

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

November 23, 2020

- Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Monday, November 23, 2020. Chairman Randy Lohmann called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman James Gabelmann and Member Alexis Pflugh present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Darrell Oetting, Dennis Ray, Kelly Gourley, Mike Rosebrook, Sarah Hageman, Ladonna Reinert (via telephone), and Dr. Thomas Marcellino (via telephone).
- Correspondence: Correspondence: letter from County Attorney O'Hare regarding no sale properties; agreement to perform audit services for year ending December 31, 2020; and the hospital board packet and audit.
- Correspondence Action: The board discussed no sale properties received from the tax sales and the letter from County Attorney O'Hare. The board inquired with Kelly Gourley regarding potential grants available to tear down the building at 132 W Lincoln Ave. James Gabelmann moved to approve the resolution of acceptance for Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris, Chartered for the year ending 31 December 2020, and the chairman sign the resolution, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Voting as follows: Lohmann – Aye; Gabelmann – Aye; Pflugh – Nay. The board gave Commissioner Pflugh permission to email John Grace.
- Neighborhood Revitalization: Mike Rosebrook requested that the board consider adopting a county-wide neighborhood revitalization plan and provided the City of Lincoln Center and City of Sylvan Grove Neighborhood Revitalization plans, statues that govern neighborhood revitalization, and a proposed plan.
- Human Resources: Human Resource Officer Sarah Hageman presented the Emergency Manager pay scale for the board to review. Hageman inquired if the board would like to give holiday gifts to county employees. James Gabelmann moved to approve \$25 chamber bucks for gifts to all employees employed on November 30, 2020, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Hageman inquired about Christmas Eve and whether departments can close and if holiday time will be granted. Alexis Pflugh moved to permit department heads to close their offices to the public at noon Christmas Eve, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Human Resource Officer Sarah Hageman updated the board on the status of the handbook review. Hageman requested an executive session. Alexis Pflugh moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing a request for extended illness leave time, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, to reconvene in commissioner room, with HR Officer Sarah Hageman and the Board of County Commissioners, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Time in: 11:41 a.m. Time out: 11:51 a.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:51 a.m. with no action taken.
- Minutes Approved: James Gabelmann moved to approve the 16 November minutes, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.

Exempt County from Executive Order 20-68: Commissioner Pflugh related that she had been contacted by constituents requesting that the commission stick to the same point of view regarding masks when making a decision regarding Governor Kelly's Executive Order 20-68. Alexis Pflugh moved to exempt Lincoln County from Executive Order 20-68, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Voting as follows: Lohmann – Aye; Pflugh – Aye; Gabelmann – Nay.

Health Department: Health Nurse/Administrator Ladonna Reinert with Medical Consultant Dr. Thomas Marcellino updated the board on current COVID-19 counts for the county. Reinert and Dr. Marcellino discussed mask mandates, the importance of wearing masks, and the impact on health care facilities with COVID-19. Reinert read a letter from Dr. Cheema regarding his concerns and the effect on the hospital. The board related that they had already exempted the county from Executive Order 20-68. Both Reinert and Marcellino encouraged the board to pass a mask policy. The board related that they are not going to pass a mask mandate and that Resolution 2020-18 is still in effect regarding the use of masks.

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:24 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Monday, November 30, 2020 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.