

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

September 13, 2021

Call to Order:

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Monday, September 13, 2021. Chairman Randy Lohmann called the meeting to order at 10:00 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: Art Howell, Tanner Yost, Dale Hlad, Dustin Florence, Sarah Hageman, Dil Darjee, Frank Lamb, and Rhonda Fernandez.

Correspondence:

Correspondence: bills for Lincoln Park Manor, a Notice from the City of Lincoln that a neighboring property has requested a permit to maintain twelve chickens; Kansas Association of Counties voting delegate appointment form; KWORCC voting delegate appointment form; an invitation from Kirkham Michael to attend a client appreciation dinner during the KAC conference; a letter from the Kansas Department of Revenue Division of Property Valuation with the results of the county's official 2020 Real Estate/Sales Ratio study, noting that the County Appraiser has met the statistical performance standards; a resignation from Kathy Nielsen from the Lincoln County Council on Aging; and the 2021 Lincoln County audit.

Correspondence Action:

Dennis Ray moved to appoint Randy Lohman as the voting delegate for KWORCC and KAC (annual meetings), seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.

ARPA Funds:

Clerk Harlow discussed APRA funds and reported that the county had an estimated revenue loss of \$264,265.32 according to the allowed growth adjustment of 4.1 percent per year. The board agreed to hold public meetings at the beginning of 2022 to receive public input on utilizing the funds to maximize the value of the Federal funds.

Article 5:

Art Howell reminded the board of the importance of local government units and elected officials supporting the Constitution of the United States and the Convention of States Article 5.

Highway Department:

Tanner Yost, Kirkham Michael, reported that the application for the cost-share program is due soon. Yost inquired if the board is still interested in applying for the Sylvan blacktop overlay project and if they would like to commit more than the 25% match as previously discussed. Yost reviewed cost estimates for the project with the board. The board requested that Yost remove items from the estimate before making a decision. Yost provided program requirements for the local bridge improvement funding program, and provided a list of bridges that would qualify for the program for the board to review. Dale Hlad provided a corrected temporary construction easement with Goldie Wiebke for OS 112 bridge replacement project. Dennis Ray moved to allow the chairman to sign the updated construction easement between Goldie Wiebke and Lincoln County, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. Hlad presented documents to receive the Federal funds exchange money from the State. Dennis Ray moved to allow the chairman to sign the federal funds exchange between the State of Kansas, the Federal government, and Lincoln County, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. Commissioner Oetting forwarded a bridge structure concern.

Law Enforcement:

Sheriff Dustin Florence reported that Arletta Morse had retired and that he has offered the part-time per-need position to Courtney Berry. Florence updated the board on law enforcement

activities. Dennis Ray moved to employ Courtney Berry at \$14.00 per hour as a part-time per-need dispatcher, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.

- Motion:** Randy Lohmann moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing employee hiring status at the highway department, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, to reconvene in courthouse commission room with the commission, HR Director Sarah (Hageman), and Highway Department Director Dale Hlad. Motion died for a lack of a second.
- Solid Waste:** Dil Darjee, Post Rock Motel & Restaurant, issued a concern that his solid waste disposal fee was doubled. The disposal fee was increased when the Restaurant was opened as it is another business and that the resolution states that each business will be assessed for solid waste. Estimated weights were provided by RanDan, Inc to the Clerk's Office, and the Hotel and Restaurant are each billed for 150 lbs of trash per month. The board suggested that Darjee visits with the trash hauler to weigh the trash.
- Gravel Agreements:** Commissioner Ray inquired about viewing previous gravel agreements for the Bolte pit.
- Human Resources:** Human Resource Officer Sarah Hageman forwarded a concern regarding a current policy in the handbook that PTO does not accrue after notice is given of an employee's intent to resign. The board took no action on this date to change the policy.
- Health Insurance:** Rhonda Fernandez, Professional Insurance Consultants, provided information on self-funding the county's health insurance plan.
- Minutes Approved:** Dennis Ray moved to approve the August 30 minutes as presented, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.
- Executive Session:** Randy Lohmann moved to recess into executive session for forty-five minutes for the purpose of discussing attorney-client privilege concerning the EEOC 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 courthouse commissioner room with the commission, HR (Sarah Hageman), and attorney Forrest Rhodes, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Time in: 11:11 a.m. Time out: 11:56 a.m.
- Reconvene:** The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:56 a.m. with no action taken
- Human Resources:** Human Resource Officer Sarah Hageman reported that an employee must be enrolled in KPERS if they work over 1,000 hours per year and their reoccurring annual schedule will exceed those hours; however, they do not qualify for enrollment if it is a one-time occurrence. Hageman also reported that employees must be offered health insurance if they work a minimum of 30 hours per week or 1,560 hours per year.
- Adjourn:** The chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. Monday, September 20, 2021.