

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

November 18, 2019

- Board of Canvassers: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met as the Lincoln County Board of Canvassers, to enumerate the results of the November 5, 2019 City/School General Election. Chairman Alexis Pflugh called the Lincoln County Board of Canvassers meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., pursuant to the provision set forth in K.S.A. 25-3101 – 3110 with Vice-Chairman Randy Lohmann and Member James Gabelmann present.
- Election Materials presented: The November 5, 2019 General Election’s preliminary abstracts of election results and records prepared by the duly appointed election boards were provided to the Board of Canvassers by Election Officer Dawn Harlow.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the canvass: none.
- The Board of Canvassers inspected and checked for accuracy the records presented. Clerical errors were corrected.
- Seven provisional ballots were received with six being approved and counted. Provisional ballot totals were added to the abstracts of votes cast.
- The board drew by lot from the names tied for City of Beverly Mayor. Harold Flaherty was announced the winner.
- Recess: Chairman Pflugh recessed the canvass at 9:42 a.m. until 10:15 a.m.
- Convene: Chairman Pflugh called the regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners to order at 10:40 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Randy Lohmann and Member James Gabelmann present.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Mona Gerstmann, Brendan Mackay, Gordon Krueger, Garry Fuller, Cynthia Nelson, Sharon Dohe, Doug McKinney, Jerry Philbrick and Ladonna Reinert.
- Tax Abatements: Alexis Pflugh moved to approve tax abatements 2019-01, 2019-02, 2019-03, and 2019-05, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Voting as follows: Pflugh – Aye; Lohmann – Aye; Gabelmann – Abstained. Alexis Pflugh moved to approve tax abatement 2019-04, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. Voting as follows: Pflugh – Aye; Gabelmann – Aye; Lohmann – Abstained.
- Minutes Approved: James Gabelmann moved to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Randy Lohmann. James Gabelmann moved to approve the minutes with corrections, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried for approval of the corrected minutes.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: notice from Wendell and Sheri Suelter to terminate the lease agreement for the tract of land west of the landfill/transfer station; 12th Judicial District first quarter report for community corrections and juvenile services; North Central Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging board appointment for Cynthia Nelson is expiring and she is able to serve 2 additional terms;

and State of Kansas public notice for reissuing waste water system permit for the City of Lincoln Center.

- Board Position Ad Approved: Alexis Pflugh moved to approve a one-time advertisement for all open board member positions, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried.
- Executive Session: Alexis Pflugh moved to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes for the purpose of discussing concerns about private property, justification pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel to reconvene in the commission meeting room with the three commissioners, Director Brendan Mackay, Mr. (Gordon) Krueger, and employee Mr. (Garry) Fuller present, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Time in: 11:13 a.m. Time out: 11:28 a.m.
- Reconvene The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:28 a.m. with no action taken.
- Executive Session: Alexis Pflugh moved to extend the executive session for five minutes for the purpose of discussing concerns about private property, justification pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel to reconvene in the commission meeting room with the three commissioners, Director Mackay, Mr. Krueger, and employee Mr. Fuller present, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Time in: 11:29 a.m. Time out: 11:34 a.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:34 a.m. with no action taken.
- Highway Department: Director of Highway Department Brendan Mackay presented a utility permit agreement for the board's approval. James Gabelmann moved to approve Utility Permit Agreement for Wilson Communications, to install in right of way at 436 Bison Dr, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Mackay related that the truck from Ellsworth County had been inspected by employees and was satisfactory to purchase. The board approved to allow the highway department to purchase a 2006 Sterling Acterra dump truck in the amount of \$14,295. Mackay presented a bid from Lebien Seeding to seed the repaired road slide in the Wilson Lake Estates. The board approved. Landowner at Milo and 20th has requested road improvement and that the county can use material from their adjacent land. The board approved. Lohmann requested that they contact Dan Wieneke as he had requested the same. The group discussed the mower that was recently purchased. The group discussed whether the department will remain on 4, 10 hour work days year round or move back to the 5, 8 hour work days. The board related that the week of November 25 -29 employees will work 8 hour days and Mackay can bring a proposal of what the hours should be to the November 25 meeting for further discussion. Krueger provided a cost of the train car culvert that was installed previously.
- Transportation Bus: Transportation Bus Driver Jerry Philbrick reported that the grant for the next fiscal year is due on Friday and inquired if the board wanted to expand services for the Transportation Bus that would require a change to the budget. After discussing services, the board authorized Philbrick to proceed with the grant request as previously prepared.
- Health Department Health Nurse Administrator Ladonna Reinert has contacted Nex-tech and has received an updated bid to lease all equipment for five years. The board authorized Reinert to make the decision for her department.

Courthouse Assessment: Doug McKinney, North Central Kansas Regional Planning Commission explained the process to open the proposals received to complete an assessment on the courthouse. The board opened each bid and ranked accordingly, Clerk Harlow then accumulated the totals from each board member identifying the company with the highest average identified as TreanorHL. James Gabelmann moved to accept the proposal from TreanorHL, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. (\$16,700)

Executive Session: Alexis Pflugh moved to recess into executive session for five minutes to discuss Family Medical Leave pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel to reconvene in the commission meeting room with the commission and clerk (Harlow), seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. Time in 2:30 p.m. Time out: 2:36 p.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 2:36 p.m. with no action taken.

Executive Session: Alexis Pflugh moved to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes for the purpose of discussing job description and employee performance pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel to reconvene in the commission meeting room with the board, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Time in: 2:37 p.m. Time out: 2:52 p.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 2:52 p.m. with no action taken.

Nursing Home: Commissioner Gabelmann related that John Grace, Lincoln Park Manor had contacted him and would like to come and visit with the board to negotiate a potential sale of the nursing home. Commissioner Gabelmann had made a proposal to Grace that would provide the 2 years of maintenance agreement funds (\$120,000 per year) as operating expense and sell the building for a nominal fee. The group discussed the back rent and options to collect.

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:28 p.m. until 11:00 a.m. Monday, November 25, 2019 at the landfill/transfer station, providing a meal to Landfill, Noxious Weed and Recycling Center staff, with the regular meeting following at 1:00 p.m. in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.