

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

August 9, 2021

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room Monday, August 9, 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, Norman Mannel, Sarah Hageman, Dale Hlad, and Frank Lamb.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: bills for Lincoln Park Manor; USDA Agricultural Risk Coverage-County Option (ARC-CO) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) Election and Contract correcting acreage for county-owned property leased to Duane Helus Trust; contract from Corey Shearer, Big Country Construction, with a request for a draw; 2022 proposed budget; and a budget request for the Council on Aging received July 13.
- Correspondence Action: The chairman signed the USDA form to correct acreage for county-owned property leased to Duane Helus Trust. The chairman signed the contract previously approved with Big Country Construction to repair water damages at Lincoln Park Manor. Dennis Ray moved to authorize the \$10,000 draw for the contract at midmonth, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Health Department: Health Nurse/Administrator Ladonna Reinert provided an update on COVID-19 cases and quarantines. Reinert reminded the board that they are the Board of Health and provided information detailing their responsibilities. Reinert related that she has recommended that the schools require masks because the CDC, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, and the health department medical consultant, Dr. Thomas Marcilleno, recommend masks. However, she cannot mandate usage without the Board of Health enacting a mandate. Reinert noted that costs for a medical trailer are approximately \$115,000, and the department initially budgeted \$50,000 with their grant. Reinert requested that the board consider using ARPA funds to pay the difference. There is another grant available that promotes immunizations and COVID vaccinations. This grant can be used towards the initiative to give \$100 to individuals who get vaccinated. Randy Lohmann moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing a department head employee evaluation, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in courthouse commissioner room with the commission, Ladonna Reinert Health Director, and HR Director Sarah Hageman, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Time in: 9:14 a.m. Time out: 9:24 a.m.
- Executive Session: Randy Lohmann moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing a department head employee evaluation, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in courthouse commissioner room with the commission, Ladonna Reinert Health Director, and HR Director Sarah Hageman, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Time in: 9:14 a.m. Time out: 9:24 a.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:24 a.m. with no action taken.
- Executive Session: Randy Lohmann moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purposes of discussing employee evaluations, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the courthouse commission room with the commission, HR Director (Hageman) and Ladonna Reinert, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Time in: 9:27 a.m. Time out: 9:37 a.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:37 a.m. with no action taken.

- Human Resources:** Human Resource Officer Hageman provided a job description for the proposed courthouse rover clerk/secretary position for the board to review. Hageman reported that she will attend a conference call on Wednesday regarding the initial draft of the pay scale and anticipates a final draft the following Monday.
- Highway Department:** Director of Highway Department Dale Hlad presented an agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation regarding the pavement grant. Dennis Ray moved to authorize the chairman to sign Project number 53C-5120-01, paint markings for the blacktop roads, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. Hlad noted that the State received the reclamation paperwork for the Holmes pit and that a final inspection will be completed once seeding is established. Hlad updated the board on department projects and equipment needs. The group discussed that the county might have to bid projects to outside contractors if open positions are not filled. Hlad related that he had an individual contact him about working part-time, mowing. Surplus equipment will be listed on PurpleWave soon. Human Resource Officer Hageman requested an executive session for negotiations and pre-employment screenings. Randy Lohmann moved to recess into executive session for five minutes, for the purpose of discussing employee pre-employment negotiations, under K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the commission room of the courthouse, with the commission, HR (Hageman), and Dale Hlad, Highway Department Director, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Time in: 10:03 Time out: 10:08 a.m.
- Executive Session:**
- Reconvene:** The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:08 a.m. Dennis Ray moved to hire Corbin Weers at an entry-level position for the highway department at \$13.11 an hour, and we are making an exception to the physical capacity requirement for him, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.
- Information:** Norman Mannel provided a news clipping from USA Today regarding a court decision that past government contracts with Native Americans are enforceable.
- Emergency Manager:** Emergency Manager Frank Lamb reported that Civic Plus will be completing a system upgrade, and individuals utilizing it will need to be trained. Lamb discussed the County's Emergency Operations Plan. He will also be meeting with both school districts to update their plans. The board reminded Lamb that he should be leaving the courthouse by the end of the business day unless there is an emergency.
- Minutes Approved:** Darrell Oetting moved to approve the August 2 commissioner meeting minutes, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried.
- Landfill Discussion:** The board discussed an event that occurred on August 9. USD 298 attempted to deliver a fully intact mobile unit to dispose of in the construction/demolition pit. All material disposed of at the construction/demolition pit must be demolished and separated to allow disposal in proper areas according to State regulations and extend the facility's life span.
- Adjourn:** The chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:42 a.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. Monday, August 16, 2021.