

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

August 7, 2023

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room Monday, August 7, 2023. Chairman Dennis Ray called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. with Member Debora Smith present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Mary Ann Stertz, Dustin Florence, Elizabeth Sheldon, Dale Hlad, Felicia Strahm, and Howard Wehrman.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: a bid from Uhl Construction to replace the roof at the nursing home; updated recommended language suggested as an addendum to the comprehensive plans for the five counties along the drone corridor path; a letter from Omar Hair expressing interest in serving on the Hospital Board of Trustees; a flyer for the North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging; and a KCAMP Board of Trustees nomination form.
- Courthouse Garden: Mary Ann Stertz related that the Lincoln Art Center will have a rock painting activity during the Post Rock Festival, where festival goers can paint rocks to form a snake. Stertz requested approval to place the rock snake in the flower gardens at the courthouse. The board approved.
- Correspondence Action: Debora Smith moved to approve the bid for Uhl Construction in the amount of \$40,000 that will be covered under warranty, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. The board approved waiving the landfill fees associated with the nursing home project. Debora Smith moved to approve the air corridor agreement (as an addendum to the Comprehensive Vision Plan), seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Dennis Ray moved to appoint Omar Hair to fill Allan Serrien's remaining term (on the Hospital Board of Trustees), seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried. Debora Smith moved to nominate Dawn Harlow to serve on the KCAMP Board, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried.
- Potential Meeting Notice: The board requested that a potential meeting notice be given that board members will attend the Big Kansas Road Trip meeting on August 8 at 5:15 p.m. at the Finch Theatre.
- Law Enforcement: Sheriff Dustin Florence reported that an inmate had a medical emergency and is in Wichita. Sheriff's Department staff must be on guard until the inmate is released from the hospital.
- Health Department: Health Nurse/Administrator Elizabeth Sheldon presented the renewal contract with Dr. Thomas Marcellino for the board's approval. Dennis Ray moved to re-enter into an agreement between Lincoln County Health Department and Dr. Marcellino effective today, seconded by Debora Smith present. Motion carried. Sheldon presented a Workforce Development Grant application for the board's approval. Debora Smith moved to approve applying for a grant in the amount of \$63,941.19 for workforce development, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Sheldon has completed the contract with T&R Construction and provided an update on department activities. The propane tank was hit, and whoever hit it turned off the propane. Commissioner Ray volunteered to build a barrier around the propane tank, with the county providing the necessary materials.

Highway Department: Director of Highway Department Dale Hlad provided an update on projects, including the Westfall Rd and N 60th Rd projects. Hlad provided the bid to chip seal the courthouse parking lot and sheriff's department parking areas. Dennis Ray moved to approve the bid from Circle C Paving to do the parking lot at the courthouse in the amount of \$9,500, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried. Hlad requested an executive session to discuss personnel. Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for five minutes for the purpose of discussing personnel of the highway department, 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 Highway Department Director Dale Hlad, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried. Time in: 9:55 a.m. Time out: 10:00 a.m.

Executive Session:

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:00 a.m. with no action taken.

Minutes Approved: Dennis Ray moved to approve the July 31 minutes, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried.

Executive Session: Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for forty-five minutes for the purpose of discussing landfill candidate applicant, 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 Shrahm, and Candidate #1, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried. Time in: 10:08 a.m. Time out: 10:53 a.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:53 a.m. with no action taken.

Executive Session: Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for forty-five minutes for the purpose of discussing landfill interview, 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 Candidate #3, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried. Time in: 11:01 a.m. Time out: 11:46 a.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting at 11:46 a.m. with no action taken.

Executive Session: Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for forty-five minutes for the purpose of conducting an interview for the landfill, 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 Candidate #2, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried. Time in: 12:07 p.m. Time out: 12:52 p.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 12:52 p.m. with no action taken.

Coroner: Commissioner Ray updated the board on the coroner.

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:59 p.m. The next meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. Monday, August 14, 2023, in the courthouse commission meeting room.