

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

March 2, 2020

- Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Monday, March 2, 2020. Chairman Randy Lohmann called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman James Gabelmann and Member Alexis Pflugh present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.
- Visitors:** Others present for portions of the meeting: Mona Gerstmann, Norman Mannel, Cynthia Nelson, Howard Wehrman, Mike Weigel, Dustin Florence, Chris Loveless, Bob Loveless, Barb Kingery, Jane Hlad, Kathy Moss, Gwen Knight, Becky Rathbun, Deb Ortiz, Mike Kratky, Valerie Rozemboom, Delores Campbell, Glenn Stegman and Jean Crangle.
- Correspondence:** Correspondence: invitation to the North Central Kansas Preparedness summit on April 24; invitation from Dickenson County to attend the Highway Officials Association meeting on April 1; letter from Rodney Broberg requesting a correction to the February 18 minutes; bills for Lincoln Park Manor; cereal malt beverage license application; Alexis Pflugh read a statement regarding the board; and an email from the Lincoln Senior Center.
- Cereal Malt Beverage License:** James Gabelmann moved to approve Cereal Malt Beverage License 2020-03 to the Sylvan Grove Fair and Agriculture Association, seconded Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. (Special event license expiring July 31, 2020)
- Nursing Home:** The board discussed the following nursing home topics: Commissioner Gabelmann has been approached by an interested party to purchase the facility however they would like to see the last inspections cited deficiencies; and the status of the RFP. The board discussed the following hospital topics: the board requested that Lohmann encourage the Hospital Board of Trustees to attend training; the board should simplify the budget process; and although the Commissioners appoint the board the county does not have control over the operations of the hospital.
- Hospital:**
- Minutes Approved:** James Gabelmann moved to approve the minutes as amended for February 24 and February 28, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Law Enforcement:** Sheriff Mike Weigel and Undersheriff Dustin Florence reported that they had made a conditional offer of employment to Serena McCoy, at \$14.00 per hour. Alexis Pflugh moved to approve the Sheriff's hiring of Serena McCoy for dispatch, subject to preemployment testing, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Weigel requested an executive session. Randy Lohmann moved to recess into executive session for five minutes for the purpose of discussing employee discipline pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, to reconvene in the commission meeting room with the board Sheriff (Weigel), Undersheriff (Florence) and HR (Hageman), seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. Time in: 10:44 Time out: 10:49 a.m.
- Reconvene:** The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:49 a.m. with no action taken.
- Highway Department:** Director of Highway Department Brendan Mackay provided a map of the priority roads received from each commissioner and provided a map ledger. The board discussed potential revenue resources to purchase materials. Mackay discussed the following topics: reported damages to a county road by the contractor for the windfarm repower project; will be attending a preconstruction meeting and a special Homeland Security Meeting if the preconstruction

meeting is complete; and presented the federal governments General Schedule Classification and Pay as the means for new employees to progress through each pay classification and identified courses that new employees will be required to take prior to advancing. Mackay related that an employee was supposed to have received a raise for equipment certification and has not seen it on the last two paychecks, Clerk Harlow questioned whether the board had approved the raise as no motion was recorded in past meetings. It was determined that the pay increase was included in the proposed pay scale for the highway department. Commissioner Lohmann related that Tim and Dora Schroeder own the former Gruber gravel pit and would be interested in selling gravel to the county. The board discussed implementation of a pay plan.

General Inquiry: Norman Mannel discussed the following: need gravel on E Elk Dr; inquired about what the board is doing to promote economic development; issued concerns with following federal and state laws, lobbying, and jail overpopulation.

Recess: The chairman recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:03 p.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 1:01 p.m.

Services for the Aged: The board met with representatives from the Council on Aging, Lincoln Senior Center and Sylvan Senior Center to discuss the distribution of funds available for Services for the Elderly, which is \$50,000 for 2020. The board identified proper expenses for the services for the elderly funds as overhead operational expenses for senior serving entities.

Executive Session: Randy Lohmann moved to recess into executive session for five minutes for the purpose of discussing employee evaluations pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) with the commission and HR (Hageman), to reconvene in the commission meeting room of the courthouse, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. Time in: 2:40 p.m. Time out: 2:45 p.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 2:45 p.m. with no action taken.

Executive Session: Randy Lohmann moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing employee evaluations pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) with the commission and HR (Hageman) to reconvene in the commission meeting room of the courthouse, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. Time in: 2:46 p.m. Time out: 2:56 p.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 2:56 p.m. with no action taken.

EMS & EM Departments: The board discussed the EMS department. The board discussed the emergency management position. Alexis Pflugh moved to approve Mr. Gabelmann to copy key for Emergency Management office, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.

Special Meeting: The board approved a special meeting to be held Friday March 6 at 2:00 p.m. to attend a department head meeting regarding the coronavirus.

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Friday, March 6, 2020 in the courthouse meeting room.