

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

July 26, 2021

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room Monday, July 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: Frank Lamb, Brandon Cochran, Leann Bishop, Sarah Hageman, Rhonda Fernandez, Dale Hlad, and Tanner Yost.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: a letter to the City of Lincoln committing to waive \$3,500 in landfill fees to remove dilapidated structures; a flyer for a barbeque at the Sylvan Medical Clinic; bills for Lincoln Park Manor; the hospital board meeting packet; and an email from Emily Benedict that there will be another planning meeting for the Comprehensive Plan on August 31 at 6:00 p.m.
- Letter of Support: The board signed the letter of support to the City of Lincoln to waive \$3,500 in landfill fees for the CDBG grant project as approved at the July 19 meeting.
- Minutes Approved: Randy Lohmann moved to approve the July 19, 2021, minutes, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.
- Emergency Management: Emergency Manager Frank Lamb provided a letter of appointment for the North Central Regional Homeland Security Council. The chairman signed the appointment letter. In addition, Lamb explained Operation Brother's Keeper, which would provide training to civic and church groups.
- Meeting Time Set: The board set a 10:00 a.m. start time for the Friday, July 30, 2021, commission meeting.
- Ambulance Service: EMS Director Brandon Cochran requested approval to contract with a collection agency to recover patient fees from out-of-state clients. The board approved. Cochran detailed when the ambulance would bill for deceased patients and that he is creating a policy regarding such charges. Cochran provided the August schedule and noted difficulties in filling shifts with available staff. The new monitor is scheduled to ship on July 29<sup>th</sup>. Cochran provided bids for a copier. After discussion, the board offered their copier to the department. The board approved the purchase of additional handheld radios.
- County Treasurer: County Treasurer Leann Bishop provided the following 2nd quarter 2021 Treasurer Quarterly reports: Treasurers Special Vehicle Fund Balance – \$10,865.17; and Interest Earned on Idle Funds - \$6,387.42.
- Recess/Reconvene: The board recessed the meeting at 9:31 a.m. until 9:51 a.m. The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:51 a.m.
- Health Insurance: Rhonda Fernandez, Professional Insurance Consultants, provided a review of the second quarter usage of the employee benefit plans. In addition, Fernandez answered questions regarding self-funded health plans.

Human Resources: Human Resource Officer Sarah Hageman requested approval to make a conditional offer of employment to an applicant pending pre-employment testing. Randy Lohmann moved to employ Eva Hamilton at \$12.00 per hour, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Voting as follows: Lohmann – Aye; Ray – Aye; Oetting – Nay.

Highway Department: Director of Highway Department Dale Hlad provided an update on department activities and equipment. Hlad provided a letter of retirement from Ken Jackson. Commissioners forwarded requests received for road repairs and improvements. Tanner Yost, Kirkham Michael provided an update on active bridge projects and grant applications. Hlad discussed postponing the road marking project. Commissioner Ray related that he had negotiated a cost to purchase cold mix already located within the county. The company is also willing to provide a bid to lay the material later this year.

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m. The next meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. Friday, July 30, 2021, in the courthouse commission meeting room.