

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

April 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 Thursday, April 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 as recording secretary.
- Visitors:** Others present for portions of the meeting: Sarah Hageman, Jerry Philbrick, Mike Weigel, Jennifer O'Hare, Dustin Florence, Brendan Mackay, Ladonna Reinert, Rhonda Wright, Tami Kerth, and Leann Bishop.
- Payroll Approved:** James Gabelmann moved to approve payroll for April 30 in the amount of \$191,113.31, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Accounts Payable Approved:** Randy Lohmann moved to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$333,702.95, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried.
- Hospital Update:** Commissioner Lohmann provided an update on the hospital board meeting and related that they have applied for several grants including the PPE loan.
- General:** The board debated the power of the governor and constitutional rights.
- Recess:** The chairman recessed the meeting to the courtroom at 10:49 a.m.
- Reconvene:** The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:59 a.m. in the courtroom of the courthouse.
- Department Head Meeting:** The board met with the elected officials and department heads about the need to reduce spending in order to prepare for potential revenue shortfalls in property tax and sales tax collections. The board requested that everyone present a budget on May 11 that reduces their current budget by one third so that they can see what each budget might look like if revenues are not received at the expected levels and potential changes to valuation for state assessed properties in future years. Those present expressed concerns that several budgets are primarily labor.
- COVID-19 Reopening:** The board discussed reopening plans and whether facilities will remain closed or will open if the governor lifts the stay at home order. Treasurer Leann Bishop related that she has ordered a Plexiglas shield to put in place as a six foot separation from customers is not possible. Health Nurse/Administrator Ladonna Reinert related that she will continue with restricted access and see patients by appointment. County Attorney O'Hare related that the court system will probably not return to the way it was previously, which will require additional expenses on the county to accommodate technological changes. The courthouse will remain restricted through May 4. Reinert related that she will know more after the governor's announcement tonight and they will go through the governor's guidelines to determine what will and will not be required, noting that counties can be more restrictive than the order but cannot be less restrictive.
- Adjourn:** The chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:59 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Monday, May 4, 2020 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.