

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

December 2, 2019

- Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Monday, December 2, 2019. Chairman Alexis Pflugh, via skype, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Randy Lohmann and Member James Gabelmann present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Mona Gerstmann, Sharon Dohe, Cynthia Nelson, Howard Wehrmann, Steve Granzow, Allan Serrien, Jim Metz, Craig Stertz, Brendan Mackay, Darrell Oetting, Kelly Larson, Gordon Krueger and Debbie Krueger.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: bills for Lincoln Park Manor; Foulston Siefken bill; and notice from the State Historical Society that the CR Building was placed on the State Register of Historical places.
- Minutes Approved: James Gabelmann moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Randy Lohmann. James Gabelmann moved to amend the motion to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Nursing Home: The board discussed the nursing home debt and back rent due spreadsheet that Clerk Harlow had prepared and emailed to board members.
- Hospital: Lincoln County Hospital Administrator Steve Granzow with Hospital Board of Trustees board member Allan Serrien addressed the KORA request submitted by the board of commissioners quoting a potential cost of \$12,000 - \$15,000. A dispute arose as to whether the board changed the original request. Randy Lohmann moved to rescind the original KORA request dated October 31, 2019 submitted to the Hospital Board, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried. Alexis Pflugh moved to appoint the Lincoln County Commission chairperson to inspect records at the hospital on behalf of the board beginning with provider contracts to be specified by the chairperson individually to the hospital administrator, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. Granzow addressed the board on rumors regarding whether the hospital could make payroll, and related that the hospital is able to make payroll. Serrien suggested that the board consider establishing scholarships for nurses and heavy equipment operators from the Windpower Economic Benefit Fund. The board inquired about the status of hiring a new administrator; Serrien related that the Hospital Board has interviewed four candidates and that potential wages will be twice the amount currently being paid.
- Advertisement Approved: Jim Metz and Craig Stertz, on behalf of the Lincoln Area Chamber of Commerce reported that the Chamber in conjunction with the Lincoln County Economic Development Foundation is preparing the Live Lincoln County publication and provided advertising costs. James Gabelmann moved to take out a one-page ad as a major advertiser at the cost of \$715 and to determine the content in the next week to ten days, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Highway Department: Highway Department Director Brendan Mackay reported the following: has received the excavator and requested payment at midmonth, the board approved; provided cost estimate to repair the grid roller; and would like to apply for backup cameras through the 2019 KCAMP

risk avoidance grant. The board discussed road complaints received. Mackay inquired about the deadline to utilize leave time, before employees lose the time, as employees did not know of the change. The board related that the date is December 25.

- Courthouse:** Dave Tangeman, File Safe presented a bid to update the courthouse security cameras.
- Executive Session:** Alexis Pflugh moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing health issues for an employee's privacy pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel with acting HR County Clerk Harlow and the commission, to reconvene in the commission meeting room, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. Time in: 11:51 a.m. Time out: 12:01 p.m.
- Reconvene:** The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 12:01 p.m. with no action taken.
- Economic Development:** Economic Development Director Kelly Larson invited the board to attend an informational presentation regarding Land Banks on December 11, 2019 at 7 p.m. at the Finch Theatre. The Economic Development Director from Lyons will be the presenter regarding their program.
- Employment:** Gordon Krueger discussed his employment and requested that the board grant him additional time in excess of the forty hours of leave without pay or allow his position to be reclassified to part-time, until he could return to work. The board denied his request due to the precedent that it would set and notified Krueger that he would be eligible for rehire in the future.
- Bid Process:** Darrell Oetting inquired why the county did not request bids to purchase an excavator or repair the Wilson Lake Estates road slide, citing K.S.A. 19-214, which requires a bid process for expenditures over \$25,000. Oetting issued a concern with the board entering executive session with people who are attending remotely.
- Holiday Gifts/Closing:** Clerk Harlow inquired if the board planned to give holiday gifts to employees and whether the board plans to grant additional Holiday pay for Christmas Eve. The board approved giving \$25 in chamber bucks all full-time and regular part-time employees. No decision was made on Christmas Eve, Clerk Harlow will poll departments to see if employees have enough leave time and would be willing to utilize leave time if the board approved closing early.
- Adjourn:** The chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Monday December 9, 2019 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.