

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

November 16, 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, November 16, 2020. Chairman Randy Lohmann called the meeting to order 10:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman James Gabelmann and Member Alexis Pflugh present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Darrell Oetting, Dennis Ray, Sarah Hageman, Tanner Yost, and Brendan Mackay.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: a plaque for winning the County Public Improvement Award for OS 87 bridge replacement project; tax abatements; letter from Osborne E-Waste including an MOU and bill for the annual cost in the amount of \$1,000; email from Tanner Yost that they will begin the survey to create a plat map of Wilson Lake Estates roads; a letter from Judy Ahlvers expressing interest in serving on the North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging; a letter from KONE Elevators listing repair recommendations and costs for the nursing home elevator; a letter from County Attorney Jennifer O'Hare forwarding an email received from an attorney for John Grace, Grace Team LLC relating that the nursing home lease was automatically renewed per paragraph 15 of the 2017 lease agreement.
- Correspondence Action: James Gabelmann moved to approve these three tax roll corrections as the amounts stated, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried. (Tax abatement 2020-01 – 2020-03 in the amount of \$336.34) James Gabelmann moved to approve the MOU, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried. (Memorandum of Understanding for E-waste with Osborne County) The board discussed the nursing home agreement that was sent to John Grace, Grace Team LLC and the email received from Grace's attorney.
- Courthouse Repairs: Julia Manglitz, Treanor HL discussed the courthouse assessment recommendations and provided talking points to move forward with prioritizing repairs. The board requested that TreanorHL complete preparations to bid the projects by phase.
- Human Resources: Sarah Hageman requested approval to employ Jimmy Spears as equipment operator step one.
Employee Hired: Alexis Pflugh moved to approve the highway department hiring of Jimmy Spears into equipment operator level one at \$13.81 an hour, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Highway Department: Director of Highway Department Brendan Mackay provided township road plat maps with the previously identified roads proposed for closure and/or minimum maintenance designation, including road vacation descriptions prepared by the county appraiser for the board to review. Mackay provided the notification letter that the bridge on E Lincoln Ave, adjacent to the park, was not selected for the cost share program. Tanner Yost, Kirkham Michael related that their surveyor has resigned, and he as requested that the Wilson Lake Estates project be completed prior to his last day. Commissioner Lohmann inquired about recommendations on removing the structure at 132 W Lincoln Ave. Yost recommended that the board hire a contractor for demolition to ensure the integrity of adjacent buildings. Yost noted that the biannual bridge inspections have been completed and that he will provide the report at the December meeting.

Smoky Hills Wind Farm Repower Project: Clerk Harlow read an email received from a law firm who is completing an opinion letter for project funding of the Smoky Hills windfarm repower projects requesting that the board sign a certificate agreeing that Smoky Hill I and II obtained all necessary county approvals for the repowering project. Alexis Pflugh moved to approve the certificate, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. (acknowledging Smoky Hills Wind Farm phase I and II agreements)

Minutes Approved: James Gabelmann moved to approve the minutes of November 9, as amended, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. (removing the board approved the policy recommended by Health Nurse/Administrator Ladonna Reinert regarding quarantine) The following motion was made during the discussion for approving the minutes: Randy Lohmann moved that I agree with Ladonna's policy for that she recommended that if two people had contact that were wearing masks that they don't have to be quarantined and if they weren't they do, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. Voting as follows: Lohmann – Aye; Gabelmann – Aye; Pflugh – Nay.

Motion: Alexis Pflugh moved to request an answer to the county attorney for the approximate time to lapse after the county's acquisition of tax sale property to be sold, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried.

Nursing Home: The board discussed the 2017 nursing home lease agreement, lease extension made by motion, and proposed lease agreement. The board approved correspondence emailed to Andrew Mayo, attorney representing John Grace, Grace Team LLC.

Resolution 2020-30: Randy Lohman moved to approve Resolution 2020-30, rescinding resolution 96-22, dated August 12, 1996, raising the compensation for election board workers and raises the polling site what we pay per day maximum of \$75 per day for two days, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried.

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:27 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Monday, November 23, 2020 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.