

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

November 7, 2022

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room Monday, November 7, 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: Sarah Hageman, Roberta Turner, and Dale Hlad.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: a letter from USDA regarding the Agriculture Foreign Investment Disclosure Act.
- Human Resources: Human Resource Officer Sarah Hageman presented a letter to Priority Wellness, terminating the agreement to provide the county's wellness program for the board's approval. Dennis Ray moved to allow the board to sign the letter to Priority Wellness discontinuing the service effective December 31, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Hageman provided the handbook's policy regarding coverage group insurance for the board to review. After discussion, it was determined that the policy did not need to be changed; however, a motion would need to be made to change the waiting period for group health and dental from 30-days to 60-days. Randy Lohmann moved to approve that all full-time regular employees (including all salaried exempt employees) are eligible for group insurance, the first of the month following 60 days of employment, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. Hageman invited the board to the retirement reception of Gary Frederking on November 16 at 12:30 p.m.
- Minutes Approved: Randy Lohmann moved to approve the October 31 minutes, seconded by Dennis Ray. Randy Lohmann moved to amend the motion to include corrections, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.
- Transportation Bus: Transportation Bus Director Roberta Turner provided two letters for the board's approval. Darrell Oetting moved to sign the letter approving Roberta Turner as the authorized signer to the Kansas Department of Transportation's grant application and a letter supporting the application and committing \$23,000 towards the match funds, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Turner inquired about applying for the KCAMP grant to purchase and install a carport for the buses. The board made no decisions on this date.
- Highway Department: Director of Highway Department Dale Hlad provided a copy of the employment contract previously used by Lincoln County when providing tuition costs for employees obtaining a Commercial Driver's License and a copy of another county's employment contract for the board to review. Hlad detailed current cost requirements for students attending the CDL training course offered by North Central Kansas Technical College. Dennis Ray moved to approve the highway department paying for the following costs for new hires to get their CDLs: CDL Driving Class (current cost \$1,850), cost of the Online Class (current cost \$450), and the cost of the physical, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Hlad provided an update on department activities. Hlad inquired about how often he should meet with the board per month. Currently, the department has a standing weekly appointment. The board approved removing the weekly standing appointment for the highway department.

Landfill Disposal Fees: Patti Winters requested that the board waive the demolition fees to tear down their old home. Winters related that they had the opportunity to purchase a new home and move it to the property, which occurred before the demolition of the other home. According to the county's current policy, reimbursement is provided at 100% if a house, manufactured home on a permanent foundation, or a closed building structure is built within three years of the demolition and is valued at more than \$35,000. The board agreed that the property meets all of the other requirements of the policy. Dennis Ray moved to waive the disposal fees for the Winters property on 929 N 9th St, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.

County Attorney: County Attorney Scott Wright presented a copy of the findings of the KOMA Complaint filed against Commissioner Lohmann and Commissioner Oetting. The complaint was filed by Hospital Board Member David Gerstman when both Commissioners Lohmann and Oetting attended a hospital board meeting without providing public notice of a potential meeting. In addition, Wright provided a copy of the Consent Order for board members to review, which fines Commissioner Lohmann a \$75 civil penalty and requires attendance of at least one hour of KOMA training and fines Commissioner Oetting a \$50 civil penalty that is waived if he attends at least one hour of KOMA training. After discussion, Commissioner Lohmann and Commissioner Oetting signed the consent order. Commissioner Oetting commented on the lack of progression with a lease agreement for Lincoln Park Manor. The board discussed the need for a lease agreement with CB Trucking to use the recycling center and identified items they would like addressed.

Adjourn:

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m. The next meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. Monday, November 14, 2022, in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.