

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

November 4, 2024

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room on Monday, November 4, 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 in attendance as the recording secretary.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Jesse Knight, Roberta Turner, Dale Hlad, Felicia Strahm, and Brandon Cochran.
- Correspondence: After discussing it with the current operator, the board decided not to install lights in the recycling center lean-to. Debora Smith moved to sign the time extension for the CDBG-CVR grant, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Debora Smith moved to sign the required authorization forms for the CDBG-CVR grant funds, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.
- Minutes Approved: Dennis Ray moved to approve the October 28, 2024, and the October 31, 2024 minutes as corrected, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried.
- Transportation Bus: Transportation Bus Director Roberta Turner provided three letters for the FY 2026 grant application for the board's approval. Dennis Ray moved to approve the grant application and signature pages related to the Transportation Bus grant application, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Turner discussed department activities.
- Public Works: Public Works Director Dale Hlad discussed an illegal dump site near E Bison Dr and N 120th Rd and that KDHE provides funding to assist the county in cleanup. Debora Smith moved to approve the Illegal Dump Program Request with KDHE to clean up an illegal dump site, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Hlad discussed the applicants interviewed and requested approval to employ Mark Eckhart and Edwin Ross. Debora Smith moved to employ Mark Eckhart as a full-time equipment operator at Grade 14, Step 15, \$16.98 per hour, effective November 12, 2024, and Edwin Ross as a full-time equipment operator at Grade 14, Step 12, \$16.27 per hour, effective November 6, 2024, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. The board requested that Hlad consider purchasing rock from APAC as his budget would allow.
- Ambulance Service: Ambulance Service Director Brandon Cochran reported that Clint Bailey passed the EMT certification and requested approval to hire him to complete his monthly service hours per the agreement with the Board of EMS grant. Debora Smith moved to employ Clint Bailey as a PRN EMT, Grade 13, Step 5, at \$14.04 per hour, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Cochran provided reports for September and October month-to-date ambulance billing and discussed plans for catching up with prior months.
- Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m. The next meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, in the courthouse commission meeting room, where the Board of Commissioners will meet as the Board of County Canvassers to enumerate the results of the November 5, 2024 General Election.