

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

October 18, 2021

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room Monday, October 18, 2021. Vice-Chairman Dennis Ray called the meeting to order 8:30 a.m. with Member Darrell Oetting present. Chairman Randy Lohmann was absent. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Brandon Cochran, Sarah Hageman, Phil Hayes (via telephone), Diane Walters, Rhonda Fernandez, Jim Weber, and Randy Pickering.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: a letter from the USDA regarding the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of 1978; an update from the North Central Kansas Regional Juvenile Detention Facility's monthly meeting; and Lincoln County final value for the tax year 2021.
- Minutes: Darrell Oetting moved to accept the commissioner minutes from October 11, 2021, as read, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried.
- Ambulance Service: Ambulance Service Director Brandon Cochran provided a follow-up of past items: installation of new lights in the meeting room and the drop outlets in the ambulance bay is complete; and the inverter was replaced on the converted truck. In addition, Cochran presented quotes to lease or purchase a new copier. Dennis Ray moved to allow the EMS director to pursue the copier from ImageQuest in the amount of \$68.13 per month contingent upon written receipt that it is the total cost, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.
- Human Resources:
Executive Session: Human Resource Officer Sarah Hageman requested an executive session to discuss the pay scale with Phil Hayes. Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for thirty minutes for the purpose of discussing the wage survey with Phil Hayes, The Arnold Group pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters on nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the commission meeting room with the commission, HR (Hageman), and Phil Hayes with The Arnold Group, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. Time in: 9:27 a.m. Time out: 9:57 a.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:57 a.m. with no action taken.
- Nursing Home: Nursing Home Administrator Diane Walters related that she had contacted multiple contractors to repair and seal portions of the roof and install guttering and downspouts. Walters related that she was told by R&R Street Plumbing and Hayworth Plumbing that they would subcontract the sump pump installation project. The assisted living repairs should be completed today. Street Plumbing is still waiting for the hot water heater and the switches for the new split units; they will be installed once received. The board inquired about when the nursing home's roof and guttering were installed. Walters will provide the Thrasher quote at the October 25 meeting. Clerk Harlow will research when the roof and guttering were installed.
- Health Insurance: Rhonda Fernandez, PIC, provided the cost of renewing the county health plans and self-funding the employee health insurance.
- Solid Waste: Randy Pickering, RanDan Inc, as per the Lincoln County, Kansas, Solid Waste Collection Contract, provided a review of services provided and the current operating costs. Pickering requested a

1.5% - 2% per household per month increase for the ensuing year. Pickering related that he continues to have problems with animal waste left in the cities for pickup. Pickering reminded the board that his current contract will expire on December 31, 2022, and notified the board that he does not plan to request a renewal of the contract.

Adjourn:

The vice-chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m. The next meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. Monday, October 25, 2021, in the courthouse commission meeting room.