

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

February 27, 2023

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room Monday, February 27, 2023. Chairman Dennis Ray called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Darrell Oetting and Member Debora Smith present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Norman Mannel, Roberta Turner, Dale Hlad, Tanner Yost, Jon Wright, Jesse Knight, Ladonna Reinert, Elizabeth Sheldon, Brandon Cochran, Scott Wright, Dustin Florence, Rhonda Wright, Jennifer Machado, Denae Smith, Leann Bishop, and Mary Ann Stertz.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: a telephone message from Terry Heller expressing interest in serving on the Hunter Rural Fire District governing board; a letter from the Kansas Silver Haired Legislature seeking a donation to offset expenses for the organization; a letter from Randy Lohmann expressing an interest in serving on the Windpower Economic Benefit Fund board; cereal malt beverage applications and licenses for Knotheads @ Wilson Lake LLC; bills from USD 298 for the Tech building project requesting the remainder of committed funds towards the project; and WEB fund recommendations.
- Correspondence Action: Debora Smith moved to approve Cereal Malt Beverage License 2023-01 and 2023-02 to Knotheads @ Wilson Lake, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. Dennis Ray moved to approve the final payment in the amount of \$21,524.77 for a grand total of \$60,000 that was committed previously to USD 298, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried. Dennis Ray moved to approve the WEB fund disbursements for February in the amount of \$5,000 to the Lincoln Golf Club and \$1,500 to the Lincoln County ROZ funding for one new applicant, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. Voting as follows: Ray – Aye; Oetting – Aye; Smith – abstained.
- Board Appointments: Dennis Ray moved to appoint the following people: Gary Jones to the Barnard Rural Fire District board; Mike Cole to the Beverly Rural Fire District board; Mike Street to the First Rural Fire District board; Darrel Cheney and Terry Heller to the Hunter Rural Fire District board; Dean Thaemert to Sylvan Grove Rural Fire District board and there still is a vacancy; Repeater Board, Jeff White to fill John Alquist’s unexpired term, Tyler Nelson and John Tyson; Hospital Board, Cody Flinn and Michelle Hair; Crime Victim’s Restitution Board, no appointee; Delia Pittard Inheritance Guideline Committee, Rita Peterson; Childrens Healthcare Endowment Fund Guideline Committee, Rita Peterson; WEB Fund, Deb Ortiz, District 2 to fill the unexpired term expiring in 2024 and Randy Lohmann, through 2026; and the Lincoln Rec board Ryley Hembry to be the county’s nomination to fill the resigned position of Mr. Metz, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.
- Transportation Bus: Transportation Bus Director Roberta Turner provided an update on department activities. Turner inquired about an additional part-time driver, scheduling DOT physicals for staff, and her evaluation.
- Highway Department: Director of Highway Department Dale Hlad and Tanner Yost, Kirkham Michael presented contract documents for the N 60th Rd project for the board’s signature approval. Debora Smith

moved to allow Dennis Ray to sign the contracts for the N 60th Rd Project, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. L&M Construction will be starting on the bridge replacement project OS 95. Yost presented the biennial bridge inspection report. The board approved applying for cost-share funding to replace OS 65. Commissioner Ray will meet Yost and Hlad at the Health Department to discuss the drainage issue with the north parking lot. Hlad presented a summary of bids received to chip seal the Westfall Rd and to mill the surface.

Recess/Reconvene: The chairman recessed the meeting at 10:06 a.m. to attend a department head meeting in the courthouse courtroom. The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session in the courthouse courtroom at 10:09 a.m. The board met with department heads to determine departmental needs with respect to the Human Resource Officer position.

Recess/Reconvene: The chairman recessed the meeting for lunch at 11:35 a.m. The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 12:30 p.m. in the courthouse commission meeting room.

Highway Department: Dennis Ray moved to award Circle C Paving in the amount of \$512,512 for the chip seal on the Westfall Rd and Kaufman Company in the amount of \$94,139.20 for the milling of the Westfall Rd, aka Elk Dr and 290th Rd on the condition that \$250,000 of the funds towards this project will come out of the principal of the WEB fund, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. Hlad reported that the cost to chip seal the courthouse parking lot would be \$9,000.

Minutes Approved: Debora Smith moved to approve the minutes of February 21 as corrected and February 23 as presented, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.

Payroll & Accounts Payable Approved: Darrell Oetting moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$221,006.55, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried. Debora Smith moved to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$417,699.92 and to pay Blue Cross Blue Shield, Delta Dental, and Vision Care Director bills when they come in, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.

Executive Session: Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing HR applicants received, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the courthouse commission meeting room with the commission and County Clerk Dawn Harlow, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried. Time in: 12:52 p.m. Time out: 1:02 p.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 1:02 p.m. with no action. The board approved continuing to advertise for the Human Resource Officer position and requested that applicants interviewed be contacted for a second interview.

Commissioner Departs: Commissioner Oetting departed the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Courthouse Assessment: The board discussed the courthouse assessment and requested time be blocked off on the March 6 agenda to discuss the project further.

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:27 p.m. The next meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. Monday, March 6, 2023, in the courthouse commission meeting room.