

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

August 16, 2021

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room, Monday, August 16, 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: Cynthia Nelson, Dale Hlad, Diane Walters, and Ladonna Reinert (via telephone).
- Correspondence: Correspondence: a packet from Gans Family Farms LLC regarding the Kansas Nebraska National Heritage Area; bills for Lincoln Park Manor; and a note from Lu Willingham with the Lincoln County Council on Aging draft bylaws attached.
- Aging Programs Updates: Cynthia Nelson provided an update on the silver-haired legislature, North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging, and Lincoln County Council on Aging activities, including a \$1,000 scholarship opportunity for individuals interested in becoming a nurse.
- Highway Department: Director of Highway Department Dale Hlad provided an agreement for OS 112 bridge replacement project for the board's approval. Randy Lohmann moved to sign the Off System Bridge Program project number STP-C494(321) agreement between the Secretary of Transportation, Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), and Lincoln County collectively the "Parties," seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. Voting as follows: Lohmann – Aye; Oetting – Aye; Ray – Nay. Board Members forwarded compliments received from public members. Hlad updated the board on department activities. Hlad provided a bid received to purchase a truck, noting that one company would not bid due to the unavailability of vehicles. Hlad also provided pricing for used trucks. Dennis Ray moved to authorize the highway department to purchase the 2020 Freightliner spreader/dump truck, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Commissioner Oetting forwarded a request from Mike Street, First Rural Fire District, for 2-3 loads of gravel by the new building.
- Recess/Reconvene: The chairman recessed the meeting for ten minutes from 9:24 a.m. – 9:34 a.m. The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:34 a.m.
- Minutes Approved: Dennis Ray moved to approve the August 9, 2021 minutes as presented, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.
- Nursing Home: Nursing Home Administrator Diane Walters reported that Thrasher is scheduled to complete an annual inspection of the foundation repairs they made. Walter related that the facility continues to get water in the tunnels and that there is a hole in the foundation near the courtyard and requested permission to ask Thrasher to look at the area while they are there for the inspection. The board approved the request. R&R Street Plumbing replaced split units on Friday, and Culligan is installing the water softeners. Walters presented a service agreement with ARJO to provide an annual inspection on three lifts and an estimate from Alliance to update the software on the All-Call Wireless Nurse Call system. Walters provided an update on maintenance needs and damages at the facility and upcoming events for residents and staff. Carpet cleaners have indicated that they will destroy the carpet in Apartment 9 if they attempt to clean it. Cody

Shearer has agreed to replace the carpet as part of the bid to repair the assisted living water damage. Randy Lohmann moved to approve the ARJO agreement for the lifts for \$1,868.64 annually, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. Randy Lohmann moved to approve Alliance Monitoring Technologies for the software upgrade for \$3,862.60, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.

Health Department: Health Nurse/Administrator Ladonna Reinert requested approval to close the office on September 1 at noon so that staff can attend KDHE's virtual retreat. The board approved the request.

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:14 a.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. Monday, August 23, 2021.