

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

February 1, 2021

- Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Monday, February 1, 2021. Chairman Randy Lohmann called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Dennis Ray and Member Darrell Oetting present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Jim Weber, Jennifer O'Hare, Andrew Mayo (telephone), John Grace (telephone), Allan Serrien, Steve McReynolds, Tim Meier, Kelly Gourley, Benny Cromwell, Brandon Cochran, and Caleb Holeman.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: Lincoln County Conservation District newsletter; Kansas Department of Commerce notice of award for the siren project and an email requesting quote; tax abatements; an email from Tanner Yost with cost to core the asphalt roads; letter from Allan Serrien expressing his interest in continuing to serve on the Lincoln County Hospital Board of Trustees.
- Correspondence Action: Randy Lohmann moved to approve tax abatement 2020-17 in the amount of \$86.80, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. Darrell Oetting moved to approve (tax abatement) 2020-18 in the amount of \$533.60, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Dennis Ray moved to approve 2020-19 tax abatement in the amount of \$15.58, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. The board approved emailing a quotation for the emergency siren CDBG grant award.
- Commission Updates: Commissioner Ray reported that he drove all roads within Wilson Lake Estates. The board discussed the subdivisions roads, future needs, and maintenance. Commissioner Lohmann reported on the WEB fund meeting that he attended. Clerk Harlow relayed information received about the Council on Aging. The board requested that representatives of the Council on Aging attend an upcoming meeting to discuss the organization.
- Minutes Approved: Darrell Oetting moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. (January 25, 2021, and January 29, 2021, regular meetings)
- Executive Session: Randy Lohmann moved to recess into executive for twenty-five minutes for the purpose of discussing the lease for Lincoln Park Manor details, 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 courthouse commissioner room upon completion, with the county commission, County Attorney (O'Hare), and Clerk Dawn Harlow, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Time in: 9:39 a.m. Time out: 10:04 a.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:04 a.m. with no action taken.
- Economic Development: Kelly Gourley, Lincoln County Economic Development Foundation, provided information on the proposed development of McReynolds Mill Park near the south end of Lincoln on the Saline River. Gourley provided items being requested by the Board and a proposed timeline, relating that individuals are willing to help raise funds to develop the park if the board would be willing to accept ownership, ensure access easements and future maintenance of the park. The property is currently enrolled in the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism Community Fisheries Assistance Program, and the county could apply for this same program to

help offset the expense for annual maintenance. Once the board agrees to ownership of the park, a planning committee could be formed to develop and implement the final project and fundraising plans. Dennis Ray moved to proceed with the procurement process of the McReynolds Mill Park, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.

**Board Appointment:** Dennis Ray moved to reappoint Allan Serrien to the Hospital Board, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. (Lincoln County Hospital Board of Trustees)

**Highway Department:** Interim Director of Highway Department Caleb Holeman reported on staffing changes and related that there are 4 open positions within the department, three of which are equipment operators with one assigned to the bridge crew. Holeman related that projects will be limited until fully staffed. Commissioner Ray inquired if Holeman had seen his email on a potential blade truck. The board related that they had received several complaints regarding the removal of snow. Dennis Ray moved to authorize the Lincoln County Highway Department to purchase two 16-foot gates to be put in recently closed roads on Colt and 50<sup>th</sup>, not to exceed \$300 in price, to be purchased in County, and no county labor involved in the installation, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. Holeman provided information on material availability for the chip seal project, cost estimate per mile for the county chip seal versus a private contractor, and the estimate provided by Kirkham Michael to core test the counties' asphalt roads at a cost not to exceed \$19,000. Holeman related that the insurance company has made the following determination concerning the December accident: will total both the skid steer and truck, and has approved repairs to the trailer. Holeman related that the trailer approved last week will be delivered in mid-July and the mowers should be delivered in March. The board discussed damages to a bridge caused by an accident in late 2019. Holeman will contact a family member to determine if the vehicle had insurance at the time of the accident, as the sheriff's office related that no insurance was provided. Holeman related that he was contacted regarding 40<sup>th</sup> Rd South of 181, which the landowner believes was previously closed however the road records indicate that it has not been vacated. The board suggested that Holeman contact the adjacent landowner to determine if they would agree to the road vacation. Holeman inquired about utilizing county equipment to clear snow from church parking lots in the Barnard area for an upcoming funeral. The board approved county-wide if cases of an emergency.

**Executive Session:** Randy Lohmann moved to recess into executive session for forty-five minutes for the purpose of discussing an application for Highway Department Director, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the courthouse commissioner room with the commission, HR (Sarah Hageman) and Mr. Caleb Holeman, seconded Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Time in: 11:43 a.m. Time out: 12:28 p.m.

**Reconvene:** The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 12:28 p.m. with no action taken.

**Executive Session:** Randy Lohmann moved to recess into executive session for five minutes for the purpose of discussing highway department applicant, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the commission meeting room, with the commission and HR Officer (Hageman), seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Time in: 12:46 p.m. Time out: 12:51 p.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 12:51 p.m. Dennis Ray moved to authorize Sarah Hageman, Human Resource Officer to extend a letter of offer as discussed to the applicant, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.

Executive Session: Randy Lohmann moved to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing employee complaints, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1), to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the commission meeting room of the courthouse, with the commission and HR Director Hageman, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Time in: 12:55 p.m. Time out: 1:10 p.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 1:10 p.m. with no action taken.

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:11 p.m. until 8:30 a.m. Monday, February 8, 2021, in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.