

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

December 16, 2019

- Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse. Vice-Chairman Randy Lohmann called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. with Chairman Alexis Pflugh present via skype 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, Norman Mannel, Robert Loveless, Cynthia Nelson, Kenny Jackson, Brendan Mackay, Howard Wehrman, James Webber, Bill Houston, Rodney Broberg and Robert Crangle.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: cost estimate to replace a part in the dish washer at the nursing home, the county does not own or lease the dish washer; a letter from Judy Ahlvers, Lincoln County Council on Aging recommending that Cindy Nelson be reappointed to the NCK-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging Board; a resignation from Robert Loveless resigning as a board member on the Lincoln County Council on Aging; Christmas Cards; preliminary Road Resolution 2019R-02; audit contract; Commissioner Gabelmann will be attending the Juvenile Detention Facility board meeting with Al Joe Wallace; and an email received from Mr. Granzow responding that the open records request for one contract is estimated to cost \$55.
- Board Appointment: James Gabelmann moved to appoint Cindy Nelson to the NCK-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging Board, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Resolution 2019R-02: James Gabelmann moved to approve Resolution 2019R-02, notice of proposed vacation, whereby the board proposes to vacate the following Township line road located in Grant Township and Vesper Township: Beginning at the Southeast (SE) corner of Section 34 Township 11 Range 9 also being the Northeast (NE) corner of Section 3 Township 12 Range 9 thence west to the Southwest (SW) corner of Section 34 Township 11 Range 9 also being the Northwest (NW) corner of Section 3 Township 12 Range 9, road right-of-way being 60 foot. This closing does not affect Highway 18 right-of-way. A vacation hearing will be held December 30, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. in the commission meeting room of the courthouse, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Audit Contract Approved: James Gabelmann moved to be resolved to accept the proposal submitted by Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris, Chartered to complete the audit for the year ended December 31, 2019, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Voting as follows: Lohmann – Aye; Gabelmann – Aye; Pflugh – Nay.
- Minutes Approved: James Gabelmann moved to approve the minutes of December 9 as written, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- E-Waste Agreement Approved: Landfill/Transfer Station Operator Kerry Jackson presented the E-Waste agreement with Osborne County E-Waste for the board’s approval. James Gabelmann moved to approve the Memorandum with Osborne County E-waste, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.

Highway Department: Director of Highway Department Brendan Mackay discussed the following: has received the hydraulic report for the stone culvert discussed previously and that the structure can be replaced with a four-foot culvert; bid from Verizon also included a bid for cell phone and data for the tablets, the board approved the purchase of a cell plan/phone and data on tablets through the vendor of his choice; presented a new agreement with Hi-Plains Sand, Inc for the board's approval; presented a letter to the Wilson Lake Estates Homeowner's Association for the board's approval; estimated cost to repair the 2012 Kobata tractor, worst case scenario, is approximately \$9,000; discussed the N 45<sup>th</sup> Rd and N 50<sup>th</sup> Rd; and presented the anticipated balance funds remaining unspent in the various funds available for the highway department. Randy Lohmann moved to approve the Agreement for Raw Material purchase with Hi-Plains Sand, Inc at a price of \$2.50 per yard, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried. Commissioner Pflugh related that she was contacted by a Russell County Commissioner regarding the agreement with Russell County and obligations for each county regarding the roads around Wilson Lake. The board requested that Clerk Harlow provide a copy of the last agreement approved by both counties. Commissioner Pflugh recommended that the board request the home owner's association to complete and submit a new survey with the current roads properly platted. The board approved a \$10,000 spending limit for the highway department without prior approval from the board. Commissioner Pflugh requested that the board consider rescinding, change or modify Resolution 2000-12, which enacted new regulations and rescinded a 1983 resolution that established regulations regarding first time gravel to new residences. The board discussed the Assistant Road Supervisor position and developing a pay plan for staff.

Hospital: Rodney Broberg, Lincoln County Hospital Board of Trustees addressed the commissioner's KORA request, and related that they would provide access to documents if commission members would agree to sign a confidentiality agreement. Broberg related that they have interviewed four applicants for an interim Hospital Administrator position and the board voted to enter into negotiations with an individual, to service as the Interim Hospital Administrator and assess the hospital operation. Broberg provided the proposal submitted by the potential candidate for the board to review. Broberg addressed the current financial position of the Hospital relating that there have been a couple of issues that have caused their cash position to be lower than they had anticipated and that the board currently feels like they can make it to the end of the year, but there is a possibility that they will not. Broberg related that if preliminary revenues hold, the hospital should be able to pay January payroll. The next tax distribution to the hospital will occur January 31, 2020.

Human Resource Position: The board discussed the Human Resource officer position. The board placed additional discussion on the December 23 agenda. Commissioner Pflugh told Clerk Harlow to provide the board's telephone numbers to any individual who comes to her office to complain about the commissioners and/or their actions.

Adjourned: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:48 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Monday, December 23, 2019 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.