

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

September 20, 2021

- Call to Order:** The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room Monday, September 20, 2021. Chairman Randy Lohmann called the meeting to order at 8:33 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: Mike Schrant, Barbara Kingery, Dale Hlad, Diane Walters, David Gerstmann, Kelly Gourley, Brandon Cochran, Sarah Hageman, and Forrest Rhodes (via telephone).
- Correspondence:** Correspondence: a letter from a concerned citizen regarding the 30 x 30 National Heritage Area; and a letter from County Attorney O'Hare notifying the board that the Attorney General's Office is investigating a Kansas Open Meetings Act violation complaint and that they have requested the board respond to the complaint.
- Emergency Sirens:** Commissioner Ray reported that the emergency sirens installation would start this week.
- Highway Department:** Director of Highway Department Dale Hlad provided a letter from the State estimating the county's share of OS 112 bridge replacement project at \$119,000 and asking the county to acknowledge their desire to proceed with the project. The board discussed whether this would be an opportunity to halt the project and requested a total of expenses paid to date for the project. Hlad presented a renewal for the Wacker gravel pit lease. Darrell Oetting moved to renew the Wacker gravel pit (lease agreement with Hi-Plains Sand), seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Hlad provided pictures of the bridge on Pike Dr and related that the department had placed 3-ton signs on the structure. Tanner Yost, Kirkham Michael will be performing the hydraulics to determine if the structure can be replaced with tubes. The board decided that the bridge should be temporarily closed until it can be replaced. Hlad reported that the county was not selected for state funding to replace OS 107. Hlad provided the recent surplus property sale results on PurpleWave and pictures of the completed project at Teal and 130th. Commissioner Oetting forwarded concerns received from Darrell Cheney and Kris Cheney.
- Minutes Approved:** Darrell Oetting moved to accept the September 13 commissioner minutes, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Nursing Home:** Diane Walters, Lincoln Park Manor, discussed the findings from Thrasher Foundation Repair. Thrasher identified the condition of the guttering and the lack of guttering as the main reason for the water inundation. Walters provided Thrasher's estimate to install five twin-pack sump pumps in the crawl spaces and tunnels. The board requested Walters obtain bids to install new guttering and the installation of sump pumps. Walters provided an amendment to the contract for repairs to the Assisted Living facility, which added \$4,440 for the new carpet. Walters related that Grace Team has agreed to pay for the additional cost for the carpet. Walter noted that the project should be completed by the end of the week and provided a partial draw request. The board denied the draw request due to the projected time of completion remaining. Walters reported that the back kitchen door is splitting at the hinges and needs to be replaced, requesting approval to purchase a new door from Topeka Foundry & Iron Works. The board approved. Walters updated the board on nursing home activities and maintenance performed.

RNR Hearing: The chairman opened the Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) hearing at 10:00 a.m. to allow public comment regarding the proposed mill levy for Lincoln County, Kansas. The chairman closed the Revenue Neutral Rate hearing at 10:30 a.m.

Budget Hearing: The chairman opened the Lincoln County, Kansas, and Special District budget hearing at 10:30 a.m. to hear and answer objections to the proposed use of funds and the amount of ad valorem tax levied for the 2022 proposed budget with Mike Schrant, Barbara Kingery, and David Gerstmann present. With no others appearing, the chairman closed the budget hearing at 11:03 a.m.

Delinquent Solid Waste Hearing: The chairman convened the scheduled public hearing concerning delinquent solid waste disposal fees at 11:05 a.m. to hear comments concerning the addition of special assessments for delinquent solid waste fees to several properties. With no property owners appearing, the chairman closed the public hearing and reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:14 a.m.

Resolution 2021-20: Randy Lohmann moved to approve Resolution 2021-20 (according to provisions of K.S.A. 65-3410 to collect delinquent solid waste disposal fees), seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried.

Economic Development: Kelly Gourley, Economic Development, inquired if the board would sponsor a grant application through the Kansas Housing Resources to provide matching grants to individuals in low to moderate-income ranges to improve residential property. The commission agreed to sponsor the endeavor. Gourley will draft a resolution for the board to approve at the September 27 meeting.

Ambulance Service: Ambulance Service Director Brandon Cochran provided an update on the following: 260 calls this year through 9-17; garage door opener was replaced by Overhead; repair of lights and installation of electrical drops; and issues with outlets on the vehicle that was remounted. Cochran related that the copier previously used by the health department could not be networked, and parts are no longer available to repair if it breaks. Cochran provided a bid from Image Quest to lease a new copier. The board requested that additional bids be received before deciding. Cochran provided bids to purchase new mannequins to be used for CPR training. Dennis Ray moved to allow the purchase of mannequins from Emergency Medical Products in the amount of \$2,403, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.

Executive Session: Randy Lohmann moved to recess into executive session for thirty minutes for the purpose of discussing lawyer-client information for EEOC complaint, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(2) for consultation with an attorney for the public body or agency which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, to reconvene in the courthouse commission room with the Commission, HR Director (Sarah Hageman), and Forest Rhodes, attorney, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Time in: 11:54 a.m. Time out: 12:24 p.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 12:24 p.m. with no action taken.

Human Resources: Human Resource Officer Sarah Hageman requested approval to hire Jerry Porter as a part-time employee at the landfill, with a starting salary of \$12.00 per hour. Randy Lohmann moved to approve the hire of Jerry Porter, 12.00 per hour, at the landfill working part-time, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:32 p.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. Monday, September 27, 2021.