

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

October 28, 2024

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room on Monday, October 28, 2024. Chairman Dennis Ray called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Debora Smith present and Member Ryley Hembry absent. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Jesse Knight, Dustin Florence, Joseph Baker, Tami Kerth, Marc Lovin, David Gerstmann, Elizabeth Sheldon, Dale Hlad, Tanya Paul, Leann Bishop, Mary Ann Stertz, and Felicia Strahm.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: Resolution 2024-26; bills for Lincoln Park Manor; and voting delegate forms for KCAMP and KAC.
- Correspondence Action: Dennis Ray moved to approve Resolution 2024-26, enacting a burn ban effective today, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried. Dennis Ray moved to appoint Dawn Harlow as the voting delegate for KCAMP, KWORCC and KAC at the annual KAC conference, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried.
- Recycling Center: Commissioner Ray related that a company had contacted him inquiring if the County planned to install lights in the newly built recycling center lean-to. No decision was made on this date.
- Award Presentation: Sylvan Grove Rural Fire Chief Marc Lovin presented Lincoln County Dispatcher Joseph Baker with a Certificate of Recognition for exceptional performance during a high-stress incident on August 24, 2024.
- Heritage Trust Fund Grant Application: Debora Smith moved to approve submitting an application to the Heritage Trust Fund for repairing and repainting the exterior wood windows and decorative metal on the south side of the courthouse, wrapping around the west and east sides to include all windows in rooms that have south windows, installing new storm windows at repaired windows, and repainting the clocktower, for Kelly Gourley to serve as grant administrator, and to commit to matching funds, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried.
- Hospital: Hospital Board of Trustees Chairman David Gerstmann notified the board that the Lincoln County Hospital & Health Care Foundation is donating the property located at 601 N 2<sup>nd</sup> St to the Lincoln County Hospital. Gerstmann requested the board pass a resolution to acquire the property on behalf of the hospital and meet at the hospital to take a picture in front of the property memorializing the donation.
- Member Arrives: Commissioner Hembry arrived at the meeting at 9:05 a.m. via telephone.
- Health Department: Health Nurse Administrator Elizabeth Sheldon provided an update on department activities, including flu shot clinics. Staff is completing training to conduct a diabetes prevention program. Sheldon related that she has been requested to teach a CNA class for Salina Tech at USD 298 for the second semester and requested permission. The board approved Sheldon to teach the class and allow a modified work schedule during the work week to accommodate the time she will be absent.

Public Works: Public Works Director Dale Hlad reported on an issue with an individual who has started to install a fence on county road right-of-way. Hlad provided an update on department activities.

Ambulance Service: Ambulance Service Director Brandon Cochran provided an update on bookkeeping activities for the department.

Member Departs: Commissioner Hembry departed the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Letter of Support: The board approved signing a letter of support for the Bethlehem Lutheran Church grant application.

Proclamation: Tanya Paul, DVACK, requested that the board proclaim October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Dennis Ray moved to declare October 2024 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried.

County Treasurer: County Treasurer Leann Bishop, Deputy Treasurer Mary Ann Stertz, and Human Resource Officer Felicia Strahm requested approval to employ Serrina Schneider. Debora Smith moved to employ Serrina Schneider, Grade 13 Step 19, \$17.10 per hour as a full-time clerk/secretary in the Treasurer's Office, effective November 12, 2024, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Deputy Treasurer Mary Ann Stertz provided the 3rd quarter 2024 Treasurer Quarterly Interest Earned on Idle Funds report for the board's review.

Complaint: Terry Heller issued a complaint about offices being closed in the courthouse during business hours.

Executive Session: Felecia Strahm requested an executive session to discuss an employee's status. Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing noxious weed employees, 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, HR Felicia Strahm, and County Clerk Dawn Harlow, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried. Time in: 10:37 a.m. Time out: 10:47 a.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:47 a.m. with no action taken.

Minutes Approved: Dennis Ray moved to approve the October 21st minutes as presented, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried.

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, October 31, 2024, in front of the Lincoln County Hospital.