

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

April 24, 2023

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room Monday, April 24, 2023. Chairman Dennis Ray called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Darrell Oetting present and Member Debora Smith present via telephone. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Amanda Cambrice, Marty Sneath, Sarah McCall, Roberta Turner, Dale Hlad, Tanner Yost, Allan Serrien, Steve Davis, Jesse Knight, Rhonda Fernandez, and Norman Mannel.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: a proposal from TreanorHL to provide a cost to complete a Feasibility Assessment for the law enforcement building; a bill for the recycling center; the Hospital Board of Trustees monthly meeting packet; resignations from Madison Township Treasurer Kady Fischer and Clerk Dennis Fischer; and a request to sign a letter approving Beaver Township to close their bank accounts as they are listed with the County's Federal Employee Identification Number.
- Community Paint Days Correspondence Action: Commissioner Dennis Ray thanked all volunteers who helped with the community painting projects in Westfall. The board denied the bill for the recycling center. The board approved signing the letter authorizing the bank accounts held by Beaver Township to be closed.
- Post Rock Wind Farm: Pattern Energy Representatives Amanda Cambrice, Marty Sneath, and Sarah McCall discussed the expired Post Rock PILOT agreement. Cambrice related that Pattern Energy is willing to commit funding for another five years, inclusive of this year, at the same amount as the last PILOT agreement. Pattern Energy attorneys will work with the County Attorney to draft a formal agreement. The group identified grant funding provided to community organizations.
- Commissioner Arrives: Commissioner Smith arrived at 9:24 a.m.
- Transportation Bus: Transportation Bus Director Roberta Turner related that all vehicle orders were canceled. The State required agencies awaiting deliveries to reorder, and the State will provide an additional 10% to offset the price increase. The State has also asked that agencies reduce costs. Turner suggested that the county charge a \$1.00 per stop charge per rider to help increase revenue. The board declined to implement an additional fee at this time. The State has approved the service's grant for 2023-2024. Turner provided an update on maintenance items scheduled for completion.
- Highway Department: Director of Highway Department Dale Hlad provided an update on off-system bridge replacement project OS 95. Commissioner Ray requested that Hlad provide a total cost of all work completed on the N 60th Rd project when completed so that the board can see the total cost for the resurfacing project. Hlad presented a gravel removal/purchase agreement for the board's approval. Dennis Ray moved to approve the gravel agreement with Timmothy Shaw, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. Tanner Yost, Kirkham Michael, provided information and application deadlines for the Off-System Bridge Program and the Kansas Local Bridge Improvement Project. The board tabled a decision so that Yost can contact the State to determine whether it would be feasible to apply to replace OS 65 for both projects or apply for

two separate projects. Yost provided a recommendation to repair the Health Department drainage issue in the north parking lot. The board requested that Yost assist the county in bidding the project. Commissioner Oetting reported a bridge issue in his district.

- Law Enforcement Center: Steve Davis, Shive Hattery, with Emergency Manager Jesse Knight, provided information on the services offered by his organization, including needs assessment studies. Davis related that other communities are using ARPA funds to complete needs assessments and that his firm would be willing to complete the study for the law enforcement center. However, no decision was made on this date.
- Minutes Approved: Darrell Oetting moved to accept the minutes of April 17, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried.
- Executive Session: Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes for the purpose of discussing HR applicants and FMLA, 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 and County Clerk Dawn Harlow, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried. Time in: 10:46 a.m. Time out: 11:01 a.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened to regular session at 11:01 a.m. with no action taken.
- Employment Advertising Cost: Clerk Harlow provided the cost for advertising on the radio and ksjoblink.com. The board tabled a decision until after completing the interviews scheduled.
- Hospital Board Resignation: The board received a letter of resignation from Lincoln County Hospital Board of Trustees member Allan Serrien.
- End of Month Meeting Time Set: The board approved setting the meeting time for Friday, April 28, end of month meeting at 9:30 a.m.
- Law Enforcement Feasibility Study: The board tabled a decision on the TreanorHL proposal submitted to conduct a feasibility assessment for a new law enforcement center.
- Health Insurance: Rhonda Fernandez, Professional Insurance Consultants, provided the quarterly review of the county health benefit plan. In addition, Fernandez discussed Bene Block, a benefits management company that could offer administrative services for the county's benefits programs.
- Inquiry: Norman Mannel inquired about the status of his complaint filed with Sheriff Dustin Florence.
- Madison Township Mailing: The board approved mailing household postcards to the residents of Madison Township regarding the two vacancies on the township board and soliciting residents to notify them of their interest in serving on the board.
- Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:53 a.m. The next meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday, April 28, 2023, in the courthouse commission meeting room.