

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

May 7, 2018

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the basement meeting room of the courthouse Monday, May 7, 2018. Chairman Terry Finch called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Alexis Pflugh present and Member Al Joe Wallace absent. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.

Visitors:

Others present for portions of the meeting: Cynthia Nelson, Nancy Nitsch, Judy Ahlvers, Katy Black, Sharon Dohe, Howard Wehrman, John Baetz, Carl Nielsen, Ray Rasmussen, Lorelei Dohl, Debora Zachgo, Shawn Esterl, Shirley Small, Robert Howe, John Grace, Jim Gabelmann, Pam Morgan, Jonathan Shale, Betty Crawford, Joan Wilson, Doug Wilson, Bev Fisher, Beth Chard, Sue Brown, Jennifer Kresin, Greg Babcock, Ladonna Reinert, Christen Robinson, Dan Cheney, Joe Coover, Norman Mannel, Galen Liggett, Kelly Larson and Jennifer O'Hare.

Minutes Approved:

Alexis Pflugh moved to approve the April 30, 2018 minutes as corrected, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

Commissioner District #3:

Commissioner Pflugh read correspondence in regards to the Council on Aging. Pflugh related that she will table her presentation on the Council on Aging to the May 14 meeting when all members could be present. Pflugh requested that Clerk Harlow request the Lincoln Senior Center new bylaws.

Commissioner Arrives:

Member Al Joe Wallace arrived at the meeting at 9:01 a.m.

Highway Department:

Road and Bridge Supervisor Robert Howe noted that two employees had completed their first six months of employment and requested the customary salary increase. Al Joe Wallace moved to grant a fifty-cent per hour merit increase for the completion of the first six month increases to the following employees: Emmett Howg, effective March 26, 2018 and Garry Fuller, effective April 26, 2018, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried. Howe related that Dwight Watson would be willing to spray noxious weeds part-time in the evenings, Friday's and weekends. Board members discussed whether this was a feasible option, as well as whether the county should consider contracting out the spraying of right-of way. Alexis Pflugh moved to recess into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of nonelected personnel, requesting to inspect the 2017 & 2018 employee disciplinary write-ups or actions, with no others present, seconded Terry Finch. Motion carried. Voting as follows: Finch – Aye; Pflugh – Aye; Wallace – Nay. Time in: 8:16 a.m. Time out: 8:21 a.m. Reconvening Location: courthouse basement meeting room.

Executive Session:

Reconvene:

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session 8:21 a.m. with no action taken.

LEPP Update:

Shawn Esterl, Saline County Planning & Zoning, presented the quarterly Local Environmental Protection Program (LEPP) performance report for services being provided within the county. Esterl will forward a link for water testing to the Clerk's office to add to the County's website.

Nursing Home Proposal:

Jim Gabelmann inquired about a decision on financial assistance in the amount of \$450,000 to the newly formed organization to take over the operation of the nursing home facility. Commissioner Pflugh read correspondence form Dr. Milton Schulz and Judith Ahlvers

regarding practices concerns of the current administration of the nursing home. Board members related their opinions in regards to the proposal. The following information was discussed regarding the licenses needed to operate the nursing home: the administrator must have an adult care license; and the facility must have an Adult Care Home License to operate as a skilled nursing facility and assisted living facility, this license also includes certification to be a Medicare and Medicaid licensed facility. Alexis Pflugh moved to notify Lincoln Park Manor of their violations of the terms of the lease that was contracted between their corporation and Lincoln County Board of Commissioners. Violations: Rent in arrears and failure to report rate increase, Commissioner Finch related that he could second the portion for rent in arrears but is unsure about the rate increase notification. Alexis Pflugh withdrew her motion. The board answered questions from visitors. Alexis Pflugh moved that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners contact the Kansas Department of Aging & Disability to report our dire situation of our county owned nursing home. Discussion continued in regards to concerns over the proposal. Gabelmann will return with another proposal within 90 days, as Lincoln Park Manor has not served notice to terminate their current lease agreement. During that time, the

Abandoned Cemeteries: county will complete a feasibility study on the facility.

Al Joe Wallace moved to extend the contract with Don Howell to continue to mow abandoned cemeteries, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried. The board will bid annually for the mowing of abandoned cemeteries beginning in 2019.

Nursing Home
Violation Notice:

Alexis Pflugh moved to notify Lincoln Park Manor of their violation of the lease contract for rent in arrears on May 10, to be four months behind, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. Monday, May 14, 2018 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.