

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

July 18, 2022

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room Monday, July 18, 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: Don Howell, Sarah Hageman, Jesse Knight, Brandon Cochran, Rhonda Fernandez, and Dustin Florence.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: a letter from the Board of Tax Appeals approving the tax exemption for McReynolds Park; a signed Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan Participation agreement from Midwest Energy; an email from Lisa Peters, NCRPC, requesting that the board sign a transfer of property agreement accepting Homeland Security Preparedness Grant Equipment; and a draft copy of the 2023 Lincoln County budget.
- Correspondence Action: Dennis Ray moved to allow the emergency manager to sign the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan participation with Lincoln County and Midwest Energy, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. Randy Lohmann moved to approve acceptance of the Homeland Security Preparedness Grant Equipment, a hitch pin and clip, tri-ball hitch and lock, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried.
- Accounts Payable Approved: Dennis Ray moved to approve mid-month AP (accounts payable) in the amount of \$67,483.88, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.
- Abandoned Cemeteries: Don Howell inquired if the board would allow an additional mowing of the abandoned cemeteries. The board approved.
- Ambulance Service: EMS Director Brandon Cochran represented the policies previously provided with the suggested corrections from the County Attorney. Cochran updated the board on department activities. Dennis Ray moved to approve the Lincoln County Ambulance Service Policy on the billing of responses that result in death, effect today's date. Commissioner Ray rescinded his motion to add an attestation by the clerk.
- Executive Session: Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes for the purpose of discussing employee evaluations pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to reconvene in the commission meeting room with the commission, HR Director Sarah Hageman, and EMS Director Brandon Cochran, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Time in: 9:16 a.m. Time out: 9:31 a.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:31 a.m. with no action taken.
- Health Insurance Claims: Rhonda Fernandez, Professional Insurance Consultants, reviewed the health insurance 2nd quarter claims.
- Executive Session: Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for five minutes for the purpose of discussing a situation at the nursing home, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(5) to discuss matters relating

to actions adversely or favorably affecting a person as a student, patient or resident of a public institution, except that any such person shall have the right to a public hearing if requested by the person, to reconvene in the commission meeting room with the commission and EMS Director Brandon Cochran, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Time in: 10:11 a.m. Time out: 10:16 a.m.

- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:16 a.m. with no action taken.
- Law Enforcement: Sheriff Dustin Florence requested approval to hire Joseph Denton as a full-time dispatcher. Dennis Ray moved to employ Joseph Denton as a full-time dispatcher at a starting wage of \$14.00 per hour effective July 26, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Minutes Approved: Darrell Oetting moved to accept the minutes of the July 11 and July 12 meetings, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:29 a.m. The next meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. Monday, July 25, 2022, in the courthouse commission meeting room.