

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

October 2, 2023

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room on Monday, October 2, 2023. Chairman Dennis Ray called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with Member Ryley Hembry present and Vice-Chairman Debora Smith absent. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Brandon Cochran, Jesse Knight, Rhonda Wright, Richard White, Dale Hlad, Brett Wilkinson, and Grant Schroeder.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: a letter from the City of Lincoln regarding a request to have chickens near county property; a newsletter from the North Central Regional Planning Commission; the 2022 Lincoln County Audit; a Utility Permit Agreement; and a letter from the Lincoln County Hospital Board of Trustees requesting approval to increase the pay per meeting from \$20 to \$50.
- Commissioner Arrives: Commissioner Debora Smith arrived at the meeting at 8:43 a.m.
- Correspondence Action: Debora Smith moved to approve the Utility Permit Agreement with Deep Creek Construction, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Dennis Ray moved to deny the Hospital Board's request for a pay increase, and their wages will remain at \$20 per meeting, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.
- Bar Building: Commissioner Ray reported that Diehl Construction will move equipment in today to tear down the bar building on Lincoln Ave.
- Ambulance Service: Ambulance Service Director Brandon Cochran updated the board on department activities, including that he will begin receipting the money for the ambulance service with Sheri Suelter's retirement and that he has created a new email dedicated to billing.
- Emergency Management: Emergency Manager Jesse Knight discussed the floodplain management resolution. The group discussed implementing county-wide building permit requirements for all unincorporated areas. County Appraiser Rhonda Wright related that the appraiser's office could assist with issuing building permits. Permits identified by the department as being located within the floodplain would then be referred to Knight, who would help the resident apply for a floodplain development permit. The group discussed what rates should be charged for each permit type and whether the fees would be sufficient to cover the engineering cost of Kirkham Michael to review floodplain permit applications and assess the property. The group discussed the resolution that the state will require the county to adopt.
- Appraiser: Appraiser Rhonda Wright related that the department will begin reinspection in Pleasant, Elkhorn, and Valley Townships. The board formally requested that the Appraiser's Office be the department responsible for issuing building permits moving forward.
- Highway Department: Director of Highway Department Dale Hlad and Brett Wilkinson, Kirkham Michael reported on department projects. The N 60th Rd repaving project is completed, and the department will work the shoulders this week. Hlad discussed using I-beam in stock to build a bridge to replace the structure on Rye Dr that has been closed, noting that the landowner has agreed to provide dirt

and right-of-way towards the project. Hlad reported that Caleb Bricker resigned from his position. Wilkinson presented an agreement to provide engineering services for Off-System Bridge OS 107 for the board's approval. Dennis Ray moved to approve the agreement between Kirkham Michael and Lincoln County for engineering services for OS 107, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried.

Road Concerns: Richard White reported that water is crossing the road on Deer Dr approximately ½ mile west of N 215th Rd. White discussed concerns with N 240th Rd after the millings were placed on the surface and then removed from the surface.

Minutes Approved: Debora Smith moved to approve the minutes for September 25 and September 28, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.

Road Request: Grant Schroeder requested that the board consider the installation of a low-water crossing or vacate a portion of the road in Section 10, Scott Township. The board asked Schroeder to contact adjacent landowners to determine if vacating the road is an option. The board will discuss the low-water crossing option with Director of Highway Department Dale Hlad.

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:39 a.m. The next meeting will be at 8:00 a.m. Monday, October 9, 2023, at the Vesper Community Center, 1247 N 120th Rd, Lincoln, KS 67455, for an employee training day.