenance; CHOW paperwork with the buyout option; current lease; and assisted living status.
- Public Comments: The following comments from the public in attendance were received, which brought about lengthy discussions on each of the subject matters throughout the meeting: Jennifer Huehl – inquired about the board’s intention regarding a bridge on Hawk Rd; John Gabelmann – why has the county not sued the nursing home operator for the past rent; Larry Dohe – disagrees with how the windfarm money is saved, does not like how the money given to the schools is based upon the location of the wind towers, and does not believe that county employees are taxing citizens equitably; David Gerstmann – has the board looked at statutes regarding Home for the Aged mill levy limits, requested that county post tax history on the website so that citizens can search historical information without having to file an open records request, and appointing a citizens advisory board for the highway department; Brandon Cochran – reported that he had resigned Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. as Interim Ambulance Service Director, the board will need to appoint a new Interim Director by Wednesday, May 29, the following licenses will need addressed: Board of Pharmacy License, DEA License and CLIA License. **The board informed Cochran that the Board of Commissioners has been listed as Director on the ambulance license.** (Dawn Harlow disclaimer: comments were not necessarily made in the order listed, an attempt was made to record subject matters that were directed to the board; attendees participated in conversations regarding the stated subject matters, however I do not make a practice of recording conversations)
- Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:20 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. Friday, May 31, 2019 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.