

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

September 3, 2024

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room on Monday, September 3, 2024. Chairman Dennis Ray called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Debora Smith and Member Ryley Hembry present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Jesse Knight, Dustin Florence, Casey Zachgo, Dale Hlad (via telephone), Felicia Strahm, Truette McQueen, and Tim Meier.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: a letter from the Kansas Historical Society relating that the property at 282 N 60th Rd is being considered by the Kansas Historic Sites Review Board at the October 5 meeting; a letter from the Kansas Department of Transportation concerning a property near the intersection of E Hwy 18 and N 120th Rd; and a tax abatement.
- Meeting Update: Commissioner Smith provided an update on the Hospital Board of Trustees' August meeting.
- Tax Abatement: Dennis Ray moved to approve tax abatement 2024-38 in the amount of \$365.16, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried.
- Facility Access: Dale Hlad (via telephone) discussed access to the landfill/transfer station.
- Executive Session: Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing employees in the communications department, pursuant to K.S.A. 79-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the courthouse commission meeting room, with the commission, Sheriff Dustin Florence, Communication Director Casey Curnett, and HR Felicia Strahm, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Time in: 9:07 a.m. Time out: 9:17 a.m.
- Executive Session: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:17 a.m. with no action taken.
- Law Enforcement: Sheriff Dustin Florence and Undersheriff Luke Sanders reported that Courtney Berry resigned from her full-time position but would like to remain a part-time per-need deputy. Debora Smith moved to reclassify Courtney Berry from full-time to part-time per-need, effective September 9, 2024, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Florence related that he will begin advertising for a full-time deputy, requesting that the board consider changing the residency requirement for law enforcement officers. The board took no action on the request.
- Human Resources: Human Resource Officer Felicia Strahm answered questions posed at the August 26 meeting regarding the request by the Ambulance Service to employ Courtney Berry. The board requested that pay rates and calculations be explained to Berry before making a motion to employ. Debora Smith moved to make a conditional offer of employment to Jake Cross as a full-time landfill operator at Grade 13 Step 12, \$15.49 per hour, effective upon successful completion of pre-employment testing, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Voting as follows: Ray – Aye; Smith – Aye; Hembry-Abstained.

County Appraiser: County Appraiser Truette McQueen provided a bid to move two times-two filing cabinets from the District Court, noting that the units will not be empty until January or February. The board made no decision on this date. McQueen discussed vehicle options he is looking at and noted that if he is to stay within the price range provided, the vehicle purchased will have higher mileage.

Road Vacation Request: Tim Meier provided a letter from Calvin Farner requesting a portion of the road be vacated between sections 20 & 21 in Indiana Township.

Minutes Approved: Debora Smith moved to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2024, and August 30, 2024 minutes, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.

Old Business: The board identified a list of old business items that need to be worked on.

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:33 a.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, September 9, 2024.