

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

April 22, 2024

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room Monday, April 22, 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: Jesse Knight, Felicia Strahm, Lisa Feldkamp, Elizabeth Sheldon, Tami Kerth, Dustin Florence, and Denae Smith.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: a gravel agreement; the Hospital Board of Trustees monthly meeting packet; an invitation from Post Rock Extension District to attend a meeting on April 25; a letter from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment regarding proposed Kansas Water Pollution Control Permits; information from Energy Solutions Professionals; a request from Barnard Rural Fire Department to pay a bill prior to the end of the month.
- Correspondence Action: Ryley Hembry moved to approve the gravel removal/purchase agreement effective May 15, 2024 with RNC Soukup LLC, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried. The board approved the advanced payment of an invoice for the Barnard Rural Fire Department.
- Abandoned Cemeteries: The board approved placing an ad in the newspaper to receive bids for mowing and trimming the abandoned cemeteries over the next two years.
- Floodplain Management: Emergency Manager Jesse Knight discussed floodplain violations.
- County Clerk/
Courthouse Security: County Clerk Dawn Harlow provided the bids received to complete election room security requirements and courthouse security upgrades. Dennis Ray moved to approve to accept the proposal from Bankers Security for the election equipment and the panic buttons for the courthouse, in the amount of \$12,460.40, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Clerk Harlow provided the certification of the Presidential Preference Primary expenses to the State of Kansas. The board approved and signed the certification requesting reimbursement for the March 19 Presidential Preference Primary election expenses.
- Lawn Enforcement: Sheriff Dustin Florence reported that the department's generator was purchased and installed.
- Executive Session: Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing employee evaluations 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 and HR Felicia Strahm, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Time in: 9:18 a.m. Time out: 9:28 a.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:28 a.m. with no action taken.
- Complaint: Denae Smith issued a complaint about the companies that handle the county's short-term disability plan.

- Floodplain Management: Emergency Manager Jesse Knight provided the portions of the county floodplain resolution that discusses activities that trigger a need for a permit and actions taken when a violation is identified. Knight provided the recommendations received from Brett Wilkinson, Kirkham Michael. The board suggested that Knight and Wilkinson meet with the landowners to discuss their specific projects.
- Minutes Approved: Debora Smith moved to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2024 commission meeting, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.
- Board Appintment: Debora Smith moved to appoint Carol Good to the 12th Judicial District nominating committee, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.
- Property Tax Exemption Applications: Clerk Harlow presented property tax exemption applications for the following county-owned properties: a tract in the NE4 of 17-13-06 adjacent to the Westfall Highway Department Shop, and 132 W Lincoln Ave. Debora Smith moved to allow the chairman to sign the tax exemption applications, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.
- Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 30, 2024.