

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

December 21, 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, December 21, 2020. Chairman Randy Lohmann called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman James Gabelmann present and Member Alexis Pflugh absent. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.

Visitors:

Others present for portions of the meeting: Jim Wiebke, Steve Schneider, Darrell Oetting, Dennis Ray, Roberta Turner, Caleb Holeman, Sarah Hageman, and via telephone: Forrest Rhodes, Sarah Stula, John Grace, and Andrew Mayo.

Correspondence:

Correspondence: bills for Lincoln Park Manor; an application for the 2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) funds; tax abatements; and a letter and sign from a church in Hesston.

Correspondence Action:

James Gabelmann moved to approve this application for the Emergency Management grant, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. (2020 Application for Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) funds) James Gabelmann moved to approve (tax abatement 2020-10 for Jeanne Wiebke in the amount of \$13.20), seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. James Gabelmann moved to approve (tax abatement 2020-11 for John and Linda Wrench in the amount of \$12.00), seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. James Gabelmann moved to approve (tax abatement 2020-12 for Randall and Marilyn Serrien in the amount of \$11.14), seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. James Gabelmann moved to approve (tax abatement 2020-13 for Tracy & Michelle Hynes in the amount of \$72.00), seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. James Gabelmann moved to approve (tax abatement 2020-14 for Kenneth and Melinda Brummer in the amount of \$72.00), seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. James Gabelmann moved to approve the minutes for 14 December 2020 as proposed, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.

Discussion:

Commissioner Gabelmann requested an update from SPARK Administrator Nancy Knapp and related that he believes there will be another round of SPARK funds approved this week.

Proposed Road

Closure Comments:

Gabelmann related that he would like to continue serving on the North Central Kansas Juvenile Detention Facility. Steve Schneider related that he would like to contest the closure of the Cedron Township road. Jim Wiebke related that he would like to contest closure of road 2 in Battle Creek Township. Clerk Harlow forwarded comments received last week regarding Battle Creek, Golden Belt, and Scott Township roads.

Transportation Bus:

Roberta Turner updated the board on COVID suspension and restrictions for the bus relating that they are not allowed to take people out of the county unless it is for a medical appointment. Turner related that she is taking clients temperatures prior to transporting and that she has hung a curtain between the driver seats and the cab of the vehicle. Turner inquired about whether trips can be made to the Wichita airport. Clerk Harlow related that former Bus Board Chairman Anna Marie Wolting had contacted her regarding grant fund restrictions, trips outside of the defined geographical area, and running personal errands for clients, noting that she has emailed the State to get an answer regarding grant fund restrictions and determine the county's geographic area, noting that she was able to find in the grant paperwork that purchasing and delivering groceries and/or meals is strictly prohibited. The board suggested that Turner also

reach out to the State regarding the questions, make sure the client is aware that there is a flight from Salina to Denver as an alternative method, and to no longer do personal shopping for clients. Turner reported that the bus received the following donations: a GPS unit and a face shield for the driver.

Highway Department: Interim Director of Highway Department Caleb Holman provided a map with landowners that had agreed to allow the highway department to test for gravel, reporting that a crew will be completing those tests this week. Holman answered questions regarding the truck accident that occurred on Tuesday, December 15. Holman related that there are several pieces of equipment that could be listed for sale that could fund the purchase of a dump truck with a snowplow. Holeman provided the department's holiday work schedule. Jim Wiebke and Steve Schneider identified potential areas that could be tested for gravel.

Human Resources: Human Resource Officer Sarah Hageman requested that the board formally authorize payment to a department head. Randy Lohmann moved to pay Brendan Mackay to the end of the pay period ending 12/25/2020, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. Human Resource Officer Sarah Hageman presented a Memorandum of Agreement for employees who have leave time that was accumulated prior to January 1, 2001 for the board to review and approve. Randy Lohmann moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreements, seconded by James Gabelmann.

Executive Session: Motion carried. The board reviewed revisions to the handbook. Randy Lohmann moved to recess into executive session for thirty minutes for the purpose of reviewing the handbook 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 (meeting room) with the commission, HR (Officer Sarah Hageman), County Clerk (Harlow) Commissioners Elect Ray and Oetting, Attorney Forrest Rhodes and Sarah Stula, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. Time in: 11:53 a.m. Time out: 12:23 p.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 12:23 p.m. with no action taken.

Executive Session: Randy Lohmann moved to go back into executive session for fifteen minutes for the same purpose that I made in the motion before, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(2), to reconvene with the same individuals, commission, commissioners elect, HR and County Clerk, seconded by James Gabelmann. Time in: 12:25 p.m. Time out: 12:40 p.m. (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 commission meeting room with the commission, HR Officer Sarah Hageman, County Clerk Harlow, Commissioners Elect Ray and Oetting, Attorney Forrest Rhodes and Sarah Stula)

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 12:40 p.m. with no action taken.

Recess/Reconvene: The chairman recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:42 p.m. until 1:25 p.m. The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 1:25 p.m.

Executive Session: Randy Lohmann moved to recess into executive session for thirty minutes for the purpose of discussing the Lincoln Park Manor nursing home lease, 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 commissioner room of the Lincoln County courthouse with the commissioners Gabelmann and Lohmann, commissioners elect Darrell

Oetting and Dennis Ray, County Clerk Dawn Harlow, Andrew Mayo and John Grace, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. Time in: 1:29 p.m. Time out: 1:59 p.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 1:59 p.m. with no action taken. Mayo will provide the County with a proposed lease agreement and the board tentatively scheduled a meeting with Mayo and Grace for January 4 at 1:30 p.m. to review the agreement.

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:03 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Monday, December 28, 2020 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.