

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

May 9, 2022

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room on Monday, May 9, 2022. Chairman Dennis Ray called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Darrell Oetting and Member Randy Lohmann present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: James Sanchez, Dale Hlad, Tyler Davis (via telephone), Ester Kency, Cassidy Crites, Sarah Hageman, Dustin Florence, Clint Bailey, and Luke Sanders.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: a brochure from Cattle Creek Culvert Cleaners; a letter from the Silver-Haired Legislature; bills for Lincoln Park Manor; an email from Danielle Garman concerning her property adjacent to the recycling center that has trailers and recycled materials stored on it; and Resolution 2022-15 rescinding the burn ban.
- Resolution 2022-15: Randy Lohmann moved to rescind the burn ban and approve Resolution 2022-15, rescinding Resolution 2022-13, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried.
- Minutes Approved: Randy Lohmann moved to approve the May 2, 2022, minutes with the amendments, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.
- Highway Department: Director of Highway Department Dale Hlad provided an update on department projects. Hlad presented contracts with Kirkham Michael to complete the fracture critical bridge inspections at \$815 per bridge and the biennial bridge inspections at \$91 per bridge. Randy Lohmann moved to approve the biannual routine bridge inspection by Kirkham Michael for 200 bridges at the price of \$91 each for a total of \$18,200, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Hlad reported a meeting was held by key officials regarding the historical status of bridge OS 95. The Kansas Historical Society does deem the structure historical, so the county will be required to place an ad in the newspaper to determine if there is an interest in relocating the bridge. If no one expresses an interest, then the bridge can be replaced; however, the county must document the bridge's historic status. Commissioner Lohmann forwarded an inquiry from Bill Huehl about purchasing the pallets of flat postrock located on the highway department's north lot. The board did not approve selling the rock.
- Central Kansas Mental Health: Ester Kency, Central Kansas Mental Health Center, read a proclamation declaring May as Mental Health Month 2022. The board provided a signed copy of the proclamation.
- Fence Viewer Requests: James Sanchez inquired whether the board had decided on his fencing request. After consulting with County Attorney Wright, Commissioner Ray related that the board has 20 days to respond and 40 days to provide a decision in writing. Commissioner Ray further stated that the board would schedule a fence viewing within the time limits prescribed by law.
- Human Resources: Human Resource Officer Sarah Hageman requested approval to employ Jesse Knight as a full-time emergency manager. Randy Lohmann moved to hire Mr. Jesse Knight, at grade 34 step 1 at \$20.46 per hour, effective May 13, 2022, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. Darrell Oetting moved to approve Resolution 2022-16 approving the hiring of Jesse Knight as

Emergency Management Coordinator for Lincoln County effective May 13, 2022, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.

ARPA Funding:

County Clerk Dawn Harlow provided a spreadsheet of the requests received for the \$575,334 ARPA funding. The board identified projects that they would like to fund. It was determined that if they provided funding for the track renovation project, it would require \$2 of matching funds for every \$1 given up to a maximum amount, that the committee would need to provide detailed records of their current balance to ensure the match goes towards new donations, and that the committee would have one year to raise funds. Dennis Ray moved to authorize \$100,000 to the City of Barnard, \$100,000 to the City of Beverly, \$60,000 to USD 299, and \$40,000 to USD 298 for the track renovation committee contingent upon the requirements made, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. The remaining funds will stay in the fund for future decisions.

Adjourn:

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:42 a.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room on Monday, May 16, 2022.