

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

May 16, 2022

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room Monday, May 16, 2022. Chairman Dennis Ray called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Darrell Oetting and Member Randy Lohmann present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Dustin Florence, Luke Sanders, Glenna Phillips, Becky McCary, Diane Walters, Ladonna Reinert, Sarah Hageman, and Kelly Gourley.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: an email response from Kirkham Michael regarding the fracture critical bridge inspections; bills for the nursing home; funding recommendations from the WEB fund committee; pipeline safety information from Kinder Morgan; a letter to the Homeland Security Council appointing Jesse Knight as the County's representative.
- Correspondence Action: Randy Lohmann moved to approve the contract for the fracture critical inspections for the seven bridges with Kirkham Michael, at \$815 per bridge for a lump of \$5,705, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. Randy Lohmann moved to approve the WEB fund proposed disbursements to the Vesper Community Mens Club for \$3,029.32 (for two new gas cooking/oven ranges) and Lincoln Senior Center for \$2,704.31 (for a new hot water heater), seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Randy Lohmann moved to approve Jesse Knight, Lincoln County Emergency Manager, to represent Lincoln County on the Homeland Security Council, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.
- Minutes Approved: Randy Lohmann moved to approve the amended minutes for May 9, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.
- Executive Session: Sheriff Dustin Florence and Undersheriff Lucas Sanders requested an executive session to discuss employee wages. Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes for the purpose of discussing wages, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the commission meeting room, with the Commission, Sheriff (Dustin Florence), and the Undersheriff (Lucas Sanders), seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Time in: 9:02 a.m. Time out: 9:17 a.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:17 a.m. with no action taken.
- Law Enforcement: Sheriff Dustin Florence answered questions regarding the ARPA funding request to equip law enforcement vehicles with computers and printers.
- Mental Health Budget Request: Glenna Phillips, Executive Director of the Central Kansas Mental Health Center, provided an update on the organization, which includes working towards becoming a certified behavioral health clinic and starting same-day services. In addition, Phillips presented the organization's 2023 budget request of \$11,990.
- Solid Waste Disposal Fee: VFW Auxiliary Post #7928 Secretary Dawn Harlow requested that the board consider reducing solid waste disposal fees for the Stop and Shop. Harlow noted that the unsellable items would be disposed of for free by the donator had they placed them in the trash at their home. Randy

Lohmann moved to put the Stop and Shop at \$72 per year for refuse disposal fees, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried.

Nursing Home: Nursing Home Administrator Diane Walters related that a recirculating pump failed on Saturday. Per regulations, they must move residents if the temperature exceeds 82 degrees. The State Fire Marshall inspected the assisted living side of the facility and found no deficiencies. Walters is anticipating state surveyors being at the facility this month. Walter reported the following repairs needed: a thermostat on one of the new room units is not working correctly, and the fire doors installed by Overhead Doors did not close properly during a fire drill. The board requested that Walters inquire whether Grace Team would pay for the bid to reconfigure the shower room drain as the county general budget for the facility has already been spent for the year.

Health Department: Health Nurse/Administrator Ladonna Reinert related that she was asked how Lincoln County is meeting the needs of its elderly citizens. Reinert would like to revive the regular meetings of key providers of elderly services and requested that the Commission sign the meeting invitation. The board approved. Human Resource Officer Sarah Hageman requested an executive session.

Executive Session: Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes for the purpose of discussing employee performance, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the commission meeting room, with the Commission, Health Department Director Ladonna Reinert, and HR Sarah Hageman, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Time in: 10:23 a.m. Time out: 10:38 a.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:38 a.m. with no action taken.

Executive Session: Hageman requested an executive session to discuss employee negotiations. Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing employee negotiations, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the commission meeting room, with the commission Health Department Director Ladonna Reinert, and HR Sarah Hageman, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Time in: 10:40 a.m. Time out: 10:50 a.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:50 a.m. with no action taken. The group discussed changing the Health Department's hours of operation to four ten-hour workdays. The board made no decision on this date.

Moderate-Income Housing Grant: Economic Development Director Kelly Gourley presented a grant application for the Moderate-Income Housing grant. Gourley recommended that the applicant be awarded the maximum amount of \$30,000. Dennis Ray moved to approve a Moderate Income Grant to Edward and Julie Flores in the amount of \$30,000, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.

Executive Session: Human Resource Officer Sarah Hageman requested an executive session to discuss employee complaints. Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes for the purpose of discussing employee complaints, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the commission meeting room, with the Commission, HR Sarah Hageman, and County Clerk Dawn Harlow, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Time in: 11:07 a.m. Time out: 11:22 a.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:22 a.m. with no action taken.

Fence Viewers: The board discussed the request to act as fence viewers. The board agreed to act as fence viewers on Friday, June 3, at 1:00 p.m. The fence viewers will meet at the 445 N 300th, Beverly, KS, to view the fence in question, determine if a fence should be built, whose responsibility it is to build the fence, and the cost allocation if needed. Clerk Harlow will notify landowners by certified mail.

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:31 a.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room on Monday, May 23, 2022.