

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

May 31, 2023

- Call to Order:** The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room Wednesday, May 31, 2023. Chairman Dennis Ray called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Darrell Oetting and Member Debora Smith present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.
- Visitors:** Others present for portions of the meeting: Jane Dreiling, Lisa Feldkamp, Felicia Strahm, Tami Kerth, Rhonda Wright, Dale Hlad, Jesse Knight, Jon Wright, Dustin Florence, Lucas Sanders, Elizabeth Sheldon, Leann Bishop, Roberta Turner, Brandon Cochran, and Scott Wright.
- Correspondence:** Correspondence: a letter from Tracey Mann; and the Lincoln County Hospital Board of Trustees 2024 budget request.
- Coroner Complaints:** The board discussed complaints received regarding a delay in death certificates being issued. In addition, individuals have asked why Lincoln County does not have an assistant coroner appointed. Cloud County Board of Commissioners is responsible for appointing the District Coroner, and the District Coroner is responsible for appointing assistant coroners. Commissioner Ray said he spoke with a Cloud County Commissioner to share the concerns and was told that Cloud County Commissioner had discussed the subject at their last board meeting.
- District Court:** District Court Clerk Lisa Feldkamp provided a bid received to digitalize district court records, allowing the district court to destroy paper records and reduce the amount of weight stored on the third floor of the courthouse. Feldkamp inquired if the board would like her to budget a portion of the expense in her 2024 budget. The board approved including part of the cost in the upcoming budget year.
- USD 112 Special Question:** Jane Dreiling discussed the August 1 Special Election asking voters whether USD 112 should be disorganized. Dreiling discussed potential negative impacts on taxpayers, students, staff, and surrounding school districts.
- Payroll/Accounts Payable Approved:** Debora Smith moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$230,461.35, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. Debora Smith moved to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$917,137.88, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.
- 2024 Budget:** County Clerk Dawn Harlow inquired about 2024 budget amounts for appropriations made by the board. The board discussed the Noxious Weed Department staffing, solid waste disposal fees, and transportation bus allocations. The board requested that Clerk Harlow schedule Tony Lamia, Slechta Enterprises, on the agenda to complete the recycling center's six-month review.
- Minutes Approved:** Debora Smith moved to approve May 22, 2023, minutes seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.
- Madison Township:** Debora Smith moved to appoint Tori O'Toole as Treasurer of Madison Township and James Marinhagen as Clerk of Madison Township, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. Voting is as follows: Oetting – Aye; Smith – Aye; Ray – Abstained.
- Recess/Reconvene:** The chairman recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:09 p.m. The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 1:00 p.m. in the courthouse meeting room. County Department

Department Head
Meeting:

Heads requested the meeting to understand the intentions for salary increases in 2024 to assist with preparations of budget requests. The board discussed splitting the Capital Improvement Fund into an Equipment Reserve Fund, purchasing items in bulk for use by all departments, finding ways to cut expenses, and offering quarterly employee training.

Adjourn:

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m. The next meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. Monday, June 5, 2023, in the courthouse commission meeting room.