

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

May 13, 2024

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room on Monday, May 13, 2024. Chairman Dennis Ray called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Debora Smith and Member Ryley Hembry present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as the recording secretary.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Felicia Strahm, Shawn Esterl, Dale Hlad, Brett Wilkinson, Dawn Snyder, Scott Wright, Jesse Knight, Dustin Florence, Dan Heina, Brandon Cochran, Roberta Turner, Elizabeth Sheldon, Rhonda Wright, Leann Johnson, Mary Ann Stertz, and Tami Kerth.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: bills for Lincoln Park Manor; an email from Nursing Home Administrator Diane Walters; mid-month accounts payable; and a thank you to the board and highway department for replacing a failing bridge on Grain Dr.
- Nursing Home: Dennis Ray moved to approve the bid from Sunflower Carpet Plus for the flooring for Lincoln Park Manor in the amount of \$12,622.61, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.
- Executive Session: Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing staffing, 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 Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Time in: 9:07 a.m. Time out: 9:17 a.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:17 a.m. with no action taken.
- Abandoned Cemeteries: The chairman opened the sealed bids received to mow and trim the abandoned cemeteries. Dennis Ray moved to award the abandoned cemetery mowing to Myra Marinhagen for two years in the amount of \$2,200, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.
- LEPP Program: Shawn Esterl, Saline County Sanitarian, provided the 2023 year-end wastewater statistics and water analysis for the Local Environmental Protection Program (LEPP). The group discussed the LEPP grant awarded to Lincoln County to provide financial assistance with replacing wastewater systems. Clerk Harlow provided a draft copy of the brochure and application for the board to review and modify. The board will determine the selection criteria and application period at a future meeting. A public meeting was scheduled for June 5, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Finch Theatre. Residents with failing, aging, or undersized septic systems are encouraged to come.
- Highway Department: Director of Highway Department Dale Hlad reported on the following: biennial bridge inspection is due this fall; replacement of a failing rock structure on Grain Dr; pricing for a large tube; update on the pavement striping project that was fully funded by a grant; and information on renting equipment to patch. Hlad related that the department cleaned up the north lot and took unusable bridge planks to the landfill. Hlad requested that the board waive the disposal cost as the department has provided dirt for the CD pit. The board made no decision on this date.

Highway Department/
Floodplain Permits: Brett Wilkinson, Kirkham Michael, related that the federal government plans to change the biennial bridge inspection process, requiring additional requirements that will take significant time. Wilkinson will provide more detailed information when he provides the cost estimate at a future meeting. Wilkinson provided an update on bridge replacement project OS107. The group discussed the status of the floodplain permit violations.

12th Judicial District
Community Corrections
and Juvenile Services: Dawn Snyder, Director 12th Judicial District Community Corrections and Juvenile Services, requested signature approval for the FY25 comprehensive grant applications. Debora Smith moved to approve applying for the FY 2025 comprehensive grant for Adult Services in the amount of \$386,018.81 and Juvenile Services in the amount of \$292,469.94, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.

Minutes approved: Debora Smith moved to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2024, commission meeting, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable
Approved: Debora Smith moved to approve midmonth accounts payable in the amount of \$48,934.73, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.

Recess/Reconvene: The board recessed the meeting at 11:20 a.m. to travel to the nursing home basement meeting room. The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:35 a.m. in the nursing home basement meeting room with county department heads present.

Department Head
Meeting: The group discussed the following topics: 2025 budget requests due June 24; invoicing for items sold to other departments; selling items to private individuals; the employee handbook; extended illness leave time; department office hours; and items to include on the inventory.

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, May 20, 2024.