

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

September 28, 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, September 28, 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 as recording secretary.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Darrell Oetting, Norman Mannel, Kelly Gourley, Baldwin Fisher, Ladonna Reinert, Rhonda Fernandez, and Noel Leach.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: Resolution 2020-25, policy on road improvements; email from KWORCC regarding the annual meeting; and an email from Brendan Mackay regarding vehicle for the Emergency Manager.
- Resolution 2020-25: James Gabelmann moved to approve Resolution 2020-25, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried. (approve a policy for road improvements to encourage economic development of rural areas and rescinding Resolution 2000-12)
- Minutes Approved: James Gabelmann moved to approve the minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> of September, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Discussion: Commissioner Gabelmann reported that he is scheduled to meet with the Lincoln City Council at 7:30 p.m. October 12. Commissioner Pflugh related that she had spoken to the owners of the new home at Wilson Lake Estates and they asked if the board could meet with them at the site. The board agreed, Pflugh will arrange a meeting time. The board discussed selling the nursing home and the response to the RFP provided by John Grace with GraceTeam LLC. The following statues were mentioned as part of the discussion: K.S.A. 19-211, K.S.A. 19-2106, and K.S.A. 19-2113.
- Economic Development Neighborhood Revitalization & Siren Project: Economic Development Director Kelly Gourley related that the City of Lincoln and City of Sylvan Grove's neighborhood revitalization programs are expiring and both cities plan to continue the program. Gourley inquired if the board was willing to continue participation. James Gabelmann moved to approve the extension of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program for the City of Lincoln and the City of Sylvan Grove, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Gourley provided updated cost estimates to remove the City of Lincoln from the CDBG grant project, due to the City not meeting the LMI criteria. The entire project has been revamped to purchase a siren that can be run on battery backup rather than a generator, reducing the cost of the overall projects. Gourley related that the county match to the CDBG grant would be reduced to \$36,000 and inquired if the board would consider utilizing the remaining funds as match towards grant applications. Alexis Pflugh moved to rescind the motion made on the 24<sup>th</sup> of August regarding county fund match for the CDBG match, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Alexis Pflugh moved to approve the authorization of county funds up to \$36,000 for the match of the application to CDBG grant and up to \$44,000 to cover LMI non-qualified locations for the siren projects; source of funding to be determined at a later date, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried.

Health Department/  
Emergency  
Management:  
Resolution 2020-26: Health Nurse/Administrator Ladonna Reinert provided a resolution adopting the Mitigation Plan for the board's approval. James Gabelmann moved to approve Resolution 2020-26 adopting the Kansas Homeland Security Region (F) Hazard Mitigation Plan, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Reinert reported that a letter would need to be sent if the board would like to change the representative to the Regional Homeland Security Council to be the emergency manager. The board requested that Emergency Manager Baldwin Fisher to prepare a letter and submit for the board's approval. Reinert related that some grants might require her to submit the county purchasing policy, such as when bids are required, when a purchase can be made locally even if it is a higher price, etc. Reinert provided a list of grants received to date for COVID-19 response and the purpose of the grant. Reinert related that she has received a bid in the amount of \$28,000 to review the county's HIPAA policies and security systems to ensure compliance and provide policies that will assist the county with compliance of the laws.

Recess/Reconvene: The chairman recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:00 noon until 12:45 p.m. The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 12:45 p.m.

Employee Benefits  
Review: Rhonda Fernandez and Noel Leach, Professional Insurance Consultants presented an employee benefits utilization review, renewal pricing for Delta Dental and Vision Care Direct, and presented information on New Directions Behavioral Health Employee Assistance Program. Fernandez related that county would need to send the Medicare notice to plan participants by October 15 and register the employee health plan online. James Gabelmann moved that we extend the following three programs for another year: Delta Dental, Vision Care Direct, and EBC Flex, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.

Executive Session: Alexis Pflugh moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing our contract with PIC, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(4) to discuss data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorships, to reconvene in the commission room, with the Board of County Commissioners and Rhonda Fernandez, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. Time in: 2:01 p.m. Time out.: 2:11 p.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 2:11 p.m. with no action taken.

Board Appointment: The board reviewed the letter provided by Emergency Manager Baldwin Fisher regarding the appointment to the Regional Homeland Security Council. James Gabelmann moved to approve the appointment, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried. (of Baldwin Fisher to the North Central Regional Homeland Security Council)

Hospital: Chairman Lohmann read an email from Interim Hospital Administrator Tawnya Seitz regarding the requirement for the hospital to complete a charge master review due to the debt service coverage ratio and inquiring if the board would allow a review of expenditures instead as the charge master review was completed last year. Clerk Harlow will contact Dustin Avey, Piper Jaffray & Co. to determine who could answer the questions posed by the hospital and ensure the county remains compliant with the revenue bond agreements.

Nursing Home: The board discussed selling the nursing home building, leasing the facility, and the statutes mentioned earlier in the meeting. After discussion, the board determined a need to mail John Grace, GraceTeam LLC a response including information from the Statutes. James Gabelmann

Adjourn:

moved to prepare such a letter for the chairman to sign and mail, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion failed. All commissioners voted Nay. James Gabelmann moved that we sell the Lincoln Park Manor nursing home building to the bidder Lincoln Park Manor, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion failed: Gabelmann – Aye; Lohmann – Nay; Pflugh – Nay. Randy Lohmann moved to approve the letter to Mr. Grace discussing the sale of Lincoln Park Manor, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried.

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:21 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 30, 2020 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.