

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

January 8, 2024

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room on Monday, January 8, 2024. Chairman Dennis Ray called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Debora Smith and Member Ryley Hembry present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Larry Spear (via telephone), Jason Starling, Rhonda Wright, Lisa Feldkamp, Leann Johnson, Tami Kerth, Felicia Strahm, Dale Hlad, and Jesse Knight.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: National Stalking Awareness Month proclamation; First Amendment to the CDBG Grant Award Number 23-CVR-007 letter from the Kansas Department of Commerce; and a resolution.
- Correspondence Action: Debora Smith moved to approve the National Stalking Awareness Month Proclamation, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. The board approved the chairman to sign the First Amendment to the CDBG Grant Agreement for Grant Award Number 23-CVR-007 letter.
- Board Reorganization: Pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 19-219, the chairman called for the organization of the board for the ensuing year. Debora Smith moved to reappoint Dennis Ray as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Dennis Ray moved to appoint Debora Smith as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.
- Inquiry: Larry Spear inquired about the income from the new Post Rock Wind Farm agreement.
- Resolution 2024-02: Dennis Ray moved to approve Resolution 2024-02, for the calendar year ROZ (Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program), seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.
- Minutes Approved: Debora Smith moved to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2024, board meeting, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.
- Election Security: Clerk Harlow provided a copy of the bids received to complete the required security enhancements for election equipment. Harlow related that she had also requested cost estimates to update the alarm system and add building access control and video monitoring capabilities in specific departments since the main components would need to be purchased to accomplish the election equipment security requirements. Jason Starling, Bankers Security, answered the board's technical questions concerning the bids submitted.
- Highway Department: Director of Highway Department Dale Hlad presented a gravel agreement for the board's approval. Debora Smith moved to approve a gravel removal/purchase agreement between Lincoln County and Joseph Sheldon, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Hlad requested approval to purchase a forty-foot storage container for placement at the north lot. The board approved. Hlad noted that he received quotes to buy grader tires and has selected Commercial Tire as the successful bid. Hlad discussed problems with the unleaded fuel pump and related that he has requested bids to repair or replace the unit. Commissioner Ray provided a map of Juniata and relayed that he was contacted by the Gotti's inquiring about the possibility of using

the water meter can located on county-owned property as suggested by Post Rock Rural Water. The board made no decision on this date.

Executive Session: Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for thirty minutes for the purpose of discussing employee evaluations in the highway department, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the courthouse commission meeting room with the commission, Highway Department Director Dale Hlad, and HR Felicia Strahm, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried. Time in: 10:02 a.m. Time out: 10:32 a.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:32 a.m. with no action taken.

Emergency Management: Emergency Manager Jesse Knight provided an update on activities over the past year. Knight related that he has completed his emergency manager certification requirements and is awaiting an official certification from the Kansas Department of Emergency Management.

Human Resources: Human Resource Officer Felicia Strahm presented the longevity pay spreadsheet for the board's approval. Debora Smith moved to approve longevity pay in the amount of \$18,165.15, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Strahm provided the board with a sample of the 2024 Commission Meeting Calendar and a calendar that will be provided to department heads as requested. The board approved the calendars presented. Strahm reported that interviews for the EMS position have been completed, and the director will be on the January 16 agenda.

PBC: Clerk Harlow related that she had requested that the Lincoln County Hospital remit their monthly rent payment to the Public Building Commission by check rather than by transfer between bank accounts to facilitate the monthly deposit into the Citizens State Bank and that the hospital has declined. Clerk Harlow noted that the Public Building Commission would need to meet monthly to approve the withdrawal check to transfer the funds between banks or that the board could authorize the monthly transfers when they meet in February. The board approved Commissioner Smith to contact the Hospital Board of Trustees Chairman about the matter as they prefer that future rent payments be made by check.

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 16, 2024.