

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

October 24, 2022

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room Monday, October 24, 2022. Chairman Dennis Ray called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Darrell Oetting and Member Randy Lohmann present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Jesse Knight, Sarah Hageman, Tami Kerth, Kelly Gourley, Ladonna Reinert, Brandon Cochran, and Kerry Jackson.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: a brochure from Glassman Corporation; a letter from KONE Elevators indicating that there would be a 5% rate increase moving forward; Lincoln County Hospital Board of Trustees monthly meeting packet; and a propane contract with CVA.
- Announcements: Commissioner Ray made the following announcements: the Hospital Board of Trustees and the Council on Aging will meet this week, and the last quarterly meeting of the WEB fund committee will be this week.
- Correspondence Action: Darrell Oetting moved to accept the CVA contract for \$5,373.00, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried.
- Administration Agreements Approved: Clerk Harlow provided two agreements from North Central Regional Planning Commission to administer the ARPA and LATCF funds. Randy Lohmann moved to agree to the ARPA administration agreement and the LATCF administration agreement, with up to \$15,000 for the ARPA and up to \$5,000 for the LATCF, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.
- Executive Session: Clerk Harlow requested an executive session to discuss employee performance. Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for twenty minutes for the purpose of discussing employee performance, 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, County Clerk Dawn Harlow, Register of Deeds Tami Kerth, and HR Sarah Hageman, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Time in: 8:57 a.m. Time out: 9:17 a.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:17 a.m. with no action taken.
- Executive Session: Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes for the purpose of discussing employee performance, 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, County Clerk Dawn Harlow, Register of Deeds Tami Kerth, and HR Sarah Hageman, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Time in: 9:19 a.m. Time out: 9:34 a.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:34 a.m. with no action taken.
- Economic Development: Economic Development Director Kelly Gourley presented a Moderate Income House Program grant application for the board's approval. Randy Lohmann moved to approve the grant application for Tammy and Carolyn LaShell for twenty-five percent up to \$15,000 for this Moderate Income House Program grant, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Gourley discussed a property that will be demolished if it is not renovated. A couple has expressed interest and would meet the qualifications for the grant program, except that the property has

not been vacant for five years. Gourley inquired whether the board would consider that application if the couple would move forward with attempting to save this home. The board approved allowing the house to be included in the program. Commissioner Oetting reported that the MIH grant changes were discussed at the KAC conference. Gourley inquired about the board's interest in pursuing additional funding. Board members agreed they would support Gourley's efforts to obtain additional funding for this program.

- Health Department:** Health Nurse Administrator Ladonna Reinert provided an update on health department activities. Reinert related that the department had not received any complaints from residents on the department hours and recommended that the hours become a permanent change. Reinert noted that she would like the department to be open on Thursdays during the weeks that a holiday lands on a Friday and that staff had agreed to flex their work schedules to accommodate.
- Post Rock Wind Farm:** Ellsworth County Commission, via telephone, discussed the draft copy of the Post Rock Wind Farm PILOT agreement. In addition, the group discussed whether the contract should be signed and mailed with the invoice. An Ellsworth commissioner said that he had spoken with Mrs. Svaty regarding the lack of communication with Post Rock Wind Farms and that she had agreed to reach out to the company.
- Ambulance Service:** EMS Director Brandon Cochran presented a policy identifying the difference between part-time and PRN employees. In addition, Cochran reported on department activities. Cochran requested approval to send two employees to the KEMSA Core conference, noting that each will receive 21 hours of continuing education. The board approved the request.
- Executives Session:** Human Resource Officer Sarah Hageman requested an executive session to discuss an employee status change. Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for five minutes for the purpose of discussing employee status change, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss employee matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the courthouse commission meeting room, with the commission and HR Sarah Hageman, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Time in: 10:34 a.m. Time out: 10:39 a.m.
- Reconvene:** The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:39 a.m. with no action taken. The board wished Gary Frederking well on his retirement and extended a thank you for more than twenty-five years of service.
- Minutes Approved:** Darrell Oetting moved to accept the minutes of October 17, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Health Department November Holiday Schedule:** Dennis Ray moved to allow the health department to have a floating holiday for the Thursday before Veterans Day and the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.
- Landfill/Transfer Station:** Landfill/Transfer Station Operator Kerry Jackson reported on an accident he was involved in with the transfer station's semi and trailer.
- Adjourn:** The chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m. The next meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. Monday, October 31, 2022, in the courthouse commission meeting room.