

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

November 30, 2020

- Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Monday, November 30, 2020. Chairman Randy Lohmann called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman James Gabelmann and Member Alexis Pflugh present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Darrell Oetting, Dennis Ray, Roberta Turner, Jay Core, Brendan Mackay, and Sarah Hageman.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: Lincoln County Audit for year ended December 31, 2020; tax abatements; newsletter from North Central Regional Planning Commission; an email from Attorney Andrew S Mayo, with Riordan, Fincher & Beckerman, P.A. regarding Lincoln Park Manor's lease agreement; and Commissioner Lohmann related that he has received phone calls regarding mask mandates.
- Correspondence Action: The board approved scheduling a conference call for December 14 at 1:30 p.m. with Attorney Andrew Mayo and John Grace to discuss the lease with Lincoln Park Manor. James Gabelmann moved to approve the abatement ZAMO001 (2020-05) in the amount of \$729.47, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. James Gabelmann moved to approve SYLV0010 (2020-04) in the amount of \$440.18 because they have changed from a regular rate to a not-for-profit, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Minutes Approved: James Gabelmann moved to approve minutes of 23 November with a single minor spelling change on the third line under correspondence action, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Transportation Bus: Transportation Bus Driver Roberta Turner related that when the pandemic started, they were instructed to continue services as normal and that the service has been limiting to one rider per trip. Turner related that she does have one client who uses a wheelchair for trips to Wichita and that due to the location of the wheelchair and lockdown procedures she is not able to maintain a safe distance. The board suggested the Turner investigate whether a plexiglass barrier could be installed between the front seats and the rear compartment of the handicapped van or whether the county could provide a face shield for the client.
- First Rural Fire: First Rural Fire Governing Board Member Jay Core provided a list of bids received to build a building in the parking lot North of the emergency services building for the board to review.
- Highway Department: Director of Highway Department Brendan Mackay related that the High-Risk Rural Roads grant is due February 26 and inquired if the board would like to apply for signage on the minor collector roads. No decision was made this date. Mackay inquired about the Certificate that was signed for the windfarm repower project at the November 16 meeting and about the motion regarding Christmas Eve at the November 23 meeting. Mackay related that Schneiders has been hauling gravel however were they are putting the gravel is not the location previously requested. Mackay related that he understood there was a request to carryover leave time for a department and requested that he be included and inquired whether he was allowed to carry over 100 hours due to his minimum weekly hour requirement. Gabelmann inquired whether

Sheldon Frederking had reported a hole in a culvert on E Quartz Dr. Mackay related that it is scheduled to be replaced but the excavator has an oil leak and will be looked at on Wednesday.

Payroll/Accounts Payable Approved: James Gabelmann moved to approve the payroll for the 25<sup>th</sup> of November 2020 in the amount of \$224,056.17, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried. James Gabelmann moved to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$390,148.33, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.

Recess: The chairman recessed the meeting for lunch at 11:37 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 12:00 noon.

Executive Session: Alexis Pflugh moved to recess into executive session for thirty minutes for the purpose of discussing EEOC complaints 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 with the Board of Commissioners, HR Officer Sarah Hageman, Commissioner Elect Darrell Oetting and Commissioner Elect Dennis Ray, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Time in: 12:02 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.

Executive Session: Alexis Pflugh moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for purpose of discussing time clock usage pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in commission meeting room, with HR Officer Sarah Hageman and the Board of County Commissioners, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. Time in: 12:36 p.m. Time out: 12:47 p.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 12:47 p.m. with no action taken.  
HR: Hageman will provide the amount of leave time that needs to be used by the Health Department at the December 7 meeting.

Recycling Center: Commissioner Pflugh inquired about the forklifts from the recycling center. Clerk Harlow related that the board had agreed to trade the center's smaller forklift to S & S Auto Body for repairs to the forklift transferred to the department from the Highway Department. Clerk Harlow will research and provide the minutes and/or meeting recordings. It was discussed whether the board could sell and/or trade the forklift without advertising, Clerk Harlow related that both forklifts were deemed not repairable and it had been stated that they were only valued at the current price of scrap metal, which Commissioner Gabelmann calculated at \$100 per ton or a total of \$300 for the smaller forklift. S & S Auto Body was successful in repairing the previous highway department forklift and it is currently be utilized by the department.

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Monday, December 7, 2020 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.

Previous Meeting Request: \*November 23, 2020 regular meeting request that was inadvertently missed from the minutes: Health/Nurse Administrator Ladonna Reinert requested that the board make an exception for Health Department employees to the leave time policy which requires employees to use it or lose it for any time over 80 hours due to the pandemic and the work load on the department. No decision was made this date.