

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

November 22, 2021

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room on Monday, November 22, 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: Art Howell, Dale Hlad, Ladonna Reinert, Diane Walters, and Brandon Cochran.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: a bill for Lincoln Park Manor; the board packet for the North Central Kansas Regional Juvenile Detention Facility monthly meeting; WEB fund recommendations; the Lincoln County Hospital Board of Trustees monthly meeting packet; tax abatements; and notification that the Republican Party will hold a convention to elect a new County Attorney on November 27 at 9:30 a.m. in the Lincoln County Courthouse courtroom.
- Correspondence Action: Randy Lohmann moved to approve the WEB fund proposal to spend \$2,349.16 for the Vesper Men's Club to buy televisions, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Randy Lohmann moved to approve tax abatements 2021-02 and 2021-01 in the amount of \$10.65 and \$16.82, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. The board approved canceling the Monday, November 29 regular meeting and approved an 8:30 a.m. start time for the Tuesday, November 30 regular meeting.
- ACH Authorization Approved: Clerk Harlow presented an ACH authorization form for the Citizens State Bank for the Board's approval. Darrell Oetting moved to approve a new signature card for Citizens State Bank (for ACH authorizations) seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Highway Department: Director of Highway Department Dale Hlad provided an update on department projects. Hlad related that Leslie Wright provided a two-week notice, and his last day will be December 2. Hlad requested approval to hire Mike Nelson. Dennis Ray moved to approve the hire of Mike Nelson at \$13.95 as a full-time equipment operator (effective November 29), seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Hlad discussed the striping project. Commissioner Lohmann forwarded a request for low water crossing repair on Jaguar. The board requested that the highway department remove three trees on the courthouse lawn.
- Convention of States: Art Howell discussed the importance of local elected officials' roles and participation in the Convention of States.
- Recess/Reconvene: The chairman recessed the meeting at 9:11 a.m. The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:27 a.m.
- Health Department: Health Nurse/Administrator Ladonna Reinert requested an executive session. Randy Lohmann moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing employee negotiations for the health department pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, to reconvene in the courthouse commission room with the commission, Health Nurse (Reinert), and County Clerk (Harlow), seconded by Dennis Ray.
- Executive Session: Motion carried. Time in: 9:31 a.m. Time out: 9:41 a.m.

- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:41 a.m. The board authorized Ladonna Reinert to accept the counteroffer and move forward with the hiring process.
- Minutes Approved: Dennis Ray moved to approve the November 15, 2021, minutes as presented, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Nursing Home: Nursing Home Administrator Diane Walters discussed the recent Fire Marshal inspection and items cited as required repairs. Walters will request a time extension once she has received bids and anticipated repair completion dates. The group discussed the bids received to install guttering. The board made no decision on this date.
- Ambulance Service: EMS Director Brandon Cochran reported on the following topics: 345 calls for the year; the Board of EMS conducted a spot inspection which the department passed; install four new tires on Unit 35 and will need to replace the other two soon; and that the copier was installed and the bid received was inclusive of all expenses. Cochran reported that he has an RN and AEMT who have applied for part-time per-need positions and that both are conducting their pre-employment testing. Cochran discussed teaching CPR, noting that the USD 298 school nurse is interested in becoming a CPR instructor, which he has agreed to sponsor. Cochran addressed the department's fee for conducting standby at sporting and public events, recommending that the department be approved to charge \$100 for three hours and \$30 per hour for every hour after that. The board requested that Cochran prepare and present a standby policy for the board to review.
- Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, November 30, 2021.