

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

January 18, 2022

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room Tuesday, January 18, 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: Leann Bishop, Rhonda Wright, Dale Hlad, and Roberta Turner.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: bills for Lincoln Park Manor.
- Executive Session: Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for five minutes to discuss an employee pay issue, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the courthouse commission meeting room with the commission and acting HR Dawn Harlow, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Time in: 8:36 a.m. Time out: 8:41 a.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 8:41 a.m. Dennis Ray moved to approve back pay in the amount of \$475.06 to Alex Winters to correct a 2020 clerical error in which he did not receive his \$.50 per hour wage increase, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Pay Approved:
- COVID Pay: County Clerk Harlow and County Treasurer Leann Bishop presented a proposed policy agreed to by county department heads. The policy would allow employees to utilize their extended illness leave immediately if they test positive for COVID, are currently isolated, or are being quarantined. Commissioner Oetting expressed his opposition to the policy and related that if employees are mandated to remain home, they should be compensated to do so and not be required to utilize their accrued benefits. After discussion, Clerk Harlow was requested to revise the policy presented.
- Highway Department: Director of Highway Department Dale Hlad provided an update on highway department projects and activities. Hlad requested an executive session. Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for five minutes for the purpose of discussing a potential employee in the highway department, pursuant to K.S.A 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the courthouse commission meeting room, with the commission, Dale Hlad with the Highway Department, and acting HR Dawn Harlow, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. Time in: 9:28 a.m. Time out: 9:33 a.m.
- Executive Session:
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:33 a.m. with no action taken.
- Highway Department: Hlad presented bids to replace a mower tractor. The board requested that the Hlad obtain pricing from Lincoln Farm Supply.
- Transportation Bus: Transportation Bus Director Roberta Turner reported that the red van's issue is not the transmission but rather the motor mounts and requested permission to repair. The board approved. Turner discussed employee COVID quarantines.

County Treasurer: County Treasurer Leann Bishop provided the following 4th quarter 2021 reports for the board to review: Treasurer’s Quarterly Idle Funds Investment Report interest earned - \$5,218.63; and the Treasurer’s Special Vehicle Fund Report with a 12-31-21 fund balance of \$13,262.69. Bishop provided an abstract of taxes collected through December 31, 2021, and three Resolutions for the board’s approval. Darrell Oetting moved to accept Resolution 2022-02, 2022-03, and 2022-04, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. (Resolution 2022-02, designating the following Lincoln County banks as depositories of all money for Lincoln County, Kansas for the year 2022: Bank of Tescott - Lincoln, Citizens State Bank & Trust - Lincoln, Bennington State Bank - Sylvan Grove, Farmway Credit Union – Lincoln, Wilson State Bank – Beverly, and State Municipal Investment Pool-State of Kansas depositories; Resolution 2022-03, authorizing the County Treasurer to develop and implement a cash management and investment program for the handling of money in the custody of Lincoln County, Kansas for the year 2022; and Resolution 2022-04, allowing the County Treasurer to invest idle funds as seen feasible in Lincoln County banks or investments).

Nursing Home Bid Approved: Randy Lohmann moved to hire Kansas Guttering Systems to fix the guttering at Lincoln Park Manor for \$20,000 per the quote, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.

COVID Pay Approved: Darrell Oetting moved to make a change to the handbook for COVID pay for all the employees, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Darrell Oetting moved to amend the motion to make the pay retroactive to December 26, 2021, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried.

Minutes Approved: Randy Lohmann moved to approve the January 10, 2022, minutes, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.

ARPA Funds Request: The board discussed an email from Jude Stecklein, USD 299, requesting \$150,000 of the County’s ARPA funds to use towards the installation of the gymnasium HVAC system. No decision was made on this date and the request will be included with all other requests.

Town Hall Meetings: The board approved setting the following dates for community town hall meetings February 22, February 24, March 1, and March 3. In addition, the board agreed that the town hall meetings would not be recorded or available online, subject matter will only be regarding the proposed use of ARPA funds, and approved providing refreshments at the meetings. Clerk Harlow will prepare an advertisement for approval at the next meeting.

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. Monday, January 24, 2022.