

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

February 25, 2019

- Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of courthouse Monday, February 25, 2019. Chairman Alexis Pflugh called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Al Joe Wallace and Member Randy Lohmann present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Sharon Dohe, Howard Wehrman, Robert Crangle, Steve Schneider, Robert Howe and Michel O’Hare.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: from CASA; a letter from Dickenson County inviting the board to the Highway Officials spring meeting; and bills for Lincoln Park Manor.
- Minutes Approved: Randy Lohmann moved to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2019 meeting as corrected, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried. Voting as follows: Pflugh – Aye; Lohmann – Aye; Wallace – Nay.
- Road Request: Steve Schneider with his Attorney Robert Crangle presented an agreement for the board to review to gravel portions of two roads in Cedron Township. Commissioners identified the following topics: future complaints if work is not completed to their perceived satisfaction; amount of materials applied should be identified; the County Counselor should review the agreement and consult with the board prior to approval; and the Highway Department should review the agreement.
- County Clerk: County Clerk Dawn Harlow provided the initial email received regarding the plans to repower Smoky Hills Wind Farm I & II. Harlow provided information regarding personal use of County owned vehicles, time traveling to and from work in County owned vehicles, and the rules regarding taxing employees for the personal use of county owned vehicles as a taxable fringe benefit. Clerk Harlow related that she does not believe that the Emergency Management vehicle qualifies as one of the exemptions identified in the documentation available from the Internal Revenue Service.
- Highway Department: The board discussed complaint and road request procedures by the highway department. Director of Public Works Michel O’Hare with Road and Bridge Supervisor Robert Howe related that the County was not selected for the High Risk Rural Roads grant applied for in 2018, however if funding would become available that the decision might be reversed. O’Hare updated the board on bridge projects OS 87 and OS 105. O’Hare provided information received from other counties regarding contracting the mowing of road right-of-way. O’Hare related that the warranty for the oldest 12m motor grader is expiring and provided the cost to extend the warranty for 24 months, 2,000 hours. Al Joe Wallace moved to extend the warranty on the 2013 motor grader, for 24 months, 2,000 hours in the amount of \$12,763.83, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. O’Hare provided the estimates previously provided to the board to gravel the portions of road requested by Steve Schneider. The board provided a copy of the agreement presented earlier this date by Steve Schneider for the department to review.
- County Clerk: Clerk Harlow addressed the following areas that appear to be inconsistent between departments: hours of operation; employees are comping time worked even though the

county's handbook states that we do not have comp time, except for previously approved instances or is deemed an emergency. Clerk Harlow discussed deadlines that have been set for receipt of invoices and timecards and the importance of these deadlines. The board requested that topics discussed be placed on the March 4 agenda for further discussion.

Nursing Home: Chairman Pflugh requested that the board approve allowing her to meet with the City of Lincoln to determine the status of the contract between the City of Lincoln and John Grace in regards to the green houses. Randy Lohmann moved to allow Alexis Pflugh to go as the commissioner representative to the Lincoln City Council meeting to address them about the contract that is currently on file with John Grace, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried. The board made changes to the prepared statement regarding the nursing home.

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:18 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Thursday, February 28, 2019 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.