

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

June 24, 2019

- Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Monday, June 24, 2019. Chairman Alexis Pflugh called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Member Randy Lohmann present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Jeannie Fern, Norman Mannel, Cynthia Nelson, Sharon Dohe, Pam Ryan, Jim Gabelmann, Jennifer O'Hare, Art Howell, Julie Yarmer, Alicia Strother, Howard Wehrman, Michel O'Hare, Jesse Zachgo, Jerome Duran, Marion Dreher, Jason Staas, Larry Enfield, Margaret Trueblood, Marsha Scott, Jay Scott, Donald Simons, Greg Copeland, Lisa Wright, Jess Wright, Jo Thomasson, Nadine Thomasson, Bruce Weilert, Linda Weilert, Alan Fabrizio and Larry Enfield.
- Minutes Approved: Randy Lohmann moved to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2019 meeting as corrected, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried. Alexis Pflugh moved to approve the June 19, 2019 special meeting minutes, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: bills for Lincoln Park Manor, board positions remaining unfilled, and the Time Clock Policy for approval.
- Hours Changed: Commissioner Pflugh related that the Saturday landfill employee had contacted her that his hours on Saturday should be 8:00 a.m. The board contacted the department head to determine the appropriate time. Alexis Pflugh moved to amend the Refuse Department hours on Saturday for the time clock to begin at 8:00 a.m., seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Board Positions: The board discussed what should be done regarding the un-appointed board positions remaining. It was determined that Commissioners would contact previous board members to determine if they would still be interested in continuing to serve on the boards.
- Time Clock Policy Approved: Alexis Pflugh moved to approve the Time Clock Policy for Lincoln County, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- County Attorney Budget: County Attorney Jennifer O'Hare presented the 2020 budget request in the amount of \$117,500 which is the same amount as the amount approved in the 2019 budget.
- Road Vacation Hearing: Chairman Alexis Pflugh convened the scheduled road vacation hearing at 10:30 a.m. concerning the proposed vacation of a road located in Madison Township. The chairman closed the Road Vacation Hearing at 10:35 a.m. Alexis Pflugh moved to approve Final Resolution and Order Resolution 2019V-01, seconded by Randy Lohman. Motion carried. (whereby it is therefore ordered that the following described county road, located in Colorado and Elkhorn Township, shall be vacated and is hereby vacated: Beginning at the Northeast corner of the Northeast quarter of Section 35 also be the Northwest corner Northwest quarter of Section 36 thence south to the Southeast corner of the Northeast quarter also be the Southwest corner of the Northwest quarter of Section 36 all being in Township 13S and Range 6W. Road right-of-way be 60 foot.)

- Benefit Management:** Julie Yarmer and Alicia Strother, Freedom Claims Management Inc. presented information on the services provided by their organization for employee benefits management for health, life and vision, which also includes obtaining bids for health insurance, and identified organizations that currently utilize their services.
- Recess/Reconvene:** The chairman recessed the meeting at 11:04 a.m. and reconvened at 11:06 a.m.
- Highway Department:** Director of Public Works Michel O'Hare with Interim Road and Bridge Supervisor Jesse Zachgo reported on the following subjects: working on a contract for an excavator; both dozers are back; presented Highway Department 2020 budget request in the amount of \$2,441,100 which is the same amount as approved to fund the 2019 budget and Special Bridge fund 2020 budget request in the amount of \$400,000 which is \$212,300 more than the amount approved in the 2019 budget, noting that the budget line item increase in salary included an increase for a truck foreman, adding a new position and a fifty cent raise for employees. The board related that the department should stop utilizing the Zachgo gravel pit, noting two reasons: quality of gravel is not good, and would stop the impression of favoritism.
- Recess:** The chairman recessed the meeting at 11:30 a.m. to move to the new commission meeting room (former extension office) to meet with Wilson Lake Estate Homeowners.
- Reconvene:  
Wilson Lake Estates  
Homeowners:** The chairman reconvened at 11:35 a.m. in the new commission meeting room (former extension office) with the Wilson Lake Estates homeowners Jerome Duran, Marion Dreher, Jason Staas, Larry Enfield, Margaret Trueblood, Marsha Scott, Jay Scott, Donald Simons, Greg Copeland, Lisa Wright, Jess Wright, Jo Thomasson, Nadine Thomasson, Bruce Weilert, Linda Weilert and Alan Fabrizio present. Fabrizio, President of the Lincoln County Wilson Lake Estates Homeowners Association addressed the board regarding a landslide that has occurred on a road within the estates and requested that the County repair the slide and place signage alerting travelers of the danger. Director of Public Works O'Hare related that it is unclear whether the roads are county roads and that locations of the current roads due not match the original plat. The group provided Attorney General's opinion 91-163, which specifically addressed the Wilson Lake Estates roads identifying the roads as county roads once the plat is approved by the Board of County Commissioners; an agreement approved by their organization in 1992 that was presented by Lincoln County for a Road Improvement Project; and a proposal from Lincoln County from 1999 that requested that the county be relinquished from responsibilities, which their organization rejected. The board will research past minutes to determine whether the Road Improvement Project was approved by the board and determine whose responsibility it will be to make the repair. The board approved placement of warning signs at the first intersection of known county road right-of-way to alert travelers of the danger ahead.
- Recess/Reconvene:** The chairman recessed the meeting at 12:51 p.m. to move to the commission meeting room. The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 12:54 p.m. in the commission meeting room.
- Public Comment:** Public Comment: Larry Enfield, Sherman County, inquired about the status of the nursing home and the current operator; Norman Mannel, inquired about moving the Wind Power money back into the General Fund; and Cynthia Nelson, commented that the agenda was not posted on the website.

**Benefit Management:** The board discussed the benefits management companies. No decision was made this date.

**Nursing Home Roof:** Clerk Harlow related that the County has received the insurance payment for the nursing home roof and that she is awaiting the paperwork from Wray Roofing to proceed with replacement of the nursing home roof. The board approved Clerk Harlow to sign any agreements necessary.

**Adjourn:** The chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Friday, June 28, 2019 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.