

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

May 1, 2023

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room Monday, May 1, 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: Carly Errebo, Lisa Feldkamp, Breanna Brown, Dustin Florence, Lucas Sanders, Jesse Knight, Dawn Snyder, and Elizabeth Sheldon.
- Commission Updates: Commissioner Smith reported on the Hospital Board of Trustees monthly meeting.
- Old Business: The board tabled a decision on the proposal submitted by TreanorHL to conduct a feasibility study for the law enforcement center. The board approved contacting Steve Davis, Shive Hatter, to formally request a cost estimate and proposal to complete a feasibility study for the law enforcement center.
- Property Use Proposal: Carly Errebo, Lisa Feldkamp, and Breanna Brown, Lincoln Pride Committee, presented ideas for the vacant lot after the dilapidated county-owned bar building on Lincoln Ave is demolished.
- Emergency Management: Emergency Manager Jesse Knight provided cost estimates to purchase new 800 MHz radios for the sheriff's department as current equipment cannot be encrypted. Knight suggested that the old equipment be transferred to the fire departments when the equipment is replaced. Knight plans to apply for grant funds to help with the expense; however, the County should plan to budget for the expense in 2024. Knight notified the board that the County will need to adopt zoning regulations and pass a resolution for areas within the floodplain before July 15, as well as implement building permit requirements. Knight related that the Kansas Department of Ag representatives would like to meet with the board to answer any questions regarding zoning and the floodplain map. Knight discussed cleaning out and deepening the creek bed that runs through the City of Lincoln Park, which would help property owners affected by the floodplain. Knight reviewed department activities.
- County Treasurer: County Treasurer Leann Bishop provided the 1st quarter 2023 Treasurer Quarterly Interest Earned on Idle Funds report for the board's review.
- Executive Session: Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for forty-five minutes for the purpose of discussing an HR interview, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the courthouse commission meeting room with the commission, candidate #3, and County Clerk Dawn Harlow, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried. Time in: 9:59 a.m. Time out: 10:44 a.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:44 a.m. with no action taken.
- Executive Session: Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing HR applicants, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the courthouse commission meeting room, with the commission and

Clerk Dawn Harlow, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried. Time in: 10:46 a.m. Time out: 10:56 a.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:56 a.m. Dennis Ray moved to offer an employment offer to candidate #5 at Grade 34, Step 7, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.

Community Corrections: Dawn Snyder, 12th Judicial District Community Corrections, presented the Signatory Approval forms for the Fiscal Year 2024 Adult Comprehensive Plan Grant and Fiscal Year 2024 Juvenile Comprehensive Plan Grants for the board's approval. Debora Smith moved to approve the FY 2024 Adult Comprehensive Plan Grant, Juvenile Comprehensive Plan Grant, Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board Grant, and Juvenile Reinvestment Grant, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.

Health Department: Health Nurse/Administrator Elizabeth Sheldon provided an update on the County's wellness program activities and participation. In addition, Sheldon reported on department activities, including that she applied for a Post Rock Community Foundation grant to teach a babysitter CPR and First Aide course.

2024 Budget: The board discussed the 2024 budget requirements for departments. Clerk Harlow requested that the board identify how much should be budgeted for salary increases so that all departments are budgeting consistently, which will help when the board works on the final draft of the budget. The board related that departments should include a 4% salary increase but an overall budget decrease of 1%. All department budgets will be due June 12.

Minutes Approved: Debora Smith moved to approve the April 24 and April 28 minutes as presented, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.

Executive Session: Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing family medical leave, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the courthouse commission meeting room, with the commission and County Clerk Dawn Harlow, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried. Time in: 11:40 a.m. Time out: 11:50 a.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:50 a.m. with no action taken.

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:52 a.m. The next meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. Monday, May 8, 2023, in the courthouse commission meeting room.