

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

August 29, 2022

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room Monday, August 29, 2022. Chairman Dennis Ray called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Darrell Oetting and Member Randy Lohmann present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Rhonda Wright, Brandon Cochran, and Sarah Hageman.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: KWORCC voting delegate appointment form; bills for Lincoln Park Manor; a letter from Judy Ahlvers notifying the board that she does not want to be reappointed to the North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging; a letter from the Lincoln County Council on Aging inquiring whether the county will require the organization to have a bond; and WEB fund recommendations.
- Correspondence Application: Randy Lohmann moved to appoint Darrell Oetting as the voting delegate for KWORCC, KCAMP, and KAC (at the annual meetings), seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Randy Lohmann moved to approve the WEB fund recommendations for disbursement: Lincoln Art Center, \$13,888.00; Lincoln PRIDE Committee/City of Lincoln Center, \$5,000.00; Bud Finch Memorial Community Theatre Foundation, \$2,205.84; and Westfall Fire, \$3,500.00, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. Voting is as follows: Oetting – Aye; Lohmann – Aye; Ray – Abstained.
- Property Opportunity: Commissioner Ray notified the board that Farmway Coop plans to sell their property in Westfall. One of the tracts is adjacent to the County’s shop. Ray suggested that the county consider purchasing the lot that contains .24 acres, and that he has contacted CVA to express an interest in the property.
- Nursing Home Roof Update: Commissioner Oetting reported on the meeting with Uhl Construction and the KCAMP adjuster regarding the nursing home roof.
- Executive Session: Ambulance Service Director Brandon Cochran requested an executive session. Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for five minutes to discuss an employee’s FMLA use, 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 EMS Director Brandon Cochran, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Time in: 9:07 a.m. Time out: 9:12 a.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:12 a.m. with no action taken.
- Ambulance Service: Cochran provided an update on ambulance service activities. Cochran requested approval to hire an additional full-time employee. The board took no action on this date.
- Human Resources: Human Resource Officer Sarah Hageman provided feedback received regarding changing the COVID leave policy. The board approved leaving the policy as it is. Hageman requested an executive session to discuss employee negotiations. Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for five minutes for the purpose of discussing employee negotiations, 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, HR Sarah Hageman, and County Clerk Dawn Harlow, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Time in: 9:27 a.m. Time out: 9:32 a.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:32 a.m. Dennis Ray moved to hire  
Employee Hired: Peter Niedermeyer as the Clerk/Secretary position of the courthouse at grade 13 Step 10 at \$14.06 per hour, starting August 30, 2022, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.

County Clerk: Clerk Harlow notified the board that she has appointed Jennifer Machado as Deputy County  
Employee Promoted: Clerk and requested a wage of \$15.52 per hour per the county's pay plan for promotions. Dennis Ray moved to promote Jennifer Machado from the Clerk/Secretary position to the Deputy County Clerk, starting wage of \$15.52 per hour, effective August 26, 2022, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.

Westfall Rd Letter of Commission Ray reported that he has sample letters for individuals and businesses interested  
Support: in writing a letter of support for a grant application to resurface the Westfall Rd.

Minutes Approved: Randy Lohmann moved to approve the August 22, 2022, minutes, seconded by Darrell Oetting.  
Motion carried.

Hospital Board Commissioner Lohmann updated the board on the hospital board meeting. The hospital is  
Meeting Update: interested in reducing the rent payments to the Public Building Commission to an amount that will fund the PBC bonds with the current expiration and not pay in advance to allow early payoff of the bonds.

Meeting Time Set: The board set the start time at 9:00 a.m. for Wednesday, August 31, 2022, end-of-month  
meeting.

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m. The next meeting will be at 9:00 a.m.  
Wednesday, August 31, 2022, in the courthouse commission meeting room.