

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

July 24, 2023

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room Monday, July 24, 2023. Chairman Dennis Ray called the meeting to order with Member Debora Smith present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Chris Gerbitz, Roberta Turner, Carly Errebo, Felicia Strahm, Glenn Stegman, and Jon Wright.
- Condolences: Commissioner Ray extended the board's condolences to the family and friends of Commissioner Darrell Oetting.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: a brochure for pipeline safety; the Hospital Board of Trustees monthly meeting packet; and a Consulting Agreement for the law enforcement center feasibility study.
- Board Updates: Commissioner Ray noted that the WEB fund committee will meet Wednesday, July 26. Diehls Trucking Service is slated to begin demolishing the bar building upon receipt of parts to repair their equipment.
- Transportation Bus: Transportation Bus Director Roberta Turner provided an update on department activities. Commissioner Smith inquired about an incident that left two individuals stranded at an airport and questioned why the department was transporting them to and from an airport. Smith also discussed a need to review the transportation of children policy after receiving a letter from KCAMP regarding coverage limitations and policy recommendations. Commissioner Smith will research whether the county can place restrictions on transport locations.
- Lincoln Pride Committee: Lincoln Pride Committee members Chris Gerbitz and Carly Errebo inquired whether the pride community will be stewards of the pocket park planned after the bar building is removed. The committee related that they are willing to be responsible for the park and need the board's commitment to proceed with plans and the search for grant funding. Errebo related that the group that demolished properties is no longer active.
- Human Resources: Human Resource Officer Felicia Strahm requested approval to hire Caleb Bricker full-time on the highway department bridge crew. Debora Smith moved to hire Caleb Bricker at Grade 15 Step 1, \$14.60 per hour, for the bridge crew effective August 1, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. The board requested that HR Officer Felicia Strahm contact KCAMP regarding the letter sent concerning minors.
- Landfill/Transfer Station: Landfill/Transfer Station Jon Wright requested an executive session for personnel. Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing employees at the landfill, 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, Landfill/Transfer Station Operator Jon Wright, and HR Felicia Strahm, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried. Time in: 9:39 a.m. Time out: 9:49 a.m.

- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:49 a.m. Dennis Ray moved to accept the resignation of Jon Wright as Landfill Manager effective August 15, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried.
- Minutes Approved: Dennis Ray moved to approve the July 17 minutes with the correction, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried.
- Floodplain Management: Commissioner Ray requested that the amounts listed for the floodplain management line items in the 2024 budget be flipped, causing no change to the overall county budget. The board asked that Brett Wilkinson be scheduled on the agenda to discuss the possibilities of contracting with him to be the floodplain administrator.
- Agreement Tabled: The board tabled the Consulting Agreement submitted by JSS, LLC to inquire about payment due dates.
- Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:01 a.m. The next meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. Monday, July 31, 2023, in the courthouse commission meeting room.