

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

June 24, 2024

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room on Monday, June 24, 2024. Chairman Dennis Ray called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Debora Smith and Member Ryley Hembry present. Deputy County Clerk Jennifer Machado acted as recording secretary.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Brandon Cochran, Felicia Strahm, and Tanya Paul.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: Hospital Board of Trustees monthly meeting packet; a letter from KCAMP regarding expected insurance premiums for 2025; Transportation Bus 2025 budget request; correspondence received with solid waste disposal payments; gravel agreement amendments; commission approval to submit the State Historic Tax Credit application; vehicle recall notice; and utility permit agreement.
- Correspondence Action: Debora Smith moved to approve gravel agreement addendums between Lincoln County and Jed and Afton Jones, RNC Soukup LLC, and Dora Schroder Trust, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Debora Smith moved to approve a Utility Permit Agreement between Lincoln County and Wilson Communications, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Debora Smith moved to sign the State Tax Credit Rehabilitation Certification Application, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Debora Smith moved to waive the late fee for Knotheads, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried
- Minutes Approved: Debora Smith moved to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2024 meeting, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.
- Ambulance Service: Ambulance Service Director Brandon Cochran presented the department's 2025 budget request. The board notified Cochran that his position would be affected by the final rule issued by the Department of Labor concerning minimum salary requirements for exempt employees. The group discussed whether the position as currently scheduled meets the criteria to qualify for the overtime exemption. The board related that a decision will need to be made for the 2025 budget if the position will continue as an exempt salaried position or whether it will be moved to an hourly position. Cochran provided an update on the Medicare revalidation status and the EMT class held this spring. The board notified Cochran that employees should be in uniform when on duty. The board requested that Cochran and HR Felicia Strahm review his schedule and determine whether changes can be made to allow the position to continue as exempt salaried before the July 1 meeting.
- Proclamation: Tanya Paul, DVACK, requested that the board proclaim June as Elder Abuse Awareness Month. Debora Smith moved to approve a proclamation declaring June as Elder Abuse Awareness Month, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.
- Ambulance Service: The board requested that Clerk Harlow contact Medicare concerning the letter received regarding the Ambulance Service's failure to complete the Medicare revalidation by the deadline and whether the service is being suspended from receiving Medicare payments.

- Executive Session: Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for thirty minutes for the purpose of discussing an appraiser contract with Ottawa County, pursuant to K.S.A 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the courthouse commission meeting room, with the Commission, HR Felicia Strahm, and Ottawa County Commissioners via telephone, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Time in: 9:47 a.m. Time out: 10:17 a.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:17 a.m. with no action taken.
- Appraiser: The board reviewed the draft job description for the new position in the appraiser's office and agreed on a grade placement on the pay scale.
- Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. Friday, June 28, 2024.