

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

February 19, 2021

- Call to Order: A special meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the courthouse commission meeting room Friday, February 19, 2021. Chairman Randy Lohmann called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with Vice-Chairman Dennis Ray and Member Darrell Oetting present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.
- Purpose: Purpose: appoint an Interim Ambulance Service Director and approve the February 8, 2021 minutes.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Sarah Hageman, Shannon Meier, Shiloh Cochran, Brandon Cochran, and Jerry Hlad.
- Interim Director Interest: At the request of Commissioner Lohmann, Shannon Meier, Jewell County EMS Director, was present to meet with the board. Meier answered questions on his responsibilities with Jewell County and the operations of his department. Meier related that he could be available one day per week locally and remotely, subject to the Jewell County Commissioners' approval. He would also be willing to help if the board appoints someone locally as an Interim Director. Human Resource Officer Sarah Hageman reported that EMS employees Jerry Hlad, Shiloh Cochran, and Brandon Cochran had expressed interest in serving as the Interim Director. Hlad, Cochran, and Cochran discussed the position, answered board questions, and commented on abilities and upcoming responsibilities. Each employee indicated that they would help whoever is appointed to ensure that the department passes their inspection and the services licenses get renewed.
- Executive Session: Randy Lohmann moved to recess into executive session for twenty minutes, for the purpose of discussing hiring an Interim EMS Director, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the courthouse commission room with the commission and HR Director Sarah (Hageman), seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Time in: 2:38 p.m. Time out: 2:58 p.m.
- Reconvene/
Interim Director
Appointed: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 2:58 p.m. Dennis Ray moved to hire Jerry Hlad as the Interim EMS Director, with a \$5 per hour increase in his wages until a new director is permanently appointed, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.
- Medical Consultant: The board discussed the legal issues with Medical Consultant Dr. Arshad Cheema and requested that County Attorney Jennifer O'Hare review the contract and advise on how to terminate the agreement as soon as possible.
- Pay Adjusted: Dennis Ray moved to adjust Derek Walter's pay scale back to a paramedic from a (level) 0 to a (level) 1 at \$16.25 per the pay scale and change the job status from Director to a part-time per-need paramedic, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.
- Minutes Approved: Dennis Ray moved to approve the February 8, 2021 minutes as written, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.
- Nursing Home: The board discussed the nursing home water damage.
- Adjourn: Dennis Ray moved to adjourn at 3:17 p.m., seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. The next meeting will be 8:30 a.m. Monday, February 22, 2021.