

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

April 19, 2021

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting Monday, April 19, 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: Art Howell, Char Chase, Dustin Florence, Lucas Sanders, Roberta Turner, Leann Bishop, Rhonda Wright, Kathy Mosher, Erica Green, Gaylene Zier, Caleb Holeman, Sarah Hageman, Shannon Meier, and Wendy Gronau.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: a license agreement with the Department of the Army; a resignation from Beverly Rural Fire District Governing Board Member Dan Wieneke; a letter from Lewis Watson, opposing the Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership and requesting that the county opt-out of the KNHAP; and a resolution from Joan Rolfs, expressing opposition to the 49-County Heritage Area.
- Correspondence Action & Updates: Randy Lohmann moved to sign the Certificate of Authority, seconded Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. (authorizing Emergency Manager Baldwin Fisher to sign the License Agreement with the Department of the Army, to use an antenna tower jointly) Dennis Ray moved to appoint Jeff White to the Beverly Westfall Fire Board effective today's date, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. (Beverly Rural Fire District Governing Board) Commissioner Ray updated the board on the demolition of the 5th St property.
- Minutes Approved: Dennis Ray moved to approve the April 12th minutes, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. Darrell Oetting moved to accept the commissioner's minutes for April 13th and April 14th, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Sanctuary County: Char Chase requested that the board consider adopting a resolution to make Lincoln County a Second Amendment Sanctuary County. Chase provided a sample resolution as well as a petition signed by residents in support of the designation. The board will request legal counsel to review.
- Law Enforcement: Sheriff Dustin Florence reported that he accepted the resignation of a dispatcher. Florence related that new cameras were purchased for patrol units, and discussed not purchasing a second patrol unit to help pay for the cameras. Florence received concerns regarding an incident that the sheriff's department is investigating.
- Transportation Bus: Transportation Bus Driver Roberta Turner forwarded an email from the mobility manager requesting funding. The board tabled a decision until they receive more information. Turner discussed the rider handbook and the portion addressing children riders and the age limits. The board requested additional information.
- County Treasurer: County Treasurer Leann Bishop provided the following 1st quarter 2021 Treasurer Quarterly reports: Treasurers Special Vehicle Fund Balance – \$7,513.86; and Interest Earned on Idle Funds - \$6,704.35. Bishop, Clerk Harlow, and County Appraiser Rhonda Wright discussed a tax and budgetary software demonstration that Computer Information Concepts provided. The group

will request demonstrations from other vendors who also offer software programs to other Kansas counties.

Mental Health: Kathy Mosher, Executive Director for Central Kansas Mental Health Center, provided information regarding the organization and services provided to residents of Lincoln County. Mosher presented a budget request for 2021, asking that the board restore funding, at minimum, to the levels given in 2019. Mosher and Gaylene Zier, Lincoln County's appointed representative, identified the importance of services and training programs.

Highway Department: Interim Director of Highway Department Caleb Holeman provided a list of engineers invited to bid construction engineering services for OS 112. Commissioner Lohmann and Commissioner Oetting forwarded requests from residents within their districts. Holeman presented a utility permit agreement for the board's approval. Holeman provided an amendment to the gravel agreements for the board to review. Dennis Ray moved to allow the chairman to sign the utility permit agreement between Wilson Communications and Lincoln County, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.

Executive Session Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for forty-five minutes to conduct an interview for the EMS Director position with Applicant #8, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, to reconvene in the commission meeting room, with the commission, HR (Sarah Hageman), Shannon Meier, Wendy O'Hare, and Applicant #8, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Time in: 11:36 a.m. Time out: 12:21 p.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 12:21 p.m. with no action taken.

Executive Session: Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for twenty minutes to conduct an interview for the EMS Director position with Applicant #8, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, to reconvene in the commission meeting room, with the commission, HR (Sarah Hageman), Shannon Meier, Wendy O'Hare, and Applicant #8, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. Time in: 12:23 p.m. Time out: 12:43 p.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 12:43 p.m. with no action taken.

Executive Session: Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes to evaluate the interviewees for the EMS Director position, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, to reconvene in the commission meeting room, with the commission, HR (Sarah Hageman), Shannon Meier, and Wendy O'Hare, Time in: 12:47 p.m. Time out: 12:57 p.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 12:57 p.m. The board instructed HR to schedule follow-up interviews with four of the candidates interviewed for the EMS Director position.

Human Resources: Human Resource Officer Sarah Hageman requested that the board approve the conditional hire of an applicant for the transportation bus service. Randy Lohman moved to hire Kathy Anderson at \$12.00 per hour, part-time county bus driver, on the condition that she gets the medical card, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. Hageman notified the board that she has an application for the Director of Highway Department position. Randy Lohmann moved to recess

Executive Session: into executive session for fifteen minutes for the purpose of reviewing an application for the highway department director position, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to reconvene in the commissioners' room, with the commissioners and HR Director (Hageman), seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Time in: 1:09 p.m. Time Out: 1:24 p.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 1:24 p.m. The board instructed Hageman to schedule an interview for the Highway Department position.

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:26 p.m. until 8:30 a.m. Monday, April 26, 2021, in the courthouse commission meeting room.