

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

September 30, 2024

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room on Monday, September 30, 2024. Chairman Dennis Ray called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Debora Smith and Member Ryley Hembrey present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Felicia Strahm, John Shay, Dale Hlad, Tammy Lockhart, Shannon Rothchild, Daniel McDill, Jade Maisog, Leann Johnson, and Mary Ann Stertz.
- Accounts Payable & Payroll Approved: Debora Smith moved to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$366,863.07, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Dennis Ray moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$243,291.81, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried.
- Minutes Approved: Dennis Ray moved to approve the September 23, 2024, minutes as presented, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.
- Regional Planning Commission: John Shay, North Central Regional Planning Commission, provided an update on the services provided.
- Roof Maintenance Program: The group discussed the roof maintenance program report and potential contractors that could complete the recommended repairs.
- Human Resources: Executive Session: Human Resource Officer Felicia Strahm and Public Works Director Dale Hlad requested an executive session. Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes for the purpose of discussing public works department employees, 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, Public Works Director Dale Hlad, Human Resource Officer Felicia Strahm, and County Clerk Dawn Harlow, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Time in: 9:16 a.m. Time out: 9:31 a.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:31 a.m. with no action taken.
- Gravel Amendment Approved: Debora Smith moved to approve the amended gravel removal purchase agreement between Lincoln County and Joseph Sheldon, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.
- KPERS Retiree Premiums: The group discussed the requirement of K.S.A. 12-5040, that allow KPERS retiring employees to maintain their health insurance through their 65th birthday if the employee pays the premium. The statute allows the county to charge a fee up to 125% of the actual cost. Due to the policy being removed from the handbook, the board approved charging retirees 100% of the monthly cost for insurance through the age of 65.
- Board Update: Commissioner Smith provided an update on the Hospital Board of Trustees' monthly meeting.
- Delinquent Solid Waste Public Hearing: The chairman convened the scheduled public hearing concerning delinquent solid waste disposal fees at 10:00 a.m. to hear comments concerning the addition of special assessments for delinquent solid waste fees to several properties with Tammy Lockhart present. The

chairman closed the public hearing and reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:25 a.m. The board tabled a decision until the October 7 meeting.

Nex-Tech: Nex-Tech representatives Shannon Rothchild, Daniel McDill, and Jade Maisog discussed the additional cyber security services that were added to all computers under contract. Three departments have not had the programs installed due to the age of their computers or conflicts with current service providers. Clerk Harlow related that Wilson Communications had reached out about reducing their service area for IT services and are willing to release the Highway Department and Ambulance from their agreements. The board asked that Clerk Harlow request Wilson Communications to put details in writing. Nex-Tech will inventory the departments equipment and provide cost information to move them to the Nex-Tech contract. Dennis Ray moved to allow Clerk Harlow to sign any agreements needed with Nex-tech, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.

Treasurer: County Treasurer Leann Johnson and Deputy Treasurer Mary Ann Stertz outlined the department's responsibilities concerning ambulance service receipts and discussions that have been held with the County Auditor.

Human Resources: Human Resource Officer Felicia Strahm discussed the upcoming training day. The board requested that Strahm facilitate scheduling Ambulance Service Director Cochran on the agenda for the October 7 meeting.

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting to regular session at 11:42 a.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, October 7, 2024.