

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

January 27, 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, January 27, 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 acted as recording secretary.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Cynthia Nelson, Harold Flaherty, James Peterson, Katy Black, Howard Wehrmann, Brendan Mackay, Tanner Yost, Caleb Holeman, Rhonda Wright, Leann Bishop, and Tami Kerth.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: notification that Carol Good's position as non-lawyer member to the nomination committee is open and that Good is eligible for reappointment; bills for the nursing home; and notice that Lincoln County has been named in a lawsuit.
- WEB Fund: Commissioner Lohmann inquired about whether the schools should be allowed to request funds from the WEB fund, as they are now receiving thirty-five percent of the annual payments. Alexis Pflugh moved to request the WEB fund committee to amend their bylaws to omit the schools from applying for interest now that they receive a part of the principal payment from the WEB fund money, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried.
- Resolution 2020-04: Randy Lohmann moved to approve Resolution 2020-04, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried. (Resolution of the Board of Lincoln County Commissioners authorizing participation in Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program). James Gabelmann moved to
- Resolution 2020-05: approve and sign Resolution 2020-05, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried. (Authorizing the transfer of \$10,000 from the Lincoln County General Fund to the Lincoln County
- Resolution 2020-06: Transportation Bus Fund). Randy Lohmann moved to approve Resolution 2020-06, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried. (Authorizing the transfer of \$29,322 from the Lincoln County General Fund to the Lincoln County Rescue Squad Fund).
- Tax Abatements: Alexis Pflugh moved to approve tax abatement 2019-13 in the amount of \$171.64, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Alexis Pflugh moved to approve tax abatement 2019-14 in the amount of \$439.02, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Alexis Pflugh moved to approve tax abatement 2019-15 and 2019-16 for Frederking's in the amount of \$927.04 and \$291.98, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- City of Beverly: City of Beverly Representatives Katy Black, James Peterson and Harold Flaherty inquired if the board had a used grader available for sale as they have streets that need repaired and they do not have the equipment or funding available to repair and purchase equipment. The following was discussed: purchasing option if a motor grader is available; county assistance if available would be provided Friday-Sunday and the City would be required to compensate the county for cost of overtime wages; applying for grant funds to complete all roads as one project; and assistance with repairing the black top road. The board agreed to donate use of equipment, and the City will compensate the county for wages to repair gravel streets within the city limits.
- Highway Department: Director of Highway Department Brendan Mackay presented employee's self-surveys and evaluations. Mackay discussed the following: RMA for the wind farm repower project; personnel

Highway Department  
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use of vehicle; according to Russell County the road in Wilson Lake Estates in their county are private roads and will need further discussion before continuing the maintenance agreement; issued a concern that we have been maintaining it; paved road marking update, Mitchell County sold their equipment and Ellsworth highway supervisor thinks they would be willing; High Risk Rural roads grant, suggesting that they scrap applying for signs for the minor collectors and that they apply for funds to mark all paved roads; completing a free one hour online training for Mobile 311 as they provided him a cost of \$7,000 for initial training or \$1,200 for a day; requested for clarification on what is defined as an emergency to allow employees to work overtime, the board authorized overtime at the department heads discretion; provided his time card noting his total hours worked exceeds the 50 hour per week requirement; inquired about the policy for volunteer fire department who work for the county, it was the stated that the current policy is to allow employees responding to fire calls to be paid for the first two hours and employees would be required to utilize leave time in excess of two hours; requested approval to shut down the office while he is attending a meeting on Friday, the board approved; communication with the fuel facility is not working; emergency contact sign has previous employees names and contact numbers; pay scale; and explained why the office manager needed to obtain a CDL; and discussed proper procedures for operating the dozer and excavator. Board members discussed complaints received regarding roads.

Engineering Update:

Tanner Yost, Kirkham Michael, reminded the board of the bid opening at 2:00 p.m. for the tuck-pointing project and discussed the RMA presented for the Smoky Hills Wind Farm repower project. Yost related that Southern Star will accept an overhead map with the proposed road location as the site map for the N 150<sup>th</sup> Rd relocation project.

Executive Session:

Alexis Pflugh moved to recess into executive session for five minutes for the purpose of discussing county personnel and related potential civil actions, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the commission to reconvene in the commission meeting room, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Time in: 12:54 p.m. Time out: 12:59 p.m.

Reconvene:

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 12:59 p.m. with no action taken.

Recess:

The chairman recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:59 p.m.

Reconvene:

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 1:33 p.m.

Minutes Approved:

James Gabelmann moved to approve the minutes of January 21, 2020, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Alexis Pflugh moved to approve the bid for proposal agreements from TreanorHL, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. (courthouse assessment)

Purchase Policy:

Alexis Pflugh moved to amend the Lincoln County Purchase Policy replacing all county department's amounts from \$250 to \$500 and the Highway Department from \$500 to \$10,000, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. Alexis Pflugh moved to edit the original motion from \$500 to \$1000, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried.

Sealed Bid Opening:

The chairman convened the sealed bid opening for the tuck-pointing projects at 2:00 p.m. The one bid received was opened and costs tallied for the four separate projects. Tanner Yost,

Kirkham Michael will recalculate the bid received to ensure that all calculations are correct and will make a recommendation for the board's approval at the February 3 meeting.

Handbook Review: The board continued to review and modify the revised handbook as provided by Commissioner Gabelmann.

Smoky Hills Wind Farm RMA: The board visited with a Smoky Hills Wind Farm representative via telephone regarding the RMA, they have a few additional changes and will forward to Commissioner Gabelmann to provide to the County Attorney.

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Monday, February 3, 2020 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.