

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

September 27, 2021

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room Monday, September 27, 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: Sarah Hageman, Forrest Rhodes and Phil Hayes via telephone, Lucille Willingham, Jane Hlad, Mike Schrant, Dale Hlad, Travis Schwerdtfager, Mike Street, and Kelly Gourley.
- Executive Session: Randy Lohmann moved to recess into executive session for thirty minutes for the purpose of discussing EEOC complaint 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 courthouse commission room, with the commission, HR (Sarah Hageman), attorney Forrest Rhodes, and Phil Hayes with the Arnold Group, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. Time in: 8:34 a.m. Time out: 9:04 a.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:04 a.m. with no action taken.
- Highway Department: Director of Highway Department Dale Hlad inquired if the board had made a decision regarding OS 112. Dennis Ray moved to opt-out of bridge replacement OS 112, and the county is no longer obligated for further payments on that bridge (State project 053C-4990-01), seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. Voting as follows: Ray – Aye; Oetting – Aye; Lohmann – Abstained. Hlad provided an update on the following: will be advertising for a construction engineer on the road striping project; Bolte pit is seeded; purchased pipe on a PurpleWave auction; and has completed the pre-project certification program training. Hlad requested an executive session to discuss potential hires and one current employee. Randy Lohmann moved to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes for the purpose of discussing Highway department employee performance and applicants, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, to reconvene in the courthouse commission meeting room, with the commission, Highway Department Director Dale Hlad, and HR Officer Sarah Hageman, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Time in: 9:22 a.m. Time out: 9:37 a.m.
- Executive Session:
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:37 a.m. with no action taken.
- Bridge Concern: Commissioner Oetting expressed concern with highway department employees taking equipment across the bridge that the board had requested closed last week. Oetting requested that the barricades be placed so that no vehicle could travel across the structure.
- Transportation Bus: Transportation Bus Director Roberta Turner updated the board on bus activities. Turner reported that riders had inquired if they could utilize the tickets provided in years past by the Council on Aging for rides to the Senior Center for lunch, and she has not been successful in finding out how to answer that question. Turner reported that masks would be required, and the service is restricted to one passenger unless they are from the same family until January 22.

First Rural Fire: Mike Street, First Rural Fire, reported that the new building is completed, but there are some issues with the electrical service if the two buildings were to be operated on a generator. Mayor Travis Schwerdtfager related that the new building would have its own electrical meter and forwarded concerns about conduit that was buried and the concrete that was poured in the alley without the City’s knowledge or approval. The board had previously approved utilizing the old hospital generator to power both facilities when city power was out. Street noted that the conduit was buried to feed lines from the emergency services building to the generator. However, the generator initially planned to be used is not feasible. The board took no action on pursuing the purchase and installation of a different generator.

Correspondence: Correspondence: a bill for Lincoln Park Manor; 811 pipeline safety informational flyer; a packet from the North Central Kansas Down Syndrome Society, requesting the that the board proclaim October as Down Syndrome Awareness month; agenda for KAC annual meeting; hospital board packet; a thank you card from NCK CASA; a notice from County Attorney Jennifer O’Hare that the responses to the KOMA complaint should be provided to the Kansas Attorney General by October 5; a funding request form from the Lincoln Senior Center for the Council on Aging; an email from Lorelei Dohl expressing interest in serving on the Council on Aging; Resolution 2021-21; Resolution 2021-22; and a Certificate of Compliance.

Correspondence Action: Darrell Oetting moved to sign a proclamation to declare October as Down Syndrome Awareness month, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Commissioner Ray related that the Council on Aging meeting has been canceled as the board could not obtain a quorum. Dennis Ray moved to appoint Lorelei Dohl to the Council on Aging, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.

Resolution 2021-21: Randy Lohmann moved to approve Resolution 2021-21 (pursuant to provisions of K.S.A. 75-1120(a), requesting the Director of Accounts and Reports to waive the requirement of said law as they apply to the year ended December 31, 2021, and that the financial statements and reports be prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements as adjusted to show compliance with the cash basis and budget laws), seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried.

Resolution 2021-22: Randy Lohmann moved to approve Resolution 2021-22 (authorizing the application to the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation’s Moderate Income Housing Program), seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. Dennis Ray moved to allow the chairman to sign the Kansas Housing Certificate of Compliance, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.

Minutes Approved: Darrell Oetting moved to accept the commissioner minutes for September 20, 2021, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried.

EEOC Settlement Signed: Dennis Ray moved to allow the chairman to sign the Settlement and Release Agreement between the County and the seven complainants, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.

Meeting Start Time: The board set a 10:30 a.m. start time for the Thursday, September 30 regular meeting.

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m. The next meeting will be Monday, October 4, 2021, in the courthouse commission meeting room.