

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

June 21, 2022

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room Tuesday, June 21, 2022. Chairman Dennis Ray called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Darrell Oetting and Member Randy Lohman present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Dale Hlad, Dustin Florence, Lucas Sanders, Scott Wright, and Jesse Knight.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: a thank you card from the City of Barnard for the commitment of ARPA funds for the lift station project; a letter from CVA providing the cost to contract propane for the upcoming year; a letter from KCAMP providing the estimated increase to use for the 2023 budget; an engagement letter from the auditors to complete the 2023 budget; and a notification that the new generator was installed at the health department.
- Bid Request: Commissioner Ray contacted Marc Lovin, Home Oil Service, to obtain pricing to contract propane for the upcoming year.
- Correspondence Action: Randy Lohmann moved to allow the chairman to sign the engagement letter from Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris, our accountants, to complete the 2023 budget, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. Dennis Ray moved to enter into a contract with Home Oil Service to purchase 3,000 gallons of propane at \$1.89 per gallon, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.
- Highway Department: Director of Highway Department Dale Hlad presented the department's 2023 budget request. Hlad provided information on the motor grader fire. Hlad and the board expressed their appreciation to the individuals that spotted the fire and called it in, as they helped prevent a more significant loss to the building and other equipment. OS 112 bridge replacement project has a tentative start date of July 18. Hlad provided an update on department activities and projects. The board reminded the public that due to staff shortages projects are being delayed and might not be completed on the public's anticipated schedule.
- Law Enforcement: Sheriff Dustin Florence and Undersheriff Lucas Sanders presented the Sheriff's Department and Emergency Communications 2023 budget requests. Florence related that he has a bid to install an access control system at the sheriff's department. The board noted that the front door would need to be replaced if the system was installed. The board supported the installation of the security feature.
- County Attorney: County Attorney Scott Wright provided the board Attorney General's opinion 83-43, which addressed a similar fencing situation to the one before the board. Wright related that the AG opinion addresses the meaning of K.S.A. 21-309, which allows an owner not to be assessed the cost if two (2) conditions are met: 1. The landowner does not wish his land enclosed, and 2. not occupying or using it otherwise in common. According to information provided by Mr. Sanchez during the meetings attended, the second condition is not met, as he does not desire cattle to be on his property, so he has a responsibility to build a fence that will keep the cattle off his property. The board inquired about assistance with contacting the owners of the Post Rock Wind

Farm as the PILOT agreement expired in 2021 and creating a contract with the Wolgamots to demolish the property on W Lincoln Ave and the sale of the lot to the Wolgamots.

Fence Viewing: The board worked on drafting a notice of their findings while acting as fence viewers.

Emergency Manager: Emergency Manager Jesse Knight presented the department's 2023 budget request.

Minutes Approved: Darrell Oetting moved to accept the minutes for June 13, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.

Fence Viewing Notica Approved: Darrell Oetting moved to approve the letter be sent out for the fence viewing on Mr. Sanchez and Mr. Davis, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried.

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:24 a.m. The next meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. Monday, June 27, 2022, in the courthouse commission meeting room.