

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

October 31, 2019

- Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioner was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Thursday, October 31, 2019. Chairman Alexis Pflugh called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Randy Lohmann and Member James Gabelmann present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow acted as recording secretary.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Mona Gerstmann, Howard Wehrman, Brendan Mackay, Gordon Krueger, Scott Hartman, Leann Bishop, Mike Weigel, Dustin Florence, Derek Walter, Ladonna Reinert and Rhonda Wright.
- Meeting Date Changes: The board approved the following meeting date changes: November 18, the board will begin the meeting at 8:00 a.m. sitting as the Board of Canvassers and will start the regular meeting at 11:00 a.m. with a lunch scheduled; and November 25, the board will provide a meal at the landfill/transfer station and noxious weed for employees at 11 a.m. and start the regular meeting at 1:00 p.m.
- Accounts Payable & Payroll Approved: Randy Lohmann moved to approve accounts payable in the \$385,507.66 for the month of October 2019, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. Randy Lohmann moved to approve payroll in the amount \$196,722.80 for the month of October 2019, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried.
- Minutes Approved: Randy Lohmann moved to approve the October 21, 2019 minutes as corrected, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried.
- Nursing Home Door Approved: Commissioner Lohmann presented a bid to replace an exterior door at the nursing home. Randy Lohmann moved to approve the bid from DHPace, contract proposal for fixing a door separate from the fire door project in the amount of \$2,884, to be installed when the other doors are installed, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried.
- Treasurer: County Treasurer Leann Bishop presented the following costs to add access to the County website for property taxes and valuations: Komtek - \$480 one-time charge and Thompson Reuters - \$6,995 one-time charge with an annual fee of \$1,450 per year after. County Treasurer Leann Bishop provided the following 3rd quarter 2019 Treasurer Quarterly reports: Treasurers Special Vehicle Fund Balance – \$20,430.31; and Interest Earned on Idle Funds - \$19,621.49.
- Highway Department: Director of Highway Department Brendan Mackay and Road Supervisor Gordon Krueger with Scott Hartman, Van Keppel Company presented a bid to purchase a used excavator. James Gabelmann moved to buy a used 2013 Volvo EC220D Excavator in the amount of \$82,500 with the \$1,000 extended warranty from Van Keppel, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Mackay related that they would also like to purchase a dump truck and that Ellsworth County will be trading one in this calendar year and would like approval to pursue. The board approved. Mackay updated the board on the N 150th Rd, a survey will need to be completed and the survey marker is no longer present so there will be a \$600 fee to complete the survey. Mackay forwarded a request from Wally Sheldon to reopen the road and place signs up that instruct drivers to travel at their own risk. The board denied the request. Mackay presented an agreement to with the State of Kansas to provide a 90/10 grant to complete a study on the

county's major collectors and paved roads. Randy Lohmann moved to sign the agreement between the Secretary of Transportation, Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and Lincoln County, to complete study to review our roads, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried. The group discussed graveling the bottom road to the landfill. The board approved if materials are available. The group discussed employee needs and the board approved hiring one truck driver and one equipment operator. Alexis Pflugh moved to approve Brendan Mackay as representative for Lincoln County on the Regional Homeland Security Council until further notice, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. Alexis Pflugh moved to approve the bid from Kenny Branda, Kenny's Construction in the amount of \$86,082 to repair the road slide at Wilson Lake Estates, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. Pflugh – Aye; Gabelmann – Aye; Lohmann – Nay. Commissioner Gabelmann forwarded a compliment and road request to the department.

Law Enforcement: Sheriff Mike Weigel and Undersheriff Dustin Florence reported that he has filled the full-time jailers position and that James Reagan has started his second week at the academy with completion in February. Alexis Pflugh moved to approve sheriff's request to hire Owen Krueger at \$14.00 per hour as a full-time jailer upon successful completion of pre-employment testing, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.

IT Management Contracts: The board discussed the IT management contracts with department heads. After discussion the board approved instructing the Highway Department and Ambulance Service to setup IT management with Wilson Communications. The Health Department and Sheriff's Department were authorized to make their own decision which company to use. Courthouse departments will meet with each other to select a company.

Hospital: Commissioner Pflugh discussed a document that was provided by Steve Granzow to hospital board members regarding a study that KU is conducting. The board discussed that the bylaws provided by the hospital are not signed by the board members. Mona Gerstmann requested that the Board of Commissioners request a legal opinion regarding whether the CFO and CEO is a governmental employee.

Nursing Home: The board discussed the nursing home. The board approved sending an email requesting the back rent for the nursing home, and include the caveat that Grace had said he would start paying if the fire door project preceded.

Transportation Bus: The board reviewed an email sent by Transportation Bus Driver Jerry Philbrick, regarding the 2020 state budget. The board received a letter of resignation from Anna Marie Wolting, effective December 31, 2019. The board discussed deactivating the bus board. James Gabelmann moved to phase out the bus board at the end of this year, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried.

KWORCC Voting Delegate: Randy Lohmann moved to appoint Alexis Pflugh as KWORCC voting delegate at the upcoming meeting, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Correspondence: historic property designation for the old high school; historic property designation for the CR Building; and agriculture disclosure notice.

Emergency Management: The board discussed the Emergency Manager position and whether the position could be contracted.

- LEPC: Alexis Pflugh moved to approve the appointment of Mr. Robert Keach as PIO, Mr. Brendan Mackay as Transportation Representative, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. (Local Emergency Planning Commission LEPC)
- Projection Planning: Alexis Pflugh moved to authorize Commissioner Gabelmann as a representative of the commission to discuss with each department projection planning, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- PBC Bonds: The board will review the PBC Bond book during the November 4 regular meeting.
- Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:41 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Monday, November 4, 2019 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.