

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

January 14, 2019

- Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room Monday, January 14, 2019. Chairman Terry Finch called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Alexis Pflugh and Member Al Joe Wallace present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Cynthia Nelson, Norman Mannel, Randy Lohmann, Sionia Case, Anna Marie Wolting, Pat Florence, Howard Wehrman, Rhonda Mishler, Mona Gerstmann, Sharon Dohe, Allan Serrien and Robert Loveless.
- Minutes Approved: Al Joe Wallace moved to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried. (Minutes of the January 7, 2018 regular meeting)
- Correspondence: Correspondence: Council on Aging bylaws and board applications, Jack Crispin does not wish to seek another term on Hospital Board of Trustees, bills for Lincoln Park Manor
- Resolution 2019-01: Alexis Pflugh moved to approve Resolution 2019-01 pay rates including cost of living for the year, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried.
- Human Resources:
Executive Session: Human Resource Officer Dede Case and Anna Marie Wolting, Transportation Bus Board requested an executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Alexis Pflugh moved to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes to discuss a concern regarding an employee, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, with the Commission, commission elect, bus board members present and HR, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried. (10:22 a.m.-10:37 a.m.; Anna Marie Wolting, Pat Florence and Sionia Case; Reconvening location: commission meeting room)
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:37 a.m. with no action taken.
- Executive Session: Al Joe Wallace moved to recess into executive session for five minutes to discuss a concern regarding an employee, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, with the Commission, commission elect, bus board members present and HR, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried. (10:38 a.m.-10:43 a.m.; Anna Marie Wolting, Pat Florence and Sionia Case; Reconvening location: commission meeting room)
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:43 a.m. with no action taken.
- Sylvan Library Project: Rhonda Mishler requested that the board waive construction/demolition fees to the landfill for the Sylvan Grove Library renovations. The board approved waiving the construction/demolition fees for the library renovation project.
- Tax Abatements: Alexis Pflugh moved to approve tax abatements 2018-09, 2018-10 & 2018-11, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried. (in the amount of \$1,489.82)
- Longevity Payroll Approved: Al Joe Wallace moved to approve longevity in the amount of \$15,674.14, seconded by Terry Finch. Motion carried. Voting as follow: Finch – Aye; Wallace – Aye; Pflugh – Nay. Commissioner

Pflugh related during the discussion that she does not believe that elected officials should receive longevity pay as she does not believe elected officials should be rewarded for longevity nor encouraged to have longevity within the positions.

- Recess: The chairman recessed the meeting at 10:56 a.m.
- Reconvened: Vice-Chairman Alexis Pflugh reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:04 a.m. with
Reorganization: Member Al Joe Wallace and Commission Randy Lohmann present. Pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 19-219, the Vice-Chairman called for the organization of the board for the ensuing year.
- Chairman Appointed: Al Joe Wallace moved to nominate Alexis Pflugh as Chairman, seconded by Randy Lohmann.
Vice-Chairman Motion carried. Alexis Pflugh moved to nominate Al Joe Wallace as Vice-Chairman for 2019,
Appointed: seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Nursing Home: Pflugh discussed a nursing home in Marion County that was recently taken over by the state.
- County Attorney/
Executive Session: County Attorney Jennifer O'Hare requested an executive session to discuss Lincoln Park Manor. Alexis Pflugh moved to recess into executive session for twenty minutes to discuss new correspondence from Attorney Hay on Lincoln Park Manor, 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 with the commission and attorneys present, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried. (10:15 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.; County Attorney O'Hare and Attorney Charles Hay, via telephone; reconvening location: commission meeting room)
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:35 a.m. with no action taken.
- Executive Session: Alexis Pflugh moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes to discuss new correspondence from Attorney Hay on Lincoln Park Manor, 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 with the commission and attorneys present, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. (10:36 a.m. – 10:46 a.m.; County Attorney O'Hare and Attorney Charles Hay, via telephone; reconvening location: commission meeting room)
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:46 a.m. with no action taken.
- Executive Session: Alexis Pflugh moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes to discuss new correspondence from Attorney Hay on Lincoln Park Manor, 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 with the commission and attorneys present, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. (10:47 a.m. – 10:57 a.m.; County Attorney O'Hare and Attorney Charles Hay, via telephone; reconvening location: commission meeting room)
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:57 a.m. with no action taken.
- Highway Department: Director of Public Works Michel O'Hare updated the board on the current status of OS 87 and OS 105 bridge projects. O'Hare related that crews were out Saturday and Sunday clearing roads and that two motor graders broke down. O'Hare inquired if the board would like to invest in repairing the two blades that are slated to sell this spring so that they can utilize them until the

others are repaired. The board asked for estimated costs to repair. Commissioner Wallace commended the employees for the work they did during the past weekend under the inclement conditions.

Council on Aging: Robert Loveless presented a request to appoint two new board members to the Council on Aging as well as a request to reappoint current members Nancy Nitsch, Charlene Watson and Robert Loveless. Loveless related that they need to review the bylaws and that they could remove the requirement to have the commissioners approve the members. Commissioner Pflugh related that if the requirement was removed then the organization would not be subject to KORA or KOMA and that it might not be in the best interest of the county for that to occur. Pflugh recommended to other commissioners that that the commission continue to appoint the Council on Aging board members, and requested the council identify how they intent to spend the money that is remaining in their bank accounts. Al Joe Wallace moved to appoint Jeanne Friess and Kathy Moss to the Lincoln County Council on Aging, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried. Two-year terms, expiring December 31, 2020. (as new board members: Jeannie Friess, 3rd District, Kathy Moss, At-Large)

Emergency Management: David Dohe provided an update on activities for the department and requested that the board appoint the following people to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC): Brandon Cochran as the Emergency Medical Services representative; Jarrod Heinze as the Firefighting representative and the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners as the State/Local Official Representative.

Council on Aging: Cynthia Nelson provided copies of the Council on Aging bylaws, discussed board member appointments and explained her responsibilities as a board member on the North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging.

LEPC Board Appointments: Al Joe Wallace moved to appoint Brandon Cochran, Jarrod Heinze, and Alexis Pflugh as Chairman, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. (To the LEPC: Brandon Cochran as the Emergency Medical Services representative; Jarrod Heinze as the Firefighting representative and Alexis Pflugh as the State/Local Official Representative)

Inquiry: Norman Mannel inquired if the board would include a public comment session to the agenda, now that there is a new commission. Commissioner Pflugh related that she will be allowing the public the opportunity to address the board, however items that take more time should have a scheduled appointment on the agenda.

Meeting Date Change: Clerk Harlow inquired if the board would consider moving the Friday, March 29 end of month, meeting to Thursday, March 28 due to a conflict with the Clerk. The board approved.

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:08 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 22, 2019 in the commission meeting room.