

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

July 8, 2024

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room on Monday, July 8, 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: Roberta Turner, Dale Hlad, Brett Wilkinson, Jesse Knight, Felicia Strahm, Truette McQueen, Diane Walters, Elizