

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

August 28, 2017

- Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Monday, August 28, 2017. Chairman Al Joe Wallace called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Terry Finch and Member Alexis Pflugh present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Ladonna Reinert, Bret Kingan, Howard Wehrman, Michel O'Hare, Robert Howe, Eric Johnson, Gerit Garman, Mark Mingenback, Greg Babcock, Christen Robinson and David Bell.
- Minutes Approved: Terry Finch moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the August 21, 2017 regular meeting as corrected, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried.
- Health Department: Health Nurse Administrator Ladonna Reinert reported that the health department will begin using KanPay to process credit card payments, and provided a form that requires the chairman's signature to close the account with the previous processing company. Alexis Pflugh moved to allow the chairman to sign the closure form with Forte credit card processing company for the health department, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried. Reinert reported that inspections of the schools have been completed, with the assistance of Shawn Esterl, noting that anything cited is a recommendation only and that the school districts do not have to make any corrections. Reinert answered questions in regards to the department's internet service.
- Ambulance Service: Ambulance Service Director Bret Kingan presented cost estimates received to replace an ambulance, from Osage and Danko with prices ranging between \$175,000-\$189,000, as requested by the board at a previous meeting. Kingan related that Osage has a demo model available should the board decide to purchase a unit and that they will offer a trade-in. Discussion ensued on available funding sources as the Ambulance Capital Outlay fund has a balance of \$16,000. No decision was made this date.
- Highway Department: Director of Public Works Michel O'Hare with Road and Bridge Supervisor Robert Howe reported on the following topics: Russell County has requested 911 street address signs be installed for the Wilson Lake Estates entrance off of Hwy 232; chip sealing project is complete; will gravel Bridge Replacement Project OS 145, with opening to occur soon; and has received a request to purchase bridge planks, the board declined to sell bridge planks. Commissioner Pflugh inquired about the implementation of the software program and various road projects and requests. O'Hare related that the software has been installed on all devices and employees will need to be trained on the program.
- Nursing Home: Eric Johnson and Gerit Garman, Campbell & Johnson PA, with Lincoln Park Manor Representatives Mark Mingenback, Greg Babcock and Christen Robinson, provided plans for the four areas of improvement identified by the board, as well as a probable construction cost for each of the items. Johnson also provided an alternative bid option for the board in regards to tile replacement and answered questions in regards to the proposed projects and bidding process. Al Joe Wallace moved to instruct Eric Johnson to put the remodeling of the nursing

home out for bids, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried. Voting as follows: Wallace – Aye; Finch – Aye; Pflugh – No Vote.

Nursing Home: Nursing Home Administrator Christen Robinson provided the current census for the nursing home and assisted living facility of 34. Commissioner Pflugh inquired about whether there was plans to pay the back rent owed to the county, Mingenback deferred comment in regards to back rent to John Grace.

Bridge Inquiry: David Bell inquired about the status of the bridge on E Jaguar Dr which is currently closed, and reiterated that the bridge is needed and requested that the structure be replaced. Bell inquired about the placement of road closed signs on a previously closed road.

Nursing Home Repairs: Commissioner Pflugh questioned how the nursing home improvements will be paid for as state statute limits spending to 2 mills. Discussion ensued on K.S.A. 19-2106, K.S.A. 19-2106a and K.S.A. 19-2107.

Motion: Alexis Pflugh moved to seek counsel from county attorney on expenses paid by the county for the nursing home, regarding State statutes 19-2106 and 19-2107, particularly budget amounts and the remodeling cost. Motion died for a lack of second.

Motion: Alexis Pflugh moved to hold the end of the month meeting in the evening to promote public participation. Motion died for lack of second.

Motion: Alexis Pflugh moved to contact the Attorney General's office in regarding K.S.A. 19-2106 and 19-2107. Motion died for a lack of second.

Adjourn: With no further business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. Thursday, August 31, 2017 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.