

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

October 23, 2023

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room on Monday, October 23, 2023. 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: Tony Lamia, Brianne Beck, Felicia Strahm, Jennifer Machado, and Scott Wright.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: a bill for Lincoln Park Manor; a letter from Jay Core resigning from the Repeater Board; and bids to replace a washing machine and HVAC unit at the nursing home.
- Correspondence Action: Debora Smith moved to appoint Jarrod Heinze to replace Jay Core on the repeater board, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. The board discussed quotes received from Diane Walters, Lincoln Park Manor. The board requested an email be sent to Walters asking her to inquire with staff regarding their brand preference.
- Minutes Approved: Debora Smith moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.
- Solid Waste Collection: Tony Lamia, Slechta Enterprises, related that he does not plan for an increase for 2024 but would like to review if fuel prices would exceed \$5 per gallon. Lamia inquired if the board had any concerns or complaints per his contract. The board related that no complaints have been received. Slechta discussed recycling center operations. Clerk Harlow reminded the board of contract details with the cities, which require a notice of any price increases by November 1, and all increases are effective annually on January 1. Slechta will notify the board by the October 31 meeting if he would like the board to consider a price increase for 2024.
- ARPA Agreements: Brianne Beck, North Central Regional Planning Commission, presented the ARPA contracts for the board's approval. Dennis Ray moved to sign the ARPA contracts with the City of Barnard, the City of Beverly, USD 298, and USD 299, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Beck related that the State will announce the awards for the CDBG-CVR grant funds this week.
- Human Resources: Human Resource Officer Felicia Strahm inquired if the board would authorize Landfill/Transfer Station Operator Daniel Muchow to advertise and hire an additional part-time employee. The board denied the request.
- Executive Session: Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for five minutes for the purpose of discussing employee attendance, 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 Debora Smith. Motion carried. Time in: 9:38 a.m. Time out: 9:43 a.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:43 a.m. with no action taken.
- Commissioner Departs: Commissioner Smith departed the meeting in person; however, she attended the meeting via telephone.

Mural Request: Commissioner Ray read an email from Elizabeth Sheldon, Health Nurse/Administrator, requesting approval to paint a mural on the east side of the department's storage building. The board asked for a sketch of the proposed mural before approval.

General Discussion: The board reviewed accounts payable invoices. The group discussed pending activities, including the status of updating the Post Rock Wind Farm PILOT agreement, plans for use of the PILOT payments, the capital improvement fund, and an equipment reserve fund.

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Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:58 a.m. with no action taken.

County Attorney: County Attorney Scott Wright updated the board on the lease agreement negotiations with Lincoln Park Manor. Wright requested an executive session. Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing internet security, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(2) for consultation with an attorney for the public body or agency which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, to reconvene in the courthouse commission meeting room with the commission, County Attorney Scott Wright, and County Clerk Dawn Harlow, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Time in: 11:14 a.m. Time out: 11:24 a.m.

Executive Session:

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:24 a.m. with no action taken.

County Attorney: Wright related that the county is not responsible for the increased cost of the shingles at Lincoln Park Manor and that the issue is between the contractor and the supplier.

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:38 a.m. The next meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 31, 2023, in the courthouse commission meeting room.

Clerk's Note: Beginning January 1, 2024, the Lincoln County Clerk will not be responsible for live streaming and video recording the commission meetings. Comments, suggestions, or volunteers should go directly to the Board by contacting your commissioner or attending a commission meeting.