

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

July 29, 2022

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room Friday, July 29, 2022. Chairman Dennis Ray called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Darrell Oetting and Member Randy Lohmann present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Tom Claussen (via telephone), Greg Bender, Carl Miller, and Rhonda Wright.
- RNR Information Sheet Approved: The board approved adding informational language on the back of the Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) notice that will be mailed to all landowners as required by K.S.A. 79-2988.
- Payroll and Accounts Payable Approved: Randy Lohmann moved to approve the July 2022 payroll in the amount of \$213,919.31, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. Dennis Ray moved to approve accounts payable for the month of July in the amount of \$415,969.76, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Solid Waste: Tom Claussen provided an endorsement for Hiserote Trash Service.
- Post Rock Windfarm: Ellsworth County Commissioner Greg Bender and County Appraiser Carl Miller met with the board to discuss Ellsworth County and Lincoln County working together to negotiate a new PILOT agreement for the Post Rock Wind Farm. County representatives for both counties have attempted to contact Pattern Energy, who currently owns the Post Rock Wind Farm; however, no one from Pattern will return phone calls. Communication included with the last PILOT payment at the end of 2022 instructed the county to provide an invoice in future years. Miller provided an estimated value per wind tower if the windfarm was added to the tax rolls. Currently, the windfarm is grandfathered in as tax-exempt, although payment in lieu of tax (PILOT) payments were provided. The board agreed to work with Ellsworth County and agreed that the boards should send a joint letter identifying the amount of tax that would be collected if the wind farm was added to the tax rolls and new PILOT agreements that would increase the amount of funding to reflect current market rates.
- Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:46 a.m. The next meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. Monday, August 1, 2022, in the courthouse commission meeting room.