

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

January 19, 2021

- Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Tuesday, January 19, 2021. Chairman Randy Lohmann called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Dennis Ray and Member Darrell Oetting present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Sarah Hageman, Carlene Friesen, Eugene Friesen, Roberta Turner, Jean Herman, David Bell, Ladonna Reinert, and John Wolting.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: bills for Lincoln Park Manor.
- Discussion: Commissioner Ray reported on the Economic Development Foundation's monthly meeting which included the discussion on developing the McReynolds Mill Park. Commissioner Ray inquired about whether the board can halt the replacement of OS 112 on E Kale Ln. The board will discuss the matter further on January 25 with highway department representatives. The board discussed the following subjects throughout the meeting: the handbook, courthouse repairs, Windpower Economic Benefit Fund, courthouse storage, replacing the door on the commission room, and a policy identifying responsibilities of the county and landowners vacating road right-of-way.
- Minutes Approved: Dennis Ray moved to approve the January 11, 2021 meeting minutes as written, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.
- Human Resources/
Executive Session: Human Resource Officer Sarah Hageman requested an executive session to discuss employee complaints. Randy Lohmann moved to recess into executive session for twenty-five minutes to discuss employee complaints, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in courthouse commission room, with the commission and HR Director Sarah Hageman, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Voting as follows: Lohmann – Aye; Ray – Aye; Oetting – Abstained. Time in: 9:00 a.m. Time out: 9:25 a.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:25 a.m. with no action taken.
- Executive Session: Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes to discuss Transportation bus job responsibilities, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the Board of County Commissioners commission meeting room, with the board present and County Clerk Harlow, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Voting as follows: Lohmann – Aye; Ray – Aye; Oetting – Abstained. Time in: 9:31 a.m. Time out: 9:41 a.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:41 a.m. Dennis Ray moved to transfer the clerical duties from the transportation bus department to the Lincoln County Clerk's Office on a per-need basis effective today's date the 19th of January 2021, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.
- Recess/Reconvene: The chairman recessed the meeting for ten minutes at 9:46 a.m. The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:53 a.m.

- Transportation Bus: Transportation Bus Driver Roberta Turner provided an update on COVID-19 restrictions and current activities for the department. The board notified Turner that the Clerk's office will assist her with the administrative duties.
- Road Vacation Hearing: Chairman Randy Lohmann convened the scheduled road vacation hearing at 10:30 a.m. concerning the proposed vacation of roads located in Battle Creek township. The chairman closed the Road Vacation Hearing at 10:40 a.m. Randy Lohmann moved to approve Resolution 2021V-01, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. (Final Resolution and Order 2021V-01 whereby it is therefore ordered that the following described county roads be vacated: Beginning at the Southwest corner of Section Twenty-seven (27) also being the Northwest corner of Section Thirty-four (34) thence East one and one-quarter (1 1/4) mile to the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4 SW1/4) to the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4 SW1/4) of Section Twenty-six (26) also being the Northwest (NW) corner for the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4 NW1/4) to the Northeast (NE) corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4 NW1/4) of Section Thirty-five (35), all in Township Ten (10), Range Eight (8) West of the 6th P.M. in Lincoln County, Kansas, also known as E Teal Dr. Right-of-way being sixty (60) feet.)
- Culvert Donation: David Bell reported that he has the rail car modification completed to be utilized as a culvert to replace previously closed OS 117 on E Jaguar Dr and that he is ready to proceed with the donation. If the structure is not deemed suitable, then Bell will donate it to use at another location with the agreeance that the board will replace the current structure with another option and a firm time frame commitment for replacement identified.
- Health Department: Health Nurse/Administrator Ladonna Reinert provided an update on COVID-19 cases and continued to encourage wearing masks, washing hands, and social distancing. Reinert answered questions regarding COVID-19 vaccinations. Reinert provided the listing of write-offs for the department. Clerk Harlow will prepare a resolution for approval at the January 25 meeting. Reinert related that the county may charge an administration fee for the COVID-19 vaccination and that the only cost is employee time as all other materials are being provided to the county at no cost. The board agreed to not charge an administrative fee. Reinert provided pictures of the damage to the carport and inquired how to proceed. The board requested that she determine a cost to repair or replace before submitting an insurance claim.
- Highway Department: Interim Director of Highway Department Caleb Holeman provided quotes to purchase a trailer to transport the mini-excavator and skid steer. The board tabled a decision for a week. Holman provided quotes to extend the warranties on two of the CAT motor graders. Dennis Ray moved to approve the warranties for the two motor graders listed, ending numbers 360 and 463, in the amount of \$45,079 for a three year, three-thousand-hour warranty, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Holman provided an update on department activities. The board forwarded the sign request for the road closure and culvert discussion with David Bell. Commissioner Oetting inquired about whether an insurance claim was filed regarding a vehicle accident that damaged a bridge in 2020.
- Executive Session: Randy Lohmann moved to recess into executive session for forty-five minutes for the purpose of conducting an employee 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 Board of Commissioners, HR (Sarah Hageman), and John Wolting, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Time in: 11:45 a.m. Time out: 12:30 p.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 12:30 p.m. with no action taken.

Executive Session: Randy Lohmann moved to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes to review a new application and review applicant interview, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the courthouse, with the commission and HR (Hageman), seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. Time in: 12:35 p.m. Time out: 12:50 p.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 12:50 p.m. with no action taken.

Adjourn: Dennis Ray moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:52 p.m., seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. Monday, January 25, 2021, in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.