

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

September 14, 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, September 14, 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 as recording secretary.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Charlene Griffin, Darrell Oetting, Jonathan Schale (via telephone), Marilyn Hellmer, Brendan Mackay, Tanner Yost, Derek Walter, and Sarah Hageman.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: bills for Lincoln Park Manor; and KCAMP annual meeting notice and request for voting delegate.
- Miscellaneous: The board contacted Jonathan Schale, via telephone, regarding questions on bills received. Commissioner Gabelmann discussed a road complaint received from Gordon Krueger regarding a terrace across a county road on E Fox Dr and prohibits access to his property. James Gabelmann moved to let Alexis Pflugh be the voting delegate for all three, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. (KCAMP, KWORCC, and KAC) The board discussed Mark Winckler's complaint and the need to resolve issues when public utilities are buried in the right of way.
- Minutes Approved: James Gabelmann moved to approve the two sets of minutes we have dated September the 8th and September the 10th, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. (approved as corrected)
- Lincoln Area Humane Society: Charlene Griffin, Lincoln Area Humane Society provided information on the organization and programs offered. Griffin related that the Humane Society houses dogs in the City of Lincoln pound if the dog is located within the city limits, however they do not have a location to take dogs outside of the limits of both the City of Lincoln or City of Sylvan Grove. The City of Lincoln has agreed to allow animals for emergencies, but the process to get approved delays the organization and can be difficult to volunteers. Griffin requested that the board speak with the City of Lincoln to consider changing the ordinance to allow the shelter of dogs from outside of the city limits. Griffin explained the TNR (trap, neuter, and return) program and associated costs to spay or neuter stray cats. Griffin requested that the board consider providing funding to continue the TNR program. The board requested that the organization prepare and present a letter of support to the City of Lincoln to allow stray dogs from outside of the city limits.
- Highway Department: Tanner Yost, Kirkham Michael with Director of Highway Department Brendan Mackay presented information on the structural status of the bridge on E Lincoln Ave near the city park. Yost recommended that the structure be replaced and explained his findings. Yost provided information on grant program that could be utilized for the bridge. Commissioner Gabelmann related that he is withdrawing his recommendation to close or make minimum maintenance a portion of E Quartz Dr. The board discussed the road complaints received by Mark Winckler and Gordon Krueger.
- Ambulance Service: Ambulance Service Director Derek Walter related that Zoll will back the heart monitors for an additional year. Alexis Pflugh moved to approve the Zoll maintenance contract between Zoll Medical Corporation and the Lincoln County Ambulance Service, seconded by James

- Executive Session: Gabelmann. Motion carried. Walter reported that the state (KBEMS) has approved the grant for Heather Keehner to take the AEMT class and all but \$200 was covered. The remainder cost is the responsibility of the employee. Alexis Pflugh moved to recess into executive session for twenty-five minutes for the purpose of discussing personnel records pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the commission room, with the Board of County Commissioners, HR Officer Sarah Hageman, and Ambulance Director Derek Walter, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. Time in: 11:25 a.m. Time out: 11:50 a.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:50 a.m. with no action taken.
- Emergency Management: James Gabelmann moved that we physically move the emergency management office from the courthouse to the ambulance station and that that move be executed this week using the Highway Department personnel and vehicles under the COVID emergency, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried.
- Fire Chiefs Meeting: Commissioner Lohmann reported on the fire chiefs meeting that he attended.
- Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:34 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Monday, September 21, 2020 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.