

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

April 12, 2021

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room, Monday, April 12, 2021. Chairman Randy Lohmann called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Dennis Ray and Member Darrell Oetting present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Caleb Holeman, Tanner Yost, Sarah Hageman, Greg Ringler, Baldwin Fisher, and Ladonna Reinert.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: a postcard from the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture; a letter from FEMA regarding the flood risk mapping of the unincorporated areas; an email from Diane Walter, Lincoln Park Manor, providing an update on nursing home activities; an email from Abby Gerleman, Lincoln Sentinel Republican, requesting to contact a commissioner regarding the 30 by 30 plan; a resignation from Madison Township Treasurer Derrick Aufdemberge; information from David and Mona Gerstmann regarding the illegal levy complaint; and a letter from Emily Benedick, North Central Regional Planning Commission Executive Director, requesting the board approve the contractor selected to complete a comprehensive plan for the county.
- Highway Department: Tanner Yost, Kirkham Michael provided an update on activities for OS 112 bridge replacement project. Interim Director of Highway Department related that he had completed the selection of Kirkham Michael to perform Construction Engineering Services for OS 112. Yost presented the application for the cost-share program to overlay the Sylvan blacktop, noting that Kelly Gourley had assisted with obtaining 65 letters of support. Holman reported that Ergon Oil has scheduled a presentation for county employees on the proper application, tips, and tools. Damage to roads during the Smoky Hill windfarm repower project has been repaired to satisfaction; however, it is not considered complete until the last bill from the Highway Department is paid. The board discussed the requests for the guard rails in Wilson Lake Estates. Yost notified the board that he must recommend a guard rail system that has been crash-tested as an engineer. Holeman updated the board on department projects, noting that the new mowers were delivered. Commissioner Oetting issued a concern regarding a recently replaced culvert and forwarded an inquiry asking if the county would gravel a road if the landowners provided the gravel.
- Recess/Reconvene: The chairman recessed the meeting for ten minutes at 9:34 a.m. The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:44 a.m.
- Comprehensive Plan: The board reviewed the recommendation to award and the proposal to complete a comprehensive plan for Lincoln County. Dennis Ray moved to approve Marvin Planning Company out of David City, Nebraska, to do a comprehensive plan for Lincoln County, per the NRCP's request, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Voting as follows: Lohmann – Aye; Ray – Aye; Oetting – Nay.
- Human Resources: Human Resource Officer Sarah Hageman reported that the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) was extended through September. Hageman inquired if the board would like to continue to opt-out of the pay and continue allowing employees to utilize extended illness leave while under a quarantine order from the Health Department. The board approved to continue

Executive Session: to opt out of the FFCRA. Randy Lohmann moved to recess into executive session for five minutes to review a job application for the Recycling Center, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the commission room with the commissioners and HR Director Sarah Hageman, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Time in: 10:30 a.m. Time out: 10:35 a.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:35 a.m. with no action taken.

Human Resources: Hageman reported that interviews for the EMS Director position are scheduled for April 13, April 14, and April 19. The chairman called a special meeting for Tuesday, April 13, and Wednesday, April 14 to interview applicants for the EMS Director position.

Information: Greg Ringler discussed the public meeting held in Vesper on April 11 and provided a copy of a resolution.

Emergency Manager: Emergency Manager Baldwin Fisher requested approval to order sirens for the four communities that were not eligible for the CDBG Grant. The board approved.

Health Department Health Nurse/Administrator Ladonna Reinert provided an update on COVID-19 counts and vaccinations given. Reinert requested clarification on 2021 raises, evaluations, pay scales, and holiday pay for part-time employees.

Minutes Approved: Darrell Oetting moved that we accept the minutes of April 5 as written, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Dennis Ray moved to adjourn at 11:41 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 13, 2021, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.