

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

November 1, 2021

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room on Monday, November 1, 2021. Chairman Randy Lohmann called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Dennis Ray and Member Darrell Oetting present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Dale Hlad, Mike Shrant, John Paul Ellis, Shawn Esterl, Sarah Hageman, Cynthia Nelson, and Cindy Entriiken.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: a letter from Mike Schrant notifying the board that he will be resigning as the Sylvan Senior Center Coordinator and expressing interest in serving on the Lincoln County Council on Aging.
- Commission Updates: Commissioner Updates: Commissioner Lohman provided an update on the Hospital Board of Trustees monthly meeting. Commissioner Ray reminds the public that the recycling trailer at Sylvan Grove is not for individuals to dispose of trash, feces, or dead animals. The trailer will be removed from Sylvan Grove if individuals continue to place these items in the trailer. Commissioner Lohmann will draft a letter to the US Postal Service identifying which roads within Wilson Lake Estates are considered county roads.
- Minutes Approved: Randy Lohmann moved to approve the amended minutes for October 25, 2021, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. Randy Lohmann moved to approve the October 29, 2021 minutes, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.
- Highway Department: Director of Highway Department Dale Hlad presented the Authority to Award Contract Commitment of County Funds for Off-System Bridge OS 112, project 053C-4990-01 for the board's approval. Dennis Ray moved to allow the Chairman and the Road Supervisor to sign the Authority to Award the Contract to L & M Contractors in the amount of the total project cost at \$539,793 for Bridge No. 053C-4990-01 formerly Off-System 112, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Voting as follows: Lohmann – Aye; Ray – Aye; Oetting – Nay. Hlad provided an update on department projects and equipment. Hlad related that Allan Serrien has requested a road be declared minimum maintenance. Hlad presented a Utility Permit Agreement for the board's approval. Randy Lohmann moved to approve the Utility Agreement Use Of Public Road Right-Of-Way between the Board of County Commissioners and Wilson Communications, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. Commissioner Lohmann inquired about the status of culvert replacement within Wilson Lake estates that was previously approved. Commissioner Oetting forwarded a gravel request.
- Courthouse Maintenance: John Paul Ellis reported that the clock tower is leaking, and he has contacted Marlin Huehl, Bullfoot Construction, who indicated the leaks are in the clock faces. The board approved Bullfoot Construction to make the repairs. Ellis discussed the courthouse trees and related that he has received two bids to trim the trees. Ellis requested approval to contact a KSU Horticulturist to evaluate the trees. The board approved.
- Human Resources: Human Resource Officer Sarah Hageman requested approval to employ Jennifer Machado. Randy Lohmann moved to hire Jennifer Machado at \$14.00 per hour as a full-time

clerk/secretary to help all courthouse departments as needed, starting November 9, 2021, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Hageman related that the start date for Mary Ann Stertz as Deputy County Treasurer was incorrect, causing her wage approved last week to be incorrect. Commissioner Ray discussed the volunteer EMTs that were approved raises, which should have remained at the salaries set for volunteer EMS personnel by Resolution 2005-12. Dennis Ray moved to re-adjust Richard Ancell, Marc Lovin, Damon Vonada, and Ben Kratky from the original updated salary back to the \$12.00 an hour, according to Resolution 2005-12, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Dennis Ray moved to adjust Mary Ann Stertz's pay from \$15.29 to \$15.52 based on more accurate information than what was revealed through the study for years of service (effective September 26, 2021), seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Hageman provided the pay ranges and pay scales with steps for the board to review. No action was taken on this date. Hageman inquired if the board would like to give Christmas gifts to employees this year. Randy Lohmann moved to approve \$25 chamber bucks as a Christmas gift for (full-time, part-time, and part-time per-need) employees, , seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. Hageman reminded the board that open enrollment is Thursday, November 4. Commissioners will be excluded from receiving the Chamber Bucks.

LEP Program: Shawn Esterl, Saline County Environmentalist, presented the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quarter Local Environmental Protection Program (LEPP) performance reports for services provided within the county.

County Owned Property: Cindy Enriken discussed the county-owned property at 711 N 3rd St, requesting that the county consider boarding up the home and selling it to a qualified buyer that could rehabilitate the structure. No action was taken on this date.

Silver Haired Legislature: Cynthia Nelson Lincoln County's Silver Haired Legislature provided an update on activities and the scholarship awarded. Nelson related that there are seven bills that the group will vote on to present to the State Legislature, which include: medical Medicaid assistance for ages 60-64; broadband access, including training and assistance; urging the governor to fully fund KPERS; support and funding collaborative transportation services; property tax relief; legalize the expanded medical use of cannabis; and continue to protect grandparents' rights. Nelson provided copies of the Council on Aging minutes and documents.

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. Monday, November 8, 2021.