

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

July 25, 2022

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room Monday, July 25, 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: Visitors: Dale Hlad, Tanner Yost, James Sanchez, Veronica Sanchez, Eric Wolgamot, Emily Wolgamot, and the Ellsworth County Commissioners (via telephone).
- Correspondence: Correspondence: a tax abatement; a bill for Lincoln Park Manor; Hospital Board of Trustees monthly meeting packet; floodplain maps and flood insurance study; an application from the Lincoln Senior Center requesting funds from the Council on Aging; and a sample RNR notice.
- Tax Abatement: Randy Lohmann moved to approve tax abatement 2021-09 for parcel 131-12-0-00-00-001, McReynolds Park, in the amount of \$2.16, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.
- Highway Department: Director of Highway Department Dale Hlad provided an update on department projects and equipment. Tanner Yost provided an update on bridge replacement projects OS 112 and OS 95. Yost discussed funding available through the Federal Highway Administration bridge investment program, which provides 90% of the construction costs. Projects funded must be at a minimum of \$2.5 million; however, counties can bundle several bridges together to meet the minimum or combine projects with other counties. Yost suggested that the county bundle seven bridges together with an estimated construction cost of \$2.7 million. The board requested that Yost returns with estimated costs for design, engineering, right-of-way purchases, easements, and utility relocation expenses before making a final decision. Yost related that the state has expanded the cost share program. The board approved applying for the funds to overlay the Westfall road. Commissioner Ray forwarded thank you's and positive comments received for gravel and mowing roads.
- Fence Viewer Decision Inquiry: James Sanchez discussed the fence viewers' decision and asked for clarification on comments made in the decision.
- Tax Foreclosure Property: Eric and Emily Wolgamot inquired about specifications in the agreement to tear down the county-owned tax foreclosure building on Lincoln Ave. The board requested that the Wolgamots submit changes to the county clerk.
- Minutes Approved: Randy Lohmann moved to approve the July 18, 2022 minutes, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.
- Post Rock Wind Farm: The Ellsworth County Commissioners via telephone inquired about the two counties working together to renegotiate Payment In Lieu Of Tax (PILOT) agreements with Post Rock Windfarm owned by Pattern Energy. Both counties have attempted to contact a representative concerning the agreements. Ellsworth County Commissioner Greg Bender will meet with the board on Friday, July 29 to discuss the matter further.
- Meeting Start Time: The board set the start time for the July 29, 2022 meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Budget Pub Approved: The board approved publishing the 2023 Notice of Budget Hearing.

Solid Waste: The board discussed the solid waste collection contract proposal deadline. The board will interview companies who submit proposals. Proposals will be opened on August 1 at 9:30 a.m.

Recycling: Commissioner Ray related that recycling materials that were stored on the neighbor's lot, except for the trailer have been removed. The group discussed whether they should reduce the compensation to CB trucking until the trailer is removed. The board decided to remit the full payment for July.

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:08 a.m. The next meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday, July 29, 2022, in the courthouse commission meeting room.