

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

August 15, 2022

Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room Monday, August 15, 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: Dale Hlad, Tanner Yost, Sarah Hageman, Ladonna Reinert (via telephone), and Roberta Turner.

Correspondence: Correspondence: the signed Solid Waste Collection Agreement with the City of Sylvan Grove; bills for Lincoln Park Manor; bills for the recycling center; mid-month accounts payable; a Management Representation Letter to the county auditor; and an email requesting a letter of support for Twin Valley Telephone's grant application to expand broadband internet to areas not covered in Lincoln County.

Correspondence Action: Dennis Ray moved to approve the solid waste collection agreement between Lincoln County and Sylvan Grove, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. Darrell Oetting moved to accept the management representation letter to Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris, Chartered, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Dennis Ray moved to approve mid-month accounts payable in the amount of \$62,639.90, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. The board approved and requested Economic Development Director Kelly Gourley assist with writing a letter of support for Twin Valley Telephone's broadband expansion grant application.

Executive Session: Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing the refuse bids, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(4) to discuss data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorships, with the commission and County Clerk Dawn Harlow, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Time in: 8:47 a.m. Time out: 8:57 a.m.

Solid Waste Collection Agreement Approved: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 8:57 a.m. Dennis Ray moved to award the Lincoln County Solid Waste Collection Agreement beginning January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2027, to Slechta Enterprises of Ellsworth, Kansas, in the amount of \$9.88 per month (per household), seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.

Highway Department: Director of Highway Department Dale Hlad updated the board on department activities. Tanner Yost, Kirkham Michael, presented the bid tabulation for replacing Off System Bridge OS 95. The County qualified for a \$200,000 reimbursable grant for this bridge project. Dennis Ray moved to award the contract to L&M Contractors for replacing Off-System 95, aka Hawk Dr, in the amount of \$313,877 with \$200,000 reimbursed by the State, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. The group discussed several grant opportunities available and identified potential bridge projects that could qualify for each including Off System Bridge OS 65 and the Westfall blacktop.

Human Resources: Human Resource Officer Sarah Hageman reported that Forrest Rhodes is available to complete anti-harassment training on September 12 and would like to train all employees at once and to meet with department heads after the training to address specific questions. The board

approved closing all county offices to allow employees to attend the training. Hageman will make final plans and advertise the closure to the public.

- Nursing Home: The board discussed the nursing home roof leak. Commissioner Oetting agreed to contact James Gambrell, KCAMP, for assistance determining the best way to address the issue with the shingle manufacturer and the installation contractor. Ladonna Reinert (via telephone) reported that limbs from trees in the courtyard are touching the roof.
- Transportation Bus: Transportation Bus Director Roberta Turner provided an update on department activities.
- Minutes Approved: Darrell Oetting moved to accept the minutes of the August 8 commission meeting, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Board of Canvassers: Clerk Harlow reported that the county was ordered to recount the State Treasurer Race and the Constitutional Question, which would require the board to sit as the Board of Canvassers. The board set the date and time to canvass the results of the hand recount for Wednesday, August 17, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. Clerk Harlow will notify board members if the canvass would need to be moved or if the county was removed from the requirement to recount.
- Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:33 a.m. The next meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. Monday, August 22, 2022, in the courthouse commission meeting room.