

## COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

June 19, 2019

- Call to Order:** A special meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Wednesday, June 19, 2019. Chairman Alexis Pflugh, present via telephone, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Member Randy Lohmann present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.
- Visitors:** Others present for portions of the meeting: Sharon Dohe, Rhonda Fernandez, Dan Heina, Kerry Jackson, Ray Harlow, Frances Strutt and Howard Wehrman.
- Hospital:** Commissioner Lohmann updated the board on the Hospital Board of Trustees meeting: Steve Granzow is willing to assist Derek Walter to find a medical consultant for the ambulance service; another Nurse Practitioner was hired for the Emergency Room; updated the board's bylaws; would like the commissioners to view the contracts at the hospital; and that the board had inquired about status of tearing down the house near the medical clinic in Sylvan Grove. Clerk Harlow will contact the City of Sylvan Grove City Clerk to double check whether the project was included with their CDBG grant.
- Janitors Hours Modified:** Commissioner Pflugh related that John Paul Ellis had requested that his hours be changed to 5:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Alexis Pflugh moved to reestablish the custodian/janitorial hours for the courthouse to 5:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Benefits Management:** Rhonda Fernandez, PIC Benefits Services presented information on the services provided by her organization for employee benefits management, which also includes obtaining bids for health insurance, and identified organizations that currently utilize their services.
- Noxious Weed & Landfill/Transfer Station:** Noxious Weed Director Dan Heina and Landfill/Transfer Station Operator Kerry Jackson answer questions about their respective departments operations. The board notified the two that the departments had been removed from the Public Works department at the June 13 meeting. Heina related his concerns with the Highway Department mowing during spraying season as spray is wasted if it is mowed too quickly. He suggested that the highway department not mow until the Johnson Grass has headed out each year. Heina presented the Noxious Weed 2020 budget in the amount of \$95,000 which is \$18,000 more than the amount approved for the 2019 budget. Jackson presented the Landfill/Transfer Station 2020 budget in the amount of \$340,600 which is \$9,625 more than the amount approved for the 2019 budget. Jackson inquired about purchasing a backhoe from the Highway Department that is not being utilized and keep the current backhoe as a backup.
- Recycling Center:** Recycling Center employees Ray Harlow and Frances Strutt answered questions about the operation of the recycling center.
- Hospital Budget:** The board discussed the hospital budget and what needs to be done next. The board determined that they did not have enough information to make suggestions and that they should meet with the budget preparers to better understand the hospital's budget, so that they are more prepared for the 2021 budget.
- Adjourn:** The chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Monday, June 24, 2019 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.