

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

March 25, 2019

- Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Monday, March 25, 2019. Chairman Alexis Pflugh called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Al Joe Wallace and Member Randy Lohmann present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Cynthia Nelson, Sharon Dohe, Lewis Wacker, Brandon Cochran, Jerry Hlad, Tommy Knapp, Shiloh Florence, Doug McKinney, Kelly Larson, Mona Gerstmann, David Gerstmann, Rhonda Wright and Jennifer O'Hare.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: invitation from USD 298 to attend a meeting to identify community needs in a Superintendent on Monday, April 1 at 1:00 p.m.; bills for Lincoln Park Manor; legislative update; and letter from Sharon Dohe volunteering her time to input needs into the Mobile 311 program.
- Commissioner departs: Commissioner Wallace departed the meeting at 10:13 a.m.
- Minutes Approved: Randy Lohmann moved to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2019 regular meeting, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried.
- Ambulance Service: Brandon Cochran, Interim Ambulance Service Director provided the following information: poverty levels in the United States and the District of Columbia; information on the 43-hour overtime rule for law enforcement and fire fighters; and calculations of income loss to attendants if overtime was cut as well as the potential wage that would need to be paid if overtime loss was compensated by an increase in the hourly wage.
- Commissioner returns: Commissioner Wallace returned to the meeting at 10:41 a.m.
- County Treasurer/
Executive Session: County Treasurer Leann Bishop requested an executive session to present evaluations for the board to review. Alexis Pflugh moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of reviewing Treasurer department evaluations, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel with County Treasurer Leann Bishop present, reconvening location in the basement meeting room, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Time in: 10:53 a.m. Time out: 11:03 a.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:03 a.m.
- Planning Grant
Approved for
Courthouse: Doug McKinney, North Central Regional Planning Commission with Kelly Larson, Lincoln County Economic Development presented an application for the State Historical Society planning grant. Al Joe Wallace moved to have the chairman to sign the application for the grant to the Historical Society, Wallace further requested that the letter for fund commitment be included in the original motion, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Highway Department: Director of Public Works requested additional compensation for an employee as he has agreed to assist him with some of the Road and Bridge Supervisor duties until the position is filled. Alexis Pflugh moved to recess into executive session for five minutes for the purpose of discussing temporary appointment within the highway department for the Road and Bridge Supervisor,
- Executive Session:

pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel with no others present, reconvene in the basement meeting room, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Voting as follows: Pflugh – Aye; Lohmann – Aye; Wallace – Nay. Time in: 11:23 – Time out: 11:28 a.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:28 a.m. The board related that they have decided to deny the request for additional compensation for an employee.

Highway Department: Director of Public Works Michel O’Hare presented the following: employee evaluations and related that one employee is eligible for the completion of the first six months’ merit increase; and presented gravel agreements for the board’s approval. Al Joe Wallace moved to enter into a gravel agreement with Barbara Holmes and Mark Murray, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. O’Hare related that he has asked for bids to contract the purchase of diesel. The board provided Sharon Dohe’s letter to volunteer to work with the 311 program.

Road Concern: Lewis Wacker issued a complaint and requested road and right-of-way repair on N 120th Rd in the areas that were repaired several years ago.

Highway Department Committee Suggestion: David Gerstmann requested that the board appoint a committee to assist the highway department in creating a strategic plan for the department and provided documentation obtained from Federal and State resources that included manuals and study guides.

County Appraiser: County Appraiser Rhonda Wright related that she mailed valuation notices the previous Friday and updated the board on valuation changes.

Executive Session: Alexis Pflugh moved to recess into executive session for thirty minutes for the purpose of discussing the nursing home license acquisition for Lincoln Park Manor 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 with County Attorney Jennifer O’Hare and attorney Charles Hay, via telephone, reconvene in basement meeting room seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Time in: 12:27 p.m. Time out: 12:57 p.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 12:57 p.m. with no action taken.

Salary Increase Approved: Alexis Pflugh moved to grant Timothy Lyne a fifty cent merit increase for the completion of the first six-months of employment, effective February 26, 2019, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried.

Agenda Items: Chairman Pflugh requested that a one-hour time be blocked off on the April 8th agenda to discuss the following: highway department evaluations and job descriptions. The board agreed to continue the 10-1 meeting time with a modification during harvest. The board requested that the Board of Health meeting be held May 6 at 9 a.m.

Adjourn: The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 28, 2019 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.