

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

October 14, 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, October 14, 2019. Chairman Alexis Pflugh called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Randy Lohmann present and Member James Gabelmann absent. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance serving as recording secretary.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Cynthia Nelson, Mona Gerstmann, Brendan Mackay, Caleb Holman, Mike Weigel, Ladonna Reinert, Randy Pickering, Tami Kerth, Leann Bishop, David Gerstmann and Rhonda Fernandez.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: certification that 2019 Final Valuation for Lincoln County is 61,152,235; notice from the City of Lincoln that position number 5 on the Recreation Commission is expiring and requesting a recommendation, interested individuals should contact their commissioner; receipt of a letter from the Lincoln County Hospital seeking reimbursement of charges accrued by Lincoln Park Manor for meals and laundry service during the facility remodel; a copy of the 2018 annual audit for the Central Kansas Mental Health Center; bills for Lincoln Park Manor; and a notice from Lincoln Park Manor regarding the hiring of new administrator, and inviting them to a meet and greet on October 21.
- Minutes Approved: Randy Lohmann moved to approve the October 7, 2019 minutes, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried.
- Silver Haired Legislature Update: Cynthia Nelson Lincoln County's Silver Haired Legislature reported on the recent session held by the organization and presented the bills that were passed and will be presented to the State Legislature, which will include: expansion of Medicaid; support and collaborative transportation systems and local control of those systems; exempt purchase of food from sales tax; fully fund KPERS each year, stop delaying employer payments, and provide cost of living adjustment to retirees; continue to protect grandparents rights; legalize expanded use of medical cannabis; approve the Senior Care Act. Nelson provided the members of the standing committees noting that she is currently serving on the Bylaws Committee, providing the newly approved Mission Statement and a Vision Statement. Nelson requested reimbursement for lodging while attending the Legislative Session in Topeka. Nelson provided an article that was printed in the Salina Journal regarding the nursing homes that were in receivership by the State; information on KORA/KOMA; noted that eight counties are being required to purchase new election equipment; and provided information on the constitutional amendment. Alexis Pflugh moved to request Kansas Attorney General's Office to provide education to the commission open to all elected officials and department heads on KOMA and KORA law, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Highway Department: Director of Highway Department Brendan Mackay introduced Caleb Holman, who has accepted the position of Office Manager. Mackay discussed the N 45<sup>th</sup> and N 50<sup>th</sup> Rd project, and related that the road meets the standards as described in the agreement; repairs to E Union Dr were made last week but were immediately torn up by an individual; culvert structure on E Union Dr; provided estimates to purchase tires; has visited with the landowner adjacent to the closed road on N 150<sup>th</sup> Rd regarding moving the road to the West; presented an agreement from High Plains

Sand to purchase gravel from a leased pit; update on equipment needs and requested to proceed with looking at a used tractor that is currently listed locally; Mackay provided the property damage letters with correction made for the board's approval; and reported damage to county property at the intersection E Sage Dr and N 10<sup>th</sup> Rd, in which all stop signs were ran over. Alexis Pflugh moved to employ Caleb Holeman at \$14.00 per hour starting October 14, 2019 as a full-time Office Manager, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. The board discussed the Wilson Lake Estates land slide.

**Solid Waste Collection:** Randy Pickering, RanDan Inc inquired if the board had any concerns or complaints. With no items brought forth by the board Pickering related that he still has residents using noncompliant containers and issued a concern regarding disposal of animal waste at the curb. Pickering related that he has reviewed his annual fuel and insurance costs and will not be requesting an increase for the 2020 contract year.

**Health Department:** Health Nurse/Administrator Ladonna Reinert reported that she will be attending the Lincoln County Hospital Board of Trustees meeting, as she was very upset by the newspaper article regarding a proposal by Hospital staff to cannibalize health department services as a means to increase revenue at the hospital. Reinert related that the Health Department Administrator should have been consulted regarding the idea, and should participate in any future discussions as there are several factors that must be taken into consideration such as community education, storage, employee training, and supply needs. Reinert related that she believes the Health Department is becoming a pawn in the conflict between the County and the Hospital and that it will ultimately hurt her department, even though the department is not directly involved.

**Commissioner Arrives:** Commissioner James Gabelmann arrived at 12:50 p.m.

**Inquiry:** David Gerstmann discussed the following: follow-up on receiving a quote to add tax information to the county website from Thompson Reuters; Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses for non-profit special events; and asked that the board request a legal opinion to determine whether hospital employees are government employees and subject to filing a Statement of Substantial Interest that notifies the public of potential conflict of interests.

**Recess/Reconvene:** The chairman recessed the meeting at 1:23 p.m. The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 1:28 p.m.

**Health Insurance:** Rhonda Fernandez, PIC Benefits Services provided the cost information for Blue Cross Blue Shield and the State of Kansas health plans at the 10% employee cost and at a 20% employee cost for dependent plans. Fernandez related that the county can offer a wellness plan that includes an annual health screening, 3 lunch and learn sessions for approximately \$14,000 per year relating that a wellness program can decrease overall plan costs by alerting employees to potential issues. Fernandez will formulate new numbers with a wellness plan, HSA contribution amounts, maximum administrative fees, and employee cost at 10% for all tiers. Fernandez will contact Clerk Harlow with a date, and the board approved a special meeting to be called. (Special Meeting was called and held on October 17, 2019 regarding Health Insurance plans)

**Wilson Lake Estates:** The board discussed Lake Ln, Wilson Lake Estates. Commissioner Gabelmann suggested that the board go out and view the road together. The board called a special meeting for Wednesday, October 16, at 1:00 p.m. to meet at the landslide on Lake Ln in the Wilson Lake Estates.

- Highway Department: Brendan Mackay requested approval to purchase a tractor and payment made prior to the end of the month. James Gabelmann moved to authorize the purchase as indicated on the bill of sale for a 1985 versatile tractor in the amount of \$15,000 to be paid on a mid-month check, from Jeff Lyne, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried.
- Juvenile Detention: Clerk Harlow related that former commissioner Al Joe Wallace had received the packet for the Wednesday October 16 meeting of the North Central Kansas Regional Juvenile Detention Center Board, for which he was a member of. Wallace agreed to attend the meeting for this quarter until a replacement can be named in his place. The board approved requesting Al Joe Wallace to attend the Juvenile Detention Center Board meeting.
- Purchase Approved: Randy Lohmann moved for Alexis Pflugh to buy a HP 15" laptop, with windows 10 pro in the amount of \$410.77, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried. **This computer will be used by the County Commissioners.**
- Executive Session: Alexis Pflugh moved to recess into executive session for five minutes for the purpose of discussing HR interviews, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in commission meeting room with the board and Clerk Harlow, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Time in: 4:03 p.m. Time out: 4:08 p.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 4:08 p.m. The board approved to extend an offer for the HR position.
- Meeting Date Changes: The board cancelled the November 12 meeting; November 18 will canvass during the morning and meet with appointments in the afternoon; and November 25 will move the start time from 10:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Hospital Board Meeting Attendance: Board members notified the County Clerk that all members plan to attend the Lincoln County Hospital Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 6:30 p.m., as observers. Clerk Harlow related that she will send notification of the potential meeting to the notifications list to fulfill any obligations that the Board should have if the status would change.
- Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 4:28 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 16, 2019 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.