

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

August 22, 2022

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room Monday, August 22, 2022. Chairman Dennis Ray called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with Member Randy Lohmann. Vice-Chairman Darrell Oetting joined the meeting via telephone at 8:44 a.m. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Sarah Hageman, Ladonna Reinert, Elizabeth Sheldon, and Dustin Florence.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: Lincoln County Ambulance Service's policy on the billing of responses that result in death; the signed letter of support to Twin Valley Telephone for their grant application to expand broadband services in Lincoln County; and the Lincoln County Hospital Board of Trustees monthly meeting packet.
- Correspondence Action: Dennis Ray moved to approve the new policy for billing of services that result in death, effective August 22, 2022, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Minutes Approved: Dennis Ray moved to approve the August 15, 2022, minutes as presented, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Commission Updates: The board discussed the Appraisal Report received from KCAMP for properties that met specific criteria. Commissioner Oetting reported that a landowner had concerns that county activities at the Meitler gravel pit have created an issue on their property. Commissioner Ray noted that Economic Development Director Kelly Gourley would help write a sample letter of support to overlay the Westfall Road.
- Human Resources: Human Resource Officer Sarah Hageman inquired if the board would like to change the COVID pay policy as the CDC has changed the quarantine and isolation guidelines. The board requested that Hageman email department heads for feedback and recommendations. Hageman related that the Health Department expressed an interest in administering the county's employee wellness program. Health Nurse/Administrator Ladonna Reinert and RN Elizabeth Sheldon answered questions regarding the proposal. The county currently contracts with a provider that provides monthly challenges and a biometric screening. The group discussed that more employees might be willing to participate if the program was hosted locally, and they could base challenges on employees' wellness needs from the reports provided by the insurance broker. The board agreed to survey department heads and employees for suggestions to increase participation and cost-saving ideas.
- Health Department: Health Nurse/Administrator Reinert requested approval to close the health department from August 29 – September 1 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. so that employees can attend training for the new electronic health records management system. The board approved the request.
- Law Enforcement: Sheriff Dustin Florence notified the board that in the past, dispatchers who received their EMD certification would receive a fifty-cent per hour increase. Florence related that Serena McCoy completed her EMD certification in May 2021 and the department missed requesting the raise.
- Salary Increase: Florence asked that the board grant McCoy the fifty-cent per hour merit increase. Dennis Ray

moved to approve the fifty-cent per hour raise to Serena McCoy, effective July 26, 2022 (for the completion of the EMD certification), seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:51 a.m. The next meeting will be 8:30 a.m. Monday, August 29, 2022, in the courthouse commission meeting room.