

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

November 9, 2020

- Board of Canvassers Called to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met as the Lincoln County Board of Canvassers, to enumerate the results of the November 3, 2020 General Election. Chairman Randy Lohmann called the Lincoln County Board of Canvassers meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., pursuant to the provision set forth in K.S.A. 25-3101 – 3110 with Vice-Chairman James Gabelmann present and Member Alexis Pflugh absent. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.
- Member Arrives: Commissioner Alexis Pflugh arrived at 8:33 a.m.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the canvass: Dennis Ray, Norman Mannel, and Darrell Oetting.
- Records Presented: The November 3, 2020 General Election’s preliminary abstracts of election results and records prepared by the duly appointed election boards were provided to the Board of Canvassers by Election Officer Dawn Harlow.
- Inspection and Correction: The Board of Canvassers inspected and checked for accuracy the records presented. Clerical errors were corrected.
- Recess Canvass: Call to Order BOCC: Chairman Lohmann recessed the canvass at 12:12 p.m. and convened the regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners to order at 12:12 p.m. with Vice-Chairman James Gabelmann and Member Alexis Pflugh present.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the canvass: Dennis Ray, Norman Mannel, Darrell Oetting, Ladonna Reinert, Derek Walter, Nancy Knapp, Emily Benedick, Brianne Beck, Keith Buttenhoff, and Brendan Mackay.
- Health Department: Health Nurse/Administrator Ladonna Reinert requested approval to pay at mid-month the lab who is testing COVID-19 saliva tests performed at the Health Department. The board approved the request. Reinert provided an update on COVID-19 statistics for the county and related that surrounding counties are changing their rules regarding quarantine and proposed that Lincoln County consider doing the same. The new policy would be as follows: persons in Lincoln County who are determined to be a close contact of a person who has a confirmed positive test for COVID-19 may be exempted from quarantine as long as both parties (both the positive individual and the close contact) were wearing masks at the time of the exposure this does not apply to persons residing in the same home.
- Ambulance Service: Ambulance Director Derek Walter presented an estimated cost to purchase a Zoll monitor with funding available from SPARK funds and CARES grant. Alexis Pflugh moved to authorize the EMS department to pay the balance for the Zoll monitor from their grant funds, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried.
- SPARK Update: SPARK Administrator Nancy Knapp provided an update on distributions made to date. Knapp presented a break down on the types of grants and grant recipients for the Small Business Grants.

No Sale Property Disposal: Keith Buttenhoff related that he has a person interested in purchasing the N 5th St property that was deeded to the county as a no sale property from the tax sale. Buttenhoff offered a price of \$100 for the property if the county would waive the disposal fees at the landfill to dispose the dilapidated structure. The board decided to place an advertisement listing the three no sale properties for sale separately through a sealed bid process.

Solid Waste Management Update: Emily Benedick and Brienne Beck, North Central Regional Planning Commission was present to answer questions regarding the updated solid waste management report and requested that the board approve the resolution emailed. James Gabelmann moved to approve Resolution 2020-29, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried. (Resolution to approve participation in and adoption of the solid waste management committee update for the region served by the North Central Kansas Solid Waste Management Plan)

Highway Department: Director of Highway Department Brendan Mackay related that a resident has requested that the department continue grading a road that was vacated at 270th and Pike Rd as the road supervisor at the time of road vacation in 2008 had promised the county would continue to grade. Mackay related that he stopped employees from grading the road when he realized the road was previously vacated. The board took no action. Mackay provided an estimate from Radke Implement to replace the engine in the Kobota mower tractor. The board approved the repairs. The board reviewed the map containing proposed road vacations and minimum maintenance roads. The board approved Mackay to move forward with the process utilizing roads identified on the map. Alexis Pflugh moved to recess into executive session for twenty minutes for the purpose of discussing EEOC complaints and KCAMP claims, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel to reconvene in the commission room, with the current Board of County Commissioners, Highway Department Director Brendan Mackay, Commissioner-elect Darrell Oetting, and Commissioner-elect Dennis Ray, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Time in: 2:08 p.m. Time out: 2:28 p.m.

Executive Session:

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 2:30 p.m. with no action taken.

Minutes Approved: James Gabelmann moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Correspondence: letters needed for the transportation bus grant application; Emergency Operations Plan updates from Emergency Manager Baldwin Fisher; a letter from Anita Simmons from the Humane Society regarding use of the City of Lincoln pound for out of city limit dogs; bills for Lincoln Park Manor; and WEB fund distribution recommendations.

Transportation Bus: Randy Lohmann moved to approve transportation bus grant application and that the County will match the \$20,000, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. James Gabelmann moved to approve the 9 November letter making her (Roberta Turner) the signatory, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried.

WEB Fund Distributions: The board reviewed the WEB Fund proposed disbursements for November 2020. Alexis Pflugh moved to approve the five web fund disbursements in the amount of \$22,045.75, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried.

Election Expenses and Compensation: County Clerk Harlow related that in 1998 the Board of Commissioners had set the rental rate for polling sites at \$35.00 per site and requested that the board consider increasing the rate. Clerk Harlow related that equipment is delivered on Monday and removed on Wednesday and that the rate is not sufficient to cover facilities expenses, and that she has been paying for the use of two days even though the equipment is at facilities for three days. James Gabelmann moved to rescind the motion from August 7, 1998 and increase the compensation for polling sites to \$75.00 a day and pay for two days, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried. Clerk Harlow related that Resolution 96-22 set the pay for election board workers at minimum wage and requested that the board consider increasing the wage paid. Jim Gabelmann moved to rescind Resolution 96-22 and to create a new resolution setting the compensation paid to election board workers at \$10.00 per hour on election day, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried. Clerk Harlow answered questions regarding teenage workers, after discussion the board decided that teenage workers should make minimum wage and related that Clerk Harlow should include language that sets the pay at a lower rate, as well as including the rental rate for polling locations. Clerk Harlow will present a resolution for the board's approval at the next meeting.

Adjourn BOCC: With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the commission meeting at 3:13 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Monday, November 16, 2020 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.

Reconvene Canvass: The chairman reconvened the Board of Canvassers to regular session at 3:13 p.m.

Provisional Ballots: Twenty-five provisional ballots were received with eleven being approved and counted. Provisional ballot totals were added to the abstracts of votes cast.

Election Results Finalized: Pursuant to K.S.A. 25-3109(c) the Board of Canvassers finalized and certified the abstracts of votes cast in Lincoln County, Kansas, in the November 3, 2020 General Election.

Adjourn: With no further business to come before the Board of Canvassers, Chairman Lohmann adjourned the canvass at 4:33 p.m.