

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

February 18, 2020

- Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Tuesday, February 18, 2020. Chairman Randy Lohmann called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. with Vice-Chairman John Gabelmann and Member Alexis Pflugh present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Mona Gerstmann, Rod Broberg, Leann Bishop, Brendan Mackay, Kerry Jackson, Mike Weigel, Dustin Florence and Jeremy Price.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: Commissioner Gabelmann forwarded the bid to replace the courthouse mower; received a notice from Lincoln Carnegie Library recommending the appointment of Kathy Moss to the Central Kansas Library System board; Commissioner Lohmann related that Johnathan Schale had reported that a door had not passed inspection by the State Fire Marshall; Commission Pflugh related that she had obtained a quote from ThyssenKrupp Elevator to purchase maintenance agreements for the courthouse and the nursing home; the board received an email from County Attorney O'Hare approving the Road Maintenance Agreement with the exception of the oversized loads; reviewed bills for Lincoln Park Manor; a letter from Gary Jones expressing interest in continuing to serve on the Barnard RFD governing board; letter from the Kansas Historical Society noting that Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review approved the nomination of the Lincoln City Downtown Historic District to the Register of Historic Places and recommended approval of listing for the National Register of Historic Places; an email from Clerk Harlow announcing the hire of a new Human Resource Officer; and an email from David Gerstmann expressing interest in serving on the Lincoln County Hospital Board of Trustees.
- Motions: Alexis Pflugh moved to transfer the current mower under the custodian to the highway department and approved the purchase from John Deere in Ellsworth of a Z355E mower in the amount of \$2,543.23, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. Alexis Pflugh moved to approve the gold service agreement with ThyssenKrupp elevator for three years with making an annual payment to receive the 3% discount for the courthouse, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. Randy Lohmann moved to approve tax abatement 2019-19 in the amount of \$62.66 for Stuart Keith Tromble, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried. Randy Lohmann moved to approve tax abatement 2019-18 in the amount of \$504.28 for the Lincoln County Hospital & Health Care Foundation lowering the value by 2,565, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Randy Lohmann moved to approve Cereal Malt Beverage License 2020-01 and 2020-02 to Knotheads at Wilson Lake LLC, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. (expires December 31, 2020)
- Hospital Board: Rodney Broberg answered questions from the board regarding his role on the Lincoln County Hospital Board of Trustees. **Mr. Broberg withdrew his application to the board.**
- County Treasurer: County Treasurer Leann Bishop notified the board that a Windpower Economic Benefit Fund Certificate of Deposit is expiring and provided options for reinvestment.
- Highway Department: Director of Highway Department Brendan Mackay discussed the following topics: request to purchase sieves; has received the drawing from Kirkham Michael to move N 150<sup>th</sup> Rd; presented inventory sheet and asked what should be inventoried; presented the modified gravel/removal

purchase agreement for the board's approval; City of Sylvan Grove has requested to purchase a culvert from the department; requested approval to purchase a new printer, the board approved; is working on a cost estimate for City of Beverly; inquired about the bond amount required for Enel's Utility Permit Application; requested approval to attend the Road Scholar Program for him and some of his employees, the board approved; and updated the board on quotes for oil and lubrication costs. Alexis Pflugh moved to approve the gravel and removal and purchase agreement for the highway department revised 11/25/19, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Commissioner Pflugh requested Mackay provide estimated costs for materials locally and transferring in to rebuild road surfaces.

**Executive Session:** Alexis Pflugh moved to recess into executive session for twenty-four minutes for the purpose of reviewing the Treasurer's department evaluations, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, with the board and County Treasurer, to reconvene in the commission meeting room, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. Time in: 11:41 a.m. Time out: 12:05 p.m.

