

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

February 28, 2022

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioner met in the courthouse commission meeting room Monday, February 28, 2022. Chairman Dennis Ray called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Darrell Oetting and Member Randy Lohmann present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Norman Mannel, John Paul Ellis, and Sarah Hageman.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: tax abatement.
- Board Appointments: Dennis Ray moved to appoint the following individuals to three-year terms: Robert Keach to the Barnard Rural Fire District Governing Board, Jeff White to the Beverly Rural Fire District Governing Board, Steve McReynolds to the First Rural Fire District Governing Board, Mark Heller to the Hunter Rural Fire District Governing Board, Steve Errebo to the Hunter Rural Fire District Governing Board, Jerald Hlad to the Sylvan Grove Rural Fire District Governing Board, Jeremiah Zachgo to the Repeater Board, Marc Lovin to the Repeater Board, Glenn Mallam to the Repeater Board, Bill Houston to the Hospital Board of Trustees, Bill Huehl to the Hospital Board of Trustees, James Weber to the Hospital Board of Trustees, Charles Newell to the Crime Victims Restitution Board, Teri Jo Hiitter to the Delia Pittard Inheritance Guideline Committee, Teri Jo Hiitter to the Delia Pittard Inheritance Guideline Committee, and Jason Dohl to the WEB Fund Board, all terms expiring February 28, 2025, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Tax Abatement: Randy Lohmann moved to approve tax abatement 2021-08 for Mr. Daniel Kottman in the amount of \$28.34, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.
- Cereal Malt Beverage Application: Clerk Harlow discussed a cereal malt beverage application requesting a special event but asking for the license to be valid through December 31. Clerk Harlow related that the State has indicated that they will honor county policy as the law does not define the duration of a cereal malt beverage license for special events. The board stated they would not be in favor of issuing a license through December 31. Clerk Harlow will contact the applicant and return with the application.
- Inquiry: Commissioner Lohmann related that Superintendent Scott Crenshaw had inquired whether the board had decided on the \$60,000 funding request to improve the former BC Diesel building.
- Payroll Approved: Dennis Ray moved to approve payroll for the month of February in the amount of \$216,323.32, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Accounts Payable Approved: Randy Lohmann moved to approve the accounts payable for February for \$596,402.87, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.
- Courthouse Maintenance: John Paul Ellis, Courthouse Maintenance, provided an estimate to refinish the wood floors on the 2nd floor of the courthouse. Ellis requested approval to request bids to install split systems in the courthouse. The board asked that Ellis follow up with Bullfoot Contractors on sealing leaks in the courthouse tower and roof.

- Human Resources:** Human Resource Officer Sarah Hageman discussed the advertisement for the emergency management position. Commissioner Ray related that Lincoln and Sylvan Fire Chiefs and Ladonna Reinert had agreed to serve on the interview committee for the emergency manager. The board selected Dennis Ray to serve on the interview committee. The committee will narrow the candidates down, and the board will conduct final interviews. Hageman inquired if the board had any changes to the pay plan emailed to them. Commissioner Ray asked whether the pay plan should be approved by a Resolution. Clerk Harlow will request information from other counties and prepare a resolution for the board's approval at the March 7 meeting.
- Inquiry:** Commissioner Lohmann related that Mr. McReynolds asked why they couldn't use the tree chipper at the McReynolds Park now that it is a county park.
- Nursing Home:** Commissioner Oetting asked if the members had a chance to review the pictures received of the ductwork at the nursing home.
- Minutes Approved:** Darrell Oetting moved to accept the minutes of the February 22 commission meeting, Barnard meeting for the ARPA funds, and the Sylvan Grove meeting for the ARPA funds, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Services for the Elderly Funds Disbursed:** Dennis Ray moved to cut checks to Sylvan Senior Center \$20,000, Lincoln Senior Center \$20,000, Lincoln Council on Aging \$20,000 at midmonth or whenever we cut the other two checks, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.
- Storm Spotting Class:** Commissioner Ray related that the storm spotting class is scheduled for April 20 at the Lincoln High School Commons.
- Inquiry:** Commissioner Lohman related that he asked about using the windmill money to hire a contractor to build a house to sell. Once the house sells, the proceeds could be used to build another home that could be sold until the county's housing needs are reduced. The board made no decision on this date.
- Adjourn:** The chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. Monday, March 7, 2022.