

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

March 9, 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, March 9, 2020. Chairman Randy Lohmann called the meeting to order at 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: Mona Gerstmann, Art Howell, Cynthia Nelson, Sharon Dohe, Norman Mannel, Howard Wehrman, Dan Heina, Brendan Mackay, Caleb Holeman, Sarah Hageman, Derek Walter, Jeanne Friess, Ladonna Reinert, David Dohe, Wilma Panzer, Chris Loveless, Jarrod Heinze, Marc Lovin, Dennis Ray, Becky Rathbun and Kelly Larson.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: gravel agreement from Gene Meitler; gravel agreement from Mike Gebhart; bills for the nursing home; email from Health Nurse/Administrator Ladonna Reinert; and continuation of owner's or producer's crop information signature cards for county owned property.
- Gravel Agreements Approved: Alexis Pflugh moved to approve the gravel removal/purchase agreement, effective 1-28-20 with Gene C Meitler, expiring March 31, 2022, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. James Gabelmann moved to approve gravel removal/purchase agreement with Mike Gebhart and Connie Gebhart, expiring March 31, 2022, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Resolution 2020-08: Alexis Pflugh moved to approve Resolution 2020-08, appointing James Gabelmann as Emergency Management Coordinator for Lincoln County, Kansas, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Board Appointment: Alexis Pflugh moved to appoint Rita Peterson to the Delia Pittard Inheritance Guideline Committee and Children's Health Care Endowment Fund Guideline Committee, (Three year term expiring February 28, 2023), seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Signature Cards Approved: Randy Lohmann moved to re-sign the properties up for PLC, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. (Marion Township Section 36). James Gabelman moved to re-sign the properties up for PLC, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. (Marion Township Section 34).
- Minutes Approved: James Gabelmann moved to approve the minutes of the 2 March, 5 March and 6 March meetings, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Services for the Elderly: The board discussed the distribution of the Services for the Elderly funding allocation.
- Noxious Weed: Noxious Weed Director Dan Heina presented the department's Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report for 2020 for the board's approval; reported that the department was inspected by the Department of Agriculture; and provided his certification certificate. The group discussed the department's budget and need for a part-time seasonal employee to assist with spraying. Randy Lohmann moved to approve the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress report for 2020, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried.
- Granite: Granite representatives Al Alfieri and Robert Weger, via telephone, provided information on their organization and the services that they offer.
- Highway Department: Director of Highway Department Brendan Mackay discussed the following: Registration deadline for the NCK Highway Officials Association is March 20 and inquired if any of the board members

wanted to attend; provided pricing from GPS Insight and Verizon for GPS tracking of equipment, pricing is comparable, however Verizon is \$150 cheaper if they remove 4 vehicles from tracking; will not attend the Regional Homeland Security meeting on March 11; noted that during the repower project the contractor will be graveling sections of dirt road, and inquired if the board would like them to remove the gravel once the project is complete, gravel can remain but will not be replaced; and provided information on the pay scale. Alexis Pflugh moved to approve the pay scale presented by the Lincoln County Highway Department, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Mackay inquired about charges to the landowners that request culverts in excess of 24 feet. Commissioner Lohmann inquired about Mr. Bell's project. Office Manager Caleb Holeman provided a written summary of work performed during February and costs associated with road projects, noting that Wilson Lake Estates road project costs were allocated to roads in the vicinity as the roads are not established in their program.

**Ambulance:** Ambulance Service Director Derek Walter reported that the service has passed their inspection after completing Q & A for the first 2 quarters of 2019 and the last quarter of 2018; Licensure must be completed by April 30; all trucks have been inspected; the few protocol changes will need to be submitted with paperwork; and he is currently teaching an EMT class in conjunction with Ellsworth County, 15 of the classes will be in Lincoln and 16 in Ellsworth, current staff can attend classes to obtain recertification hours. The board inquired about the rate being charged to teach the EMT class and Walter indicated that he is teaching the class as part of his normal working hours and that an additional instructor fee will not be charged.

**Executive Session:** Alexis Pflugh moved to recess into executive session for thirty minutes for the purpose of discussing evaluations in the EMS department, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, to reconvene in the commission meeting room with the Director of EMS (Walter), Human Resource Officer Sarah Hageman and the board, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Time in: 12:16 p.m. Time out: 12:46 p.m.

**Reconvene:** The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 12:46 p.m. with no action taken.

**Executive Session:** Alexis Pflugh moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing evaluations in the EMS department, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, to reconvene in the commission meeting room with the Director of EMS (Walter), Human Resource Officer Sarah Hageman and the board, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. Time in: 12:47 p.m. Time out: 12:57 p.m.

**Reconvene:** The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 12:57 p.m. with no action taken.

**Ambulance:** Walter presented a bid to replace the monitors in the ambulances.

**Emergency Management:** Health Nurse/Administrator Ladonna Reinert provided an additional copy of the Civil Rights Plan that was presented a couple of weeks ago, relating that the plan needs approved and submitted to the State for emergency management. Randy Lohmann moved to sign the Title 6 Civil Rights Plan for the Kansas Adjutant General's Department for Federal Grant Subrecipients, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. Reinert presented a mediation plan list for the board to review and noted that she will present a plan for approval at a future meeting. Rural Fire Chiefs Marc Lovin, Dennis Ray and Jarrod Heinze discussed how a full-time emergency management benefits the volunteer rural fire departments identifying the following key aspects: applies for

grants and FEMA funds; monitors weather and activates weather watchers; provides assistance in locating resources during fires; and training.

**Distribution Approved:** Randy Lohmann moved to distribute the money for the Services for the Elderly: \$26,000 to the Lincoln Senior Center, \$12,000 to the Sylvan Senior Center, and \$12,000 to the Council on Aging, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried.

**Grant Request:** Economic Development Director Kelly Larson with Health/Nurse Administrator Reinert related that she is working on application to Blue Cross Blue Shield for a Pathways for a Healthy Kansas four year grant which would provide a \$200,000 towards coordinating projects, if awarded the coordinating grant they can apply for another \$300,000 grant to complete the projects. Larson inquired if the board would provide a letter of support. The board approved.

**Resolution 2020-09:** James Gabelmann moved to approve Resolution 2020-09, rescinding State of Disaster Emergency Proclamation Resolution 2020-07, lifting the burn ban, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried.

**General:** Art Howell requested the board support Article 5 and the discussed the importance of reducing the national debt.

**Adjourn:** The chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Monday, March 16, 2020 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.