

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

May 17, 2021

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners meeting was held in the courthouse commission meeting room Monday, May 17, 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.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Roberta Turner, Art Howell, Baldwin Fisher, Dennis Kemnitz, Sarah Hageman, Caleb Holeman, Tanner Yost, Larry Dohe, Dan Heina, Jerry Hlad, Tami Kerth, Rhonda Wright, Lucas Sanders, Ladonna Reinert, and Alexis Pflugh.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: the completed Memorandum of Understanding with the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism approved at the May 12, 2021 meeting; bill for Lincoln Park Manor; WEB fund recommendation for distributions; and a letter from KAC recommending the county's join the National Association of Counties.
- Correspondence Action: The chairman signed the Memorandum of Understanding with the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism approved at the May 12, 2021 meeting. Randy Lohmann moved to approve the three WEB fund proposed disbursements, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. (Lincoln County Ambulance Service, \$8,500, to help purchase a Zoll E-Series Monitor/Defibrillator; Lincoln County Historical Society, \$3,325 to help buy a pressed penny machine; and Sylvan Senior Center, \$2,300 to purchase handrail for the entrance of the new building)
- Updates: Commissioner Ray notified the board of concerns regarding the bid for the CDBG Grant project replacing three emergency warning sirens, including the location of the Vesper siren. Commissioner Ray has contacted the Vesper Mens Club regarding the possibility of installing the warning siren at that location and read the response. The board discussed the highway shop in Vesper as an alternative location. Commissioner Ray related that he had contacted Forrest Rhodes regarding the status of the EEOC complaint. Rhodes will meet with the board on May 24. Commissioner Ray reported that Steve Andreson replaced the starter in the recycling center's forklift.
- Transportation Bus: Transportation Bus Driver Roberta Turner provided information on the Mobility Manager's request for funding and the proposed policy for transporting children. Turner related that KDOT has ordered that masks continue to be worn until September 15. Turner reported that a Concealed Carry Policy needs to be included in the rider handbook.
- Convention of States: Art Howell requested that the board support the Convention of States Article 5. The board took no action this date. Howell updated the board on the importance of local government units supporting the movement and answered the board's questions.
- Minutes Approved: Randy Lohmann moved to approve the May 10, 2021 minutes and May 16, 2021 minutes, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.
- Emergency Management: Emergency Manager Baldwin Fisher provided an update on the recent flooding and actions taken.

Inquiry: Dennis Kemnitz inquired about the status of the tax foreclosure property on W Lincoln Ave.

Human Resources: Human Resource Officer Sarah Hageman inquired about the length of time to advertise for the Emergency Manager position and if the board would like to make any changes to the job. The board approved advertising through June 11 and will review applications received on June 14. The board discussed the residency requirement for this particular position and all department head positions. It was determined that department heads should live within the county. Hageman will revise the residency policy and present it at the May 24 meeting. Hageman requested an executive session to discuss the EMS Director position. Randy Lohmann moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing EMS Director negotiations, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the commission meeting room, with the commission and HR Director (Hageman), seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Time in: 10:41 a.m. Time out: 10:51 a.m.

Executive Session:

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:51 a.m. Dennis Ray moved to instruct HR to place an offer with candidate #1, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.

Highway Department: Interim Director of Highway Department Caleb Holeman provided an update on department activities relating to flood damages. Tanner Yost, Kirkham Michael, noted that the county was approved for the High-Risk Rural Roads program and presented the DOT 1302 form for the boards' approval. Randy Lohmann moved to approve the project programming request from the Kansas Department of Transportation, project title Lincoln County Permanent Paving Marking Improvements for \$314,000, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. Yost updated the board on the following projects: courthouse site survey and OS 112 bridge replacement project. Yost suggested that the board consider having the company selected to replace OS 112 also drive piling at other bridges as a cost-saving measure.

Road Request: Larry Dohe requested a ditch cleanout in Vesper Township.

Recess: The board recessed the meeting from 11:32 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 1:00 p.m. to participate in a budget class presented by County Clerk Dawn Harlow. Health Nurse/Administrator Ladonna Reinert forwarded a reminder from Rick Horn, Regional Emergency Manager, that an Emergency Manager would need to be appointed by Friday, May 21.

Interim Emergency Manager: Randy Lohmann moved to appoint Dennis Ray as Interim Emergency Manager starting Friday, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. Randy Lohmann moved to approve Resolution 2021-13, appointing an emergency management coordinator for Lincoln County, Kansas, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m. The next meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. Monday, May 24, 2021, in the courthouse commission meeting room.