

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

December 28, 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, December 28, 2020. Chairman Randy Lohmann called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman James Gabelmann present and Member Alexis Pflugh present via telephone. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.
- Visitors:** Others present for portions of the meeting: Dennis Ray, Darrell Oetting, Rhonda Fernandez, Sarah Hageman, Caleb Holeman, Todd Suelter, Travis Suelter, Mickey Suelter, Jim Wiebke, Jean Herman, Charlie Huehl, Carlene Friesen, Eugene Friesen, Gordon McClure, Sara Timson, and Derek Walter.
- Correspondence:** Correspondence: receipt of a Payment Under Protest for an Illegal Tax Levy notification; picture with a road complaint that was included with the payment of taxes forwarded from County Treasurer Leann Bishop; and tax abatement.
- Tax Abatement:** James Gabelmann moved to approve tax rebate in the amount of \$41.52 for Cody and Nikki Flinn control #202015, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Minutes Approved:** James Gabelmann moved to approve the minutes of 21 December meeting that has been provided, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Voting as follows: Lohmann – Aye; Gabelmann – Aye; Pflugh – Abstained.
- Budget Hearing:** Chairman Lohmann convened the scheduled budget hearing at 10:30 a.m., for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed amended use of budgeted funds. The chairman adjourned the budget hearing at 10:40 a.m. and convened the meeting to regular session. James Gabelmann moved to approve as proposed the Amended Certificate for Calendar Year 2020, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. (Amending the following Lincoln County Budgets: General Fund in the amount of \$280,000; the Road & Bridge Fund in the amount of \$69,000; Employee Benefits in the amount of \$38,000; County Health Fund in the amount of \$9,500; and the Sylvan Grove Rural Fire District Operating Fund in the amount of \$16,500)
- Budget Amendment Approved:**
- Benefits Management:** Rhonda Fernandez, PIC explained a new program that they will be conducting a pilot test on with another client. The program is an application that allows employees and new hires to enroll in insurance programs as well as complete new hire documentation through an app on their phone.
- Highway Department:** Interim Director of Highway Department Caleb Holeman reported that they continuing to test areas for gravel. Holeman inquired about the board’s policy on purchasing locally; the board indicated that purchases should be made locally if they fall within 10% of the lowest price. The board forwarded the road complaint picture received earlier this date. Holeman related that Howard’s had contact him regarding the batwing mowers indicating that there would be a 5% increase on January 1. The board authorized the purchase of two additional batwing mowers. Holeman related that KCAMP will reimburse expenses to clean up the accident site that the

department was involved in. Holeman inquired about expectations for answering the department's cell phone.

Recess/Reconvene: The chairman recessed the meeting for lunch at 11:30 until 11:55 a.m. The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:55 a.m.

Road Vacation Hearing: Chairman Randy Lohmann convened the scheduled road vacation hearing at 12:00 noon concerning the proposed vacation of roads located in several townships. The chairman closed the Road Vacation Hearing at 12:14 p.m. James Gabelmann moved to close Beaver Township

Resolution 2020V-01: Road 1 as described in the Preliminary Resolution and we close Highland Township Road 1 as described in the Preliminary Resolution with the caveat of the gates which has already been furnished by the highway department, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. (Final Resolution and Order 2020V-01 whereby it is therefore ordered that the following described county roads be vacated: Beaver Township, Road 1, Beginning at the Southwest corner of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) thence East one-half (1/2) mile to the Southeast corner of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section Eight (8), Township Eleven (11), Range (7) West of the 6th P.M. in Lincoln County, Kansas, also known as E Quail Ln. Right-of-way being sixty (60) feet; and Highland Township, Road 1, Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4 SW1/4) of Section Twenty-four (24) also being the Northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4 NW1/4) of Section Twenty-five (25) thence East three-quarters (3/4) of a mile to the Southeast corner of Section Twenty-four (24) also being the Northeast corner of Section Twenty-five (25), all being in Township Thirteen (13), Range Ten (10) West of the 6th P.M. in Lincoln County, Kansas, also known as E Colt Dr. Right-of-way being forty (40) feet.)

Improvement Request Procedure: Travis Suelter inquired about the procedure to request repairs or replacement of bridges. The board related that requests should be made to the highway department.

Ambulance: Ambulance Service Director Derek Walter provided a grant application to purchase a Zoll monitor for the board's approval. Randy Lohmann moved to apply for a KRAF grant for the EMS department to purchase a new monitor, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried.

Human Resources: Human Resource Officer Sarah Hageman reported that she has not received the revised handbook and that she will forward it as soon as it is received.

SPARK Grant update: SPARK Administrator Nancy Knapp provided an update on the status of the SPARK grant funds and entity usage.

Adjourn: James Gabelmann moved to adjourn, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. The chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 28, 2020 in the commission meeting room.