

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

December 6, 2021

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room on Monday, December 6, 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: Norman Mannel, Tami Kerth, and Ladonna Reinert.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: a letter from Osborne County E-Waste regarding the annual agreement; and a letter and annual dues request from the League of Kansas Municipalities.
- Correspondence Action: Randy Lohmann moved to sign the memorandum of understanding to deal with Osborne County E-Waste as done in the past for \$1,000, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Dennis Ray moved to sign the League of Municipalities dues for 2022, with the exception of encouraging the local cities to utilize that information and to reevaluate next year, in the amount of \$782.85, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.
- Fence Policy Inquiry: Norman Mannel inquired about the county's policy regarding electric fences in the right-of-way.
- Minutes Approved: Randy Lohmann moved to approve the November 30 minutes, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.
- Human Resources: Clerk Harlow requested that the board consider making all pay changes effective with the January paycheck rather than adjusting wages for the pay scale in December and then granting across-the-board pay increases in January. This would reduce the amount of time needed to process county-wide wage increases. Clerk Harlow also reminded the board that pay scale adjustments were not budgeted to begin until 2022.
- Inquiry: Tami Kerth inquired about why the county is graveling the mile of dirt road to a county-leased gravel pit.
- Health Department: Health Nurse/Administrator Ladonna Reinert, via telephone, reported that the RN previously approved has now declined the position. Reinert related that there is a new COVID test and that the department will not be able to conduct COVID testing until they receive a CLIA waiver for the new test. Reinert requested that the board appoint Frank Lamb to the LEPC. Dennis Ray moved to appoint Frank Lamb to the LEPC board effective today's date as the emergency management representative, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Reinert discussed a grant that will be used to pay for the cost to install internet service at the Vesper Gym and will reimburse the facility for internet expenses for three years. The Vesper Gym is identified as a potential large venue immunization site and having internet access will allow the department to enter immunization records into the statewide system at the time of service rather than entering the information after the event. The board inquired whether internet from a cellular service was considered as it could be utilized at other locations. Reinert provided an update on COVID cases.
- Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:31 a.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. Monday, December 13, 2021.