

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

January 30, 2023

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room Monday, January 30, 2023. Chairman Dennis Ray called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Darrell Oetting and Member Debora Smith present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Jon Wright, Scott Wright, Leann Bishop, Jesse Knight, and Sarah Hageman.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: a letter from Bob Berthelson expressing interest in continuing to serve on Lincoln County Hospital Board of Trustees; and an agreement with Saline County to administer the County's Local Environmental Planning program.
- LEP Agreement: Dennis Ray moved to approve the agreement between Lincoln and Saline County for the sanitation codes in the amount of \$13,500 annually, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.
- Payroll Approved: Debora Smith moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$235,207.43, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.
- Board Appointments: The commissioners discussed upcoming board appointments. The board approved advertising all available board positions and two positions on the North Central Flint Hills-Area Agency on Aging, one position on the Silver Haired Legislature, and the county representative to the recreation commission.
- Commissioner Updates: Commissioner Oetting provided an update on the Hospital Board of Trustees meeting that he attended. Commissioner Ray attended the Council on Aging board meeting and said they requested that the Services for the Aged tax appropriation be disbursed like last year.
- Solid Waste: The board approved the letter that will be mailed to the businesses requesting removal from the annual solid waste disposal fee billing.
- Landfill/Transfer Station Landfill/Transfer Station Operator Jon Wright reported that the State inspected the facility. Executive Session: Wright requested an executive session to discuss the white goods contract. Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for twenty minutes for the purpose of discussing the white goods contract, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(5), to discuss matters relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a person as a student, patient or resident of a public institution, except that any such person shall have the right to a public hearing if requested by the person, to reconvene in the courthouse commission meeting room, with the commission, Landfill Operator Jon Wright, County Attorney Scott Wright, and County Clerk Dawn Harlow, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried. Time in: 9:11 a.m. Time out: 9:31 a.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:31 a.m. The board requested County Attorney Scott Wright send a letter terminating the contract with Robert Loveless effective today. The board asked Landfill Operator Wright to contact surrounding companies to

bid delivery of a dumpster and purchase white goods. Clerk Harlow will contact Robert Loveless regarding past materials removed from the facility.

County Treasurer: County Treasurer Leann Bishop provided the following 4th quarter 2022 reports for the board to review: Treasurer's Quarterly Idle Funds Investment Report interest earned - \$20,456.24; and the Treasurer's Special Vehicle Fund Report with a 12-31-22 fund balance of \$17,961.51.

County Attorney/
Executive Session: County Attorney Scott Wright requested an executive session. Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing employee evaluations, 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 and County Attorney Scott Wright, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried. Time in: 10:02 a.m. Time out: 10:12 a.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:12 a.m. Debora Smith moved to move Mikayla Raney to Grade 15 Step 8 at \$15.11 per hour for the completion of a year with the county, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. Wright requested that the county have a weekend notary of the public available. The board suggested that Wright visits with Sheriff Florence about the issue.

Emergency
Management: Emergency Manager Jesse Knight provided an update on department activities. Knight related that he will complete his training to be a certified Emergency Manager and discussed the training requirements to be certified as a Floodplain Manager. Knight notified the board that there will be a weather spotter training on February 15 at Lincoln Jr.-Sr. High School.

ARPA Funds: LHS Track Renovation Committee Member John Baetz provided an update on the track renovation project fundraising efforts. Baetz requested that the board consider extending the deadline to raise the match funds. Baetz explained that the committee was organizing a fundraising event at the facility to help them reach their goal; however, they believe the event should be held in late May or early June to get better participation. The board agreed to grant an extension to June 30 for the Committee to raise matching funds to the ARPA funds pledge.

Human Resources/
Executive Session: Human Resource Officer Sarah Hageman requested an executive session to discuss employee negotiations for the landfill. Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for five minutes for employee negotiations, 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 and HR Sarah Hageman, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried. Time in: 10:38 a.m. Time out: 10:43 a.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:43 a.m. with no action taken.

Executive Session: Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes for the purpose of reviewing applications for the HR position, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to reconvene in the courthouse commission meeting room, with the commission, HR Sarah Hageman, and County Clerk Dawn Harlow, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried. Time in: 10:46 a.m. Time out: 11:01 a.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:01 a.m. with no action taken.

- Minutes Approved: Darrell Oetting moved to approve the minutes for January 23 as written, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried.
- Accounts Payable: Debora Smith moved to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$1,083,232.45, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.
- Executive Session: Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for twenty minutes for the purpose of discussing the HR position 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 and County Clerk Dawn Harlow present, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried. Time in: 11:17 a.m. Time out: 11:37 a.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:37 a.m. with no action taken.
- Department Closings: The board approved allowing departments to close if employees want to attend a debriefing session and/or funeral services.
- Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m. The next meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. Monday, February 6, 2023, in the courthouse commission meeting room.