

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

July 27, 2020

- Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Monday, July 27, 2020. Chairman Randy Lohmann called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman James Gabelmann present and Member Alexis Pflugh absent. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Wanda Backstrom (telephone), Rhonda Wright, Ladonna Reinert (telephone), Leann Bishop, Brendan Mackay, and Julia Manglitz.
- Nursing Home RFP: James Gabelmann moved to change the dates on the timeframe paragraph of the RFP for the nursing home so that they read July 20, 2020, RFP sent out by Lincoln County, August 20, 2020, last date to submit questions to Lincoln County, September 14, 2020, last date for submission of response to RFP, September 28, 2020, RFP evaluation process expected to be completed, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Community Corrections: Wanda Backstrom, 12th Judicial District Chief Court Services Officer, provided community corrections Fiscal Year 2020 Quarterly and Year End Outcome Report and Funding Allocation Comparison for the board's approval. Randy Lohmann moved to sign the Kansas Department of Corrections FY 2020 Program Report, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried.
- Minutes Approved: James Gabelmann moved to approve the minutes of July 20 and July 22 commissioner proceedings as corrected, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: Nancy Knapp provided a copy of the memorandum of understanding for entities receiving SPARK funds, tax abatement, and bills for Lincoln Park Manor.
- Commissioner Arrives: Commissioner Pflugh arrived at the meeting via telephone at 10:15 a.m.
- Tax Abatement: James Gabelmann moved to accept and approve tax roll correction for real estate for the Sylvan Senior Center 2019-23 in the amount of \$431.08, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- County Treasurer: County Treasurer Leann Bishop provided the following 2nd quarter 2020 Treasurer Quarterly reports: Treasurers Special Vehicle Fund Balance – \$14,300.21; and Interest Earned on Idle Funds - \$13,103.70.
- Governor's Mask Mandate: The board discussed the Governor's Executive Order regarding a mask mandate in K-12 public schools. The board will sit as the Board of Health on Friday, July 31, 2020 to give time for County Attorney O'Hare to determine whether the Board of Commissioners can exempt the schools from the mandate.
- Executive Session: Sarah Hageman requested an executive session. Randy Lohmann moved to recess into executive session for five minutes to discuss employee negotiations pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(3) to discuss employer-employee negotiations whether or not in consultation with the representative or representatives of the public body or agency, to reconvene in commissioners room on conclusion, with HR (Hageman) along with commission, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. Time in: 10:42 a.m. Time out: 10:47 a.m.
- Recess: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:47 a.m. with no action taken.

Highway Department: Director of Highway Department Brendan Mackay presented a utility permit for the board's approval. Randy Lohmann moved to approve Utility Permit Agreement Use of Public Road Right-of-Way between Lincoln County, Kansas and Wilson Lake Estates, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. Mackay presented a Notice to Proceed with the tuck pointing project for the board's approval. James Gabelmann moved to approve this Notice to Proceed under contract 1603808-24, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried. Mackay forwarded a request from Sorensen's to gravel the drive to the repeater tower that is located on his property, noting that the drive is outside of the county right-of-way. The board requested Mackay contact Richard Ancell regarding the request, and to determine if there is an easement for access. Mackay presented a cost estimate to purchase materials from leased pits in the amount of \$543,122.96, and an estimated cost of \$4,470,270 if we purchase all materials from an outside source. Mackay related that Phase One purchase price from outside sources would be \$650,000 - \$750,000 and could be completed by the end of 2021. Alexis Pflugh moved to authorize a material purchase reimbursement allowance for phase one in the highway department up to \$750,000 from wind farm funds. Discussion was held on the following topics: more detail needed regarding phase one repairs, such as locations, materials needed and costs; using current years levied funds remaining, estimated at \$200,000, for materials purchases first; the purpose of current funds budgeted for materials; and future plans for material purchases. Motion died for a lack of second. The board tabled further discussion. Mackay updated the board on the Smoky Hills wind farm repower projects truck traffic. Mackay related that the bridge on Lincoln Ave adjacent to the city park is a City structure. The board asked Mackay to meet with City officials to determine whose structure it is and determine a way to get the bridge replaced. Mackay provided a bid request previously submitted for motor grader purchases and a document that he has prepared and will send to the manufactures to purchase two motor graders. Mackay forwarded a request from Steve Schneider asking if the county would haul and spread gravel if he purchased it to gravel an 8 mile stretch of road that would be an alternate route from a residence. The board denied the request. Mackay issued a complaint about individuals destroying barricades. Commissioner Lohmann questioned why gravel was removed from N 150th Rd that was relocated, as citizens have complained that the previous road and material would have acted as a barrier to prevent further erosion. Commissioner Lohmann forwarded a drainage complaint from Stanley Walker.

Recess/Reconvene: The chairman recessed the meeting for lunch at 11:50 a.m. until 12:50 p.m. The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 12:51 p.m.

Courthouse Assessment: Julia Manglitz, TreanorHL presented the results of the courthouse assessment, providing an estimated cost to make the recommended exterior repairs in the amount of \$2,254,560, which includes both professional design fees and construction costs.

Fire Department The board discussed an inquiry from the Lincoln fire departments as to whether the board would like the department to re-present a request to build a structure on the parking lot north of the emergency services building that was approved by a previous commission board.

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Friday, July 31, 2020 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.