

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

December 31, 2024

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room on Tuesday, December 31, 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: Leon Hart, Felicia Strahm, Keegan Bailey, Dustin Florence, and Leann Johnson.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: a ONEOK safety flyer; Kansas Pipeline Association safety flyer; a letter from Hanna Toq providing information on Toq Consulting Services; a Christmas card from North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging; and a tax abatement.
- Correspondence Action: Dennis Ray moved to approve tax abatement 2024-87 in the amount of \$156.94, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried.
- Board Updates: Commissioner Smith provided an update on the Hospital Board of Trustees' monthly meeting and comments received for a road closure request in Indiana Township. Commissioner Ray provided an update on Alan Hunter's field entrance complaint.
- Budget Hearing: Chairman Ray convened the scheduled budget hearing at 9:00 a.m. to hear and answer objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed amended use of budgeted funds with Leon Hart, Felicia Strahm, Keegan Bailey and Dustin Florence present. The chairman adjourned the budget hearing at 9:11 a.m. and convened the meeting to regular session. Dennis Ray moved to approve the 2024 Lincoln County amended budget, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried.
- Amended Budgets Approved:
- ARPA Funds: Keegan Bailey, North Central Regional Planning Commission, provided a listing of allocated ARPA funds and requested that the board allocate the remaining funds to a specific project. Dennis Ray moved to allocate the remaining ARPA funds in the amount of \$167,413.72 to go to the courthouse renovation project, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.
- Law Enforcement: Sheriff Dustin Florence requested approval to allow an employee to carryover unused leave time due to staffing requirements. The board denied the request.
- Human Resources: Human Resource Officer Felicia Strahm reported that Roberta Turner has asked to be moved to part-time beginning January 26, 2025.
- Member Departs: Commissioner Hembry departed the meeting at 9:54 a.m.
- Resolution 2024-31 – Resolution 2024-35: Dennis Ray moved to approve Resolution 2024-31, transferring \$150,000 from the Road Fund into the Special Road Improvement Fund; Resolution 2024-32, transferring \$180,000 from the Lincoln County General Fund into the Lincoln County Capital Improvement Fund; Resolution 2024-33, transferring \$50,000 from the Lincoln County General Fund into the Equipment Reserve Fund; Resolution 2024-34, transferring \$8,000 from the Barnard Rural Fire Operating Fund to the Barnard Rural Fire Special Equipment Fund; \$22,000 from the Beverly Rural Fire Operating Fund to the Beverly Rural Fire Special Equipment Fund; \$26,500 from the First Rural

Fire Operating Fund to the First Rural Fire Special Equipment Fund; \$21,000 from the Hunter Rural Fire Operating Fund to the Hunter Rural Fire Special Equipment Fund; and \$20,500 from the Sylvan Grove Rural Fire Operating Fund to the Sylvan Grove Rural Fire Special Equipment Fund; and Resolution 2024-35, transferring \$18,000 from the Lincoln County General Fund to the Lincoln County Refuse fund for the operation, maintenance and improvement expenses that exceeds available cash, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried.

Payroll & Accounts Payable Approved: Dennis Ray moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$247,013.75, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried. Dennis Ray moved to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$330,087.94, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried.

Minutes Approved: Dennis Ray moved to approve the minutes of the December 23 meeting as presented, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried.

Resignation: County Treasurer Leann Johnson provided her letter of resignation effective January 31, 2025.

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, January 6, 2025.