

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

June 1, 2021

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room Tuesday, June 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: Ladonna Reinert, Sarah Hageman, Kerry Jackson, Taylor Lebien, Brandon Cochran, Caleb Holeman, Dale Hlad, Dan Heina, Forrest Rhodes, and Jennifer O'Hare.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: an email from Diane Walters with cost information for a service contract through Culligan; a resolution from John Markley expressing opposition to the 49-County Heritage Area; a letter and packet of information from Gans Family Farms LLC regarding opposition to the Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area; sales flyers; and the Lincoln County Hospital summarized budget.
- Culvert Failure: Commissioner Lohmann related that there was a culvert failure on Hawk Dr and that he could not reach someone from the highway department, so he contacted the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Ray related that he was contacted by the Sheriff's Department regarding the culvert and that he set up barricades.
- Agreement Approved: The board received the signed agreement from Penny Kumpe and David Kumpe to allow the county to utilize a portion of their property in exchange for mowing the entire property. Dennis Ray moved to sign the agreement, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Commission Updates: Commissioner Lohmann updated the board on the following topics: hospital board meeting; had contacted John Paul Ellis regarding mowing the tax sale properties and the property adjacent to the recycling center; and will attend the county comprehensive plan steering committee on June 7. Commissioner Oetting related that Steve McReynolds would remove the materials placed at the N 5th St property; however, it will take some time.
- County Clerk: County Clerk Dawn Harlow presented the Clerk's office and Election 2022 budget request.
- Health Department: Health/Nursing Administrator Ladonna Reinert presented the department's 2022 budget request.
- Human Resources: Human Resource Officer Sarah Hageman presented the department's 2022 budget request.
- Landfill/Transfer Station: Landfill/Transfer Station Operator Kerry Jackson provided the department's 2022 budget request. Randy Lohmann moved to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes for the purpose of discussing the employee evaluation of the landfill director, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matter of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the courthouse commissioner room, with the commission, HR (Hageman), and Kerry Jackson, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Time in: 9:39 a.m. Time out: 9:54 a.m.
- Executive Session:
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:54 a.m. with no action taken.

District Court: District Court Clerk Taylor Lebien presented the District Court's 2022 budget request.

Minutes Approved: Darrell Oetting moved to accept the May 24 and May 28 commissioner minutes, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried.

Ambulance: EMS Director Brandon Cochran presented the department's 2022 budget request. Cochran notified the board that he plans to keep his job with Clay County and that he will work one twenty-four-hour shift and two eight-hour shifts. The board addressed concerns about Cochran working the same shift as his spouse and another set of employees who have been dating. Cochran indicated that both situations will be taken care of and that his intentions will be that they will not work together unless there is an emergency that requires it. Dennis Ray moved to change Jerry' Hlad's employment status from Interim EMS Director back to EMT at \$14.80, effective today, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.

Highway Department: Director of Highway Department Dale Hlad with Office Manager Caleb Holeman reported that the Sylvan blacktop overlay was not selected for grant funding. Hlad described a plan to address the damaged portions and suggested that the county purchase a crack sealer. Hlad presented the department's 2022 budget request.

Noxious Weed: Noxious Weed Director Dan Heina presented the department's 2022 budget request. Heina explained the procedure for complaints.

Executive Session: Randy Lohmann moved to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes, for the purpose of discussing the EEOC complaint issue pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(2) for consultation with an attorney for the public body or agency which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, to reconvene in the commission room in the courthouse, with the commission, HR (Hageman) and Attorney Forrest Rhodes, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Time in: 12:01 p.m. Time out: 12:16 p.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 12:16 p.m. with no action taken.

Executive Session: Randy Lohmann moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing the tax levy issue with County Attorney O'Hare pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(2) for consultation with an attorney for the public body or agency which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, to reconvene in the courthouse commission room with the commission, County Attorney O'Hare, and County Clerk (Harlow), seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Time in: 12:22 p.m. Time out: 12:32 p.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 12:32 p.m. with no action taken.

County Attorney: County Attorney Jennifer O'Hare presented the department's 2022 budget request.

Adjourn: Darrell Oetting moved to adjourn, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:49 p.m. The next meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. Monday, June 7, 2021, in the courthouse commission meeting room.