

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

January 25, 2021

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Monday, January 25, 2021. Chairman Randy Lohmann called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Dennis Ray and Member Darrell Oetting present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.

Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Caleb Holeman, Tanner Yost, Sarah Hageman, Derek Walter, Chelsea Meyer, Michelle Hair, Kris Heinze, Jennifer O'Hare, and Robert Loveless.

Correspondence: Correspondence: Commissioner Lohmann related that the Hospital Board meeting will be January 26 and that the #4 heater went out at the nursing home and he approved replacement of the unit; bills for Lincoln Park Manor; Lincoln County Soil Conservation annual meeting notice; a letter from the USDA notifying that a farm combination has been completed for 2021; newsletter from the North Central Regional Planning Commission; a letter from Dickinson County postponing the spring meeting for the North Central Kansas Highway Officials; an amendment to the contract with Treanor HL; the hospital board packet; an agreement with Saline County to continue providing environmental services; an application for the WEB fund; and resolutions.

Correspondence Action: Dennis Ray moved for the chairman to sign the Saline County Tri-Rivers Local Environmental Grant (LEPG) Cooperative Agreement, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Randy Lohmann moved to approve the letter for the transportation bus grant application, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. (commits \$29,232 for operating and vehicle purchase). Dennis Ray moved to sign the windfarm application with the amended corrections, in the amount of \$3,000 per year for five years, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. (requesting funds for two additional students to participate in the Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) student loan repayment program). Randy Lohmann moved to approve Resolution 2021-04, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. (to clear uncollectable accounts receivable and insurance write-offs listed on Exhibit A in the amount of \$2,145.69) Dennis Ray moved to approve Resolution 2021-05, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. (Authorizing the transfer of \$10,000 from the Lincoln County General Fund to the Lincoln County Transportation Bus Fund) Darrell Oetting moved to accept Resolution 2021-06, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. (Authorizing the transfer of \$29,322 from the Lincoln County General Fund to the Lincoln County Rescue Squad Fund). Dennis Ray moved to table the contract with TreanorHL, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.

Highway Department: Tanner Yost, Kirkham Michael provided a list of funding programs available through the State and explained the type of projects that can be completed with each program. Yost presented an Agreement for Engineering Services for the board to approve. Dennis Ray moved to approve this contract with Kirkham Michel concerning the engineering and design of the Off-system 95 bridge, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Interim Director of Highway Department Caleb Holeman discussed the trailer bids received. Dennis Ray moved to authorize the highway department to pursue and purchase the Sunflower trailer, St. John Kansas, in the amount of \$11,775, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. Holeman inquired about a decision regarding the gates on the road vacated South of Sylvan. The board tabled a decision until next week.

- Executive Session:** Randy Lohmann moved to recess into executive session for twenty-five minutes for the purpose of discussing employee complaints, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the commission meeting room of the courthouse with the commission, EMS Director (Derek) Walter, HR Officer (Sarah Hageman), seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Time in: 10:06 a.m. Time out: 10:31 a.m.
- Reconvene/
Ambulance:** The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:31 a.m. Randy Lohmann moved to have one shift per week at a 24-hour shift and then the other up to 48 hours max as a flexible shift based upon need. Lohmann withdrew his motion. Commissioner Ray read the motion made on June 6, 2019, regarding the work requirements of Walter. The board agreed that no action needs to be taken, and that Walter should return to taking two, 24-hour shifts per week on the schedule and that the shifts should not be combined into a 48-hour shift, allowing Walter the opportunity to work with different crew members. Walter reported on the following: waiting on receipt of the Zoll monitor purchased with SPARK funds, waiting for a response to the grant application for additional monitors, and will be ordering additional 155 radios and new shirts for crew members.
- Chamber:** Lincoln Area Chamber of Commerce representatives Chelsea Meyer, Michelle Hair, and Kris Heinze presented the annual funding request. Darrell Oetting moved to pay the Lincoln Area Chamber of Commerce a donation in the amount of \$1,000, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried.
- County Treasurer:** County Treasurer Leann Bishop provided the following 4th quarter 2020 reports for the board to review: Treasurer's Quarterly Idle Funds Investment Report interest earned - \$8,803.34; and the Treasurer's Special Vehicle Fund Report with a 12-31-20 fund balance of \$17,697.48. Bishop provided an abstract of taxes collected through December 31, 2020, and three Resolutions for the board's approval. Randy Lohmann moved to approve Resolution 2021-01, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. (Designating the following Lincoln County banks as depositories of all money for Lincoln County, Kansas for the year 2021: Bank of Tescott - Lincoln, Citizens State Bank & Trust - Lincoln, Bennington State Bank - Sylvan Grove, Farmway Credit Union – Lincoln, Wilson State Bank – Beverly, and State Municipal Investment Pool-State of Kansas depositories). Randy Lohmann moved to approve Resolution 2021-02, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. (Authorizing the County Treasurer to develop and implement a cash management and investment program for the handling of money in the custody of Lincoln County, Kansas for the year 2021). Randy Lohmann moved to approve Resolution 2021-03, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. (Allowing the County Treasurer to invest idle funds as seen feasible in Lincoln County banks or investments).
- Executive Session:** Randy Lohmann moved to recess into executive session for twenty minutes for the purpose of discussing the nursing home lease agreement, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(2) for consultation with an attorney for the public body or agency which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, to reconvene in the commission meeting room with the commission, County Attorney O'Hare, and Clerk Harlow, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Time in: 11:08 a.m. Time out: 11:28 a.m.
- Reconvene:** The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:28 a.m. with no action taken.

- Executive Session: Randy Lohmann moved to recess into executive session for forty-five minutes for the purpose of conducting an interview for the highway department, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the commission room with the commission, HR (Sarah Hageman), and applicant Mr. (Robert) Loveless, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Time in: 11:32 a.m. Time out: 12:17 p.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 12:17 p.m. with no action taken.
- Minutes Approved: Dennis Ray moved to approve the minutes as written from January 19, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.
- Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:22 p.m. until 8:30 a.m. Friday, January 29, 2021, in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.