

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

March 30, 2020

- Call to order: The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioner was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Monday, March 30, 2020 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse. Chairman Randy Lohmann called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman James Gabelmann present and Alexis Pflugh present via telephone. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Betty Summers, TJ Jonsson, Patricia Winters, Brendan Mackay, Tanner Yost, Leann Bishop, and Ladonna Reinert.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: sale flyer for equipment; letter from Dickenson County cancelling the North Central Kansas Highway Associations annual meeting; Jerry Philbrick forwarded an email from KDOT regarding equipment usage; Commissioner Gabelmann related that the President has declared a Disaster Declaration for the State of Kansas; an email from Enel; an email from Brendan Mackay with an updated pay scale; an email from the Lucas Chamber requesting a letter of support for their application for a National Scenic Byway status for the Post Rock scenic Byway; and an email from Brendan Mackay regarding Loren Becker's requested amendments to the current gravel agreement.
- Minutes Approved: James Gabelmann moved to approve the minutes of the 16 March, 17 March, and 20 March commission meetings, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Voting as follows: Lohmann – Aye; Gabelmann – Aye; Pflugh – Abstained.
- USD 298: USD 298 school board representatives TJ Jonsson and Patricia Winters with Superintendent Betty Summers provided an update on the projects that were completed with the WEB fund distribution provided to the school district. Jonsson related that there was not enough funding available to replace the high school HVAC units or the fire units on the gym and shop, and that the school district incurred \$3,526 to make repairs necessary to the fire units, but did not credit WEB funds to the expense, due to the fact that the equipment was not replaced. Jonsson related that there is \$2,600 remaining and inquired if the board would like the funds returned. James Gabelmann moved that the county forgive the \$2,600 remaining, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Voting as follows: Lohmann – Aye; Gabelmann – Aye; Pflugh – Nay.
- Highway Department: Director of Highway Department Brendan Mackay reported that he had emailed the commissioners with a letter of support for OS 65; presented an encroachment agreement to access private property for the N 150th Rd relocation project, the agreement will be forwarded to the commission email and to the county attorney for review; inquired if the board had made any decision regarding the cost share to replace culverts; Office Manager Caleb Holeman and himself are scheduled to complete the driving portion of the CDL training April 13 – 18; and related that the trucks for the Smoky Hills Windfarm repower project were no longer going off route from the RMA agreement that was approved, noting that 218 loads were off route, with the potential that another 146 loads went off route. Mackay presented the proposed gravel removal/purchase agreement for Loren Becker, noting that the changes included the following: does not want the county to restock the existing pile; increased price; and railroad material that is piled should be used for projects. The board agreed to the modification specifying that the increase price will because there is an existing stock pile of materials.

Highway Department: Tanner Yost, Kirkham Michael provided a binder with information on available funding programs that are currently available. Yost discussed the Smoky Hills windfarm repower project and the status of the inspections of the approved equipment usage routes. Yost presented an agreement to provide professional services to create plans for future cells and property usage for the portion of county owned land located in Section 34, Marion Township. No action was taken this date.

Recess: The chairman recessed the meeting for fifteen minutes until 11:52 a.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:52 a.m.

Payroll Approved: James Gabelmann moved to approve the gross payroll for March 2020 in the amount of \$189,710.80, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.

County Treasurer: County Treasurer Leann Bishop related that a \$200,000 certificate of deposit has matured and provided options to reinvest. The board approved reinvesting in a six-month certificate of deposit.

Health Department: Health Nurse/Administrator Ladonna Reinert provided an update on COVID-19 and the department's response, including discussion on the Governor's enactment of a Statewide Stay at Home Order effective at 12:01 a.m. March 30 through April 19. Reinert related that the order has exemptions and that county employees are considered essential however she encouraged offices to limit the amount of staff working and suggested that department heads send employees home if there is not enough work available to prevent employees from congregating in groups. Reinert also issued a concern regarding the upcoming storm season and asked that the board to allow staff to go home if placed in a tornado warning, where employees can seek shelter with their families rather than congregating together in the basement of the courthouse, the board approved.

Emergency Management: James Gabelmann moved to hire David Dohe as a part-time per-need employee for the Emergency Management department effective March 30, 2020, starting wage \$15.00 per hour, with hours set at mine or Ladonna Reinert's discretion, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable Approved: James Gabelmann moved to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$306,710.94, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Monday April 6, 2020 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.