

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

March 20, 2020

A Special meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Friday, March 20, 2020. Chairman Randy Lohmann called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with Vice-Chairman James Gabelmann present and Member Alexis Pflugh present via telephone. County Clerk Dawn Harlow acted as recording secretary.

Purpose: to discuss public access to county facilities and future impacts on employees and paid time off.

Others present for portions of the meeting: Sarah Hageman, Jerry Philbrick, Jyll Phillips, Ladonna Reinert, Mary Ann Stertz, Tami Kerth, Kerry Jackson, David Gerstmann, Brendan Mackay, Kelly Larson, Rhonda Wright and Jennifer O'Hare.

The board discussed how to achieve maintaining an open meeting when the public meeting place is closed to the public. Clerk Harlow will set up a telephone conference that allows citizens to access the meeting.

Randy Lohmann moved to cancel the Monday, March 23, 2020 regular meeting, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried.

James Gabelmann moved to approved Resolution 2020-11, concerning access to the county facility during a public health emergency, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.

Alexis Pflugh moved that any Lincoln county employee who is diagnosed **with Corona Virus**, and ~~quarantined~~ would be able to request the commission to approve immediate extended illness leave, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Alexis Pflugh moved to amend the to strike ~~and quarantined~~ or quarantined by the public health officer, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Amended motion: Motion carried. Voting as follows: Lohmann – Aye; Pflugh – Aye; Gabelmann – Nay. After discussion, Alexis Pflugh withdrew the original motion.

Alexis Pflugh moved to permit extended illness leave **immediately** to any Lincoln county employee who has been diagnosed with Covid-19 or quarantined by the public health officer, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Alexis Pflugh moved to add the word immediately, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Amended motion: Motion carried. Voting as follows: Lohmann – Aye; Pflugh – Aye; Gabelmann – Nay. Original motion as amended: Motion carried. Voting follows: Lohmann – Aye; Pflugh – Aye; Gabelmann - Nay.

Commissioner Gabelmann related that departments may be asked to doing things that are outside their normal activities and latitude should be given. Reinert requested that all employees keep track of time related to COVID-19, including work and volunteer time. Reinert related that she has notified the school that they will not be allowed to have more than ten individuals in the school at any given time.

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Monday, March 31, 2020 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.