**Reconvene:** The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 12:05 p.m. with no action taken.

**Recess:** The chairman recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:30 p.m.

**Reconvene:** The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 1:00 p.m.

**Landfill/Transfer Station:** Commissioner Pflugh discussed the highway department equipment and labor usage by the transfer station. Alexis Pflugh moved to recess into executive session for six minutes for the purpose of reviewing the employee evaluation of the landfill, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, to reconvene in the commission meeting room, with Mr. (Kerry) Jackson and the commission, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. Time in: 1:11 p.m. Time out: 1:17 p.m.

**Reconvene:** The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 1:17 p.m. with no action taken.

**Executive Session:** Alexis Pflugh moved to recess into executive session for six minutes for the purpose of reviewing the employee evaluation of the clerk's office, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, to reconvene in the commission meeting room with the clerk (Harlow) and commission, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. Time in: 1:22 p.m. Time out: 1:28 p.m.

**Reconvene:** The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 1:28 p.m. with no action taken.

**Human Resource Officer Employed:** County Clerk Harlow reported that Sarah Hageman has been employed as the Human Resource Officer. Alexis Pflugh moved to employ Sarah Hageman as the Human Resource Officer, starting wage \$17 per hour, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. (effective February 19, 2020)

**Executive Session:** Alexis Pflugh moved to recess into executive session for twenty minutes for the purpose of reviewing the sheriff's department employee evaluations, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, to reconvene in the commission meeting room, with the commission, Sheriff (Mike Weigel) and Undersheriff (Dustin Florence), seconded

by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. Time in: 1:40 p.m. Time out: 2:00 p.m. Chairman Lohmann departed the executive session at 1:55 p.m.

Executive Session: The vice-chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 2:00 p.m. with no action taken.  
Salary Increase Weigel related that James Reagan has graduated from the academy and has completed his first  
Approved: six months of employment. Alexis Pflugh moved to provide the six-month fifty cent increase to James Reagan, effective February 26, 2020, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried.

Minutes Approved: James Gabelmann moved to approve the minutes of 10 February, 2020, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried.

Executive Session: Alexis Pflugh moved to recess into executive session for five minutes for the purpose of reviewing an application with personal information, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(3) to discuss employer-employee negotiations whether or not in consultation with the representative or representatives of the public body or agency, with Clerk Harlow and commission present, to reconvene in the commission meeting room, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. Time in: 2:15 p.m. Time out: 2:20 pm.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 2:20 p.m. with no action taken.

Executive Session: Alexis Pflugh moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing ambulance service personnel, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Clerk Harlow and the commission, to reconvene in the commission meeting room, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. Time in: 2:21 p.m. Time out: 2:31 p.m.

Reconvene: The vice-chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 2:31 p.m. with no action taken.

Executive Session: Alexis Pflugh moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of going over the highway department director employee evaluation, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Brendan Mackay and the Commission present, to reconvene in the commission meeting room, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. Time in: 2:39 p.m. Time out: 2:49 p.m. Chairman Randy Lohmann entered the executive session at 2:42 p.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting at 2:49 p.m. with no action taken.

Executive Session: Alexis Pflugh moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of going over the highway department director employee evaluation, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel with Brendan Mackay and the Commission present, to reconvene in the commission meeting room, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. Time in: 2:50 p.m. Time out: 3:00 p.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting at 3:00 p.m. with no action taken.

Smoky Hills Wind Farm Jeremy Price, ENEL, discussed the Utility Permit, Road Maintenance Agreement and Moving  
Repower Project: Permits. The board approved utilizing the letter of credit to serve as the bond for Utility Permit Agreement. Randy Lohmann moved to approve the Road Maintenance Agreement between the

Lincoln County Commissioners and Smoky Hills Wind Farm LLC 1 & 2, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. Randy Lohmann moved to approve the Utility Permit Agreement for Use of Public Road Right-of-Way between Lincoln County and Smoky Hills Project 1, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. (bond is waived and letter of credit is sufficient).

Nursing Home Elevator Maintenance Agreement: Alexis Pflugh moved to approve the agreement with ThyssenKrupp Elevator Corp for Lincoln Park Manor for the year 2020, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried.

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Thursday, February 20, 2020 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.