

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

April 26, 2021

- Call to Order:** The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room Monday, April 26, 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: Kelly Gourley, Jim Weber, James Gabelmann, Sarah Hageman, Rhonda Fernandez, Diane Walters, Darlene Andreson, Caleb Holeman, and Wanda Backstrom.
- Correspondence:** Correspondence: bills for Lincoln Park Manor; a resolution from Laura Huhl, expressing opposition to the 49-County Heritage Area; an email from Alexis Pflugh concerning Central Kansas Mental Health Center's presentation; a letter from Bill Huehl expressing an interest in serving on the Lincoln County Hospital Board of Trustees; informational packet from Kinder Morgan about 811 dig safe; and a tax abatement.
- Economic Development:** Economic Development Director Kelly Gourley notified the board that Steve and Marion McReynolds had signed the deed for the donated land as the future site for the McReynolds Mill Park. Gourley inquired if the board would be willing to meet at the site to take a group picture. The board related that they would be available after the conclusion of the meeting.
- Correspondence Action:** Randy Lohmann moved to appoint Bill Huehl to the Lincoln County Hospital Board, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. Randy Lohman moved to approve tax abatement control #2020-20 for the amount of \$143.28 for Trenton Ptacek and Sawyer Ptacek, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Commissioner Lohmann updated the board on the status of the nursing home lease agreement. Commissioner Lohmann related that he had an inquiry about removing the windows from the N 3rd St property. The board indicated that they would not grant permission to remove items as individuals had the opportunity to purchase the property on the tax sale. Commissioner Ray provided an update on the demolition and disposal of the N 5th St property. Commissioner Ray related that the Highway Department had removed all household items in the N 3rd St property except for appliances and carpet. Commissioner Lohmann forwarded an inquiry about removing firewood from the landfill. The board decided that individuals should not be removing any items disposed of in the landfill or transfer station.
- Juvenile Detention:** James Gabelmann provided an update on the North Central Kansas Regional Juvenile Detention Facility's board meeting. Gabelmann provided a list of educational activities that juveniles within the facility participated in during April.
- Abandoned Cemeteries:** The board opened the sealed bids to mow and trim the abandoned cemeteries. Dennis Ray moved to approve Don's Glass Shop, aka Don Howell, to mow the abandoned cemeteries in the amount of \$1,125.00, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.
- Minutes Approved:** Dennis Ray moved to approve the April 19, 2021, minutes, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.

- Employee Benefits:** Rhonda Fernandez, Professional Insurance Consultants, provided a review of the first quarter usage of the employee benefit plans. Fernandez provided information regarding the new COBRA requirements that were part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Fernandez recommended that the board contract with a company to provide up-to-date notices to plan participants who qualify and presented a cost estimate from Employee Benefits Corporation. Dennis Ray moved to hire Employee Benefits Corporation to be our COBRASecure Administrator per the presentation request at \$60 per month and not to participate in the optional service of \$2.75 per notice, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Nursing Home:** Lincoln Park Manor Administrator Diana Walters provided an update on facility repairs. Walters has not found a contractor willing to bid repairing damages in the assisted living facility. Walters noted that the facility is planning activities for National Nurses Day on May 6 and National Skilled Nursing Care Week May 9-15.
- Recycling:** Darlene Andreson, CB Trucking, met with the board regarding continuing recycling operations after the fire in Beverly. Commissioner Ray suggested that the board allow CB Trucking to utilize the county's recycling center in Lincoln until it rebuilds its Beverly operation. Commissioner Ray proposed a public/private partnership with the county donating the building, bailer, current equipment, and financial reimbursement to fund 20 hours of labor per week. The group discussed the public perception and additional costs to the county to dispose of the materials if the recycling center is closed. Dennis Ray moved to authorize CB trucking to utilize our recycling center's facility and equipment with the conditions that within the next 30 days, a contract will be signed, with provisions including the electricity, use of facilities and detail, and contracting to provide up to \$1,000 per month in labor towards that, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. The board authorized Commissioner Ray to negotiate a contract with CB Trucking for final approval through the board.
- Vehicle Sale:** Clerk Harlow inquired about how the board would like to sell the Ford Windstar and Suburban located at the recycling center. The board approved placing an advertisement for the vehicles locally.
- Highway Department:** Interim Director of Highway Department Caleb Holeman updated the board on highway department activities. Holeman related that the county was approved for the High Risk Rural Road (HRRR) systemic improvement project for the fiscal year 2022. Commissioner Lohmann related that a resident had approached him regarding a potential gravel pit. Commissioner Oetting forwarded a request for gravel and requested a culvert near 181 and Sage, noting that he will pay for the expenses. The board thanked the Highway department staff for clearing the property on N 3rd St and requested that they remove the foundation on the N 5th St property.
- Community Corrections & JJA:** Wanda Backstrom, 12th Judicial District Chief Court Services Officer, presented the FY2022 Comprehensive Plan Signatory Approval form and the FY2022 KDOC-Juvenile Services Comprehensive Plan Signatory Approval form for the board's approval. Backstrom provided a summary of the grant applications and explained the services provided by the organization. Dennis Ray moved to allow the chairman to sign the 2022 fiscal year proposed documents through the 12th Judicial District Court, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.

Meeting Change & Special Meeting: The board approved moving the meeting for Friday April 30 to 11:00 a.m. The chairman called a special meeting for Tuesday, May 4 at 10:00 a.m. to interview an applicant for the EMS Director position.

Executive Session: Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for sixty 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), and Applicant #8, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. Time in: 11:45 a.m. Time out: 12:45 p.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 12:45 p.m. with no action taken.

Adjourn: Dennis Ray moved to adjourn at 12:50 p.m., seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. The next meeting will be Friday, April 30, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. in the courthouse commission meeting room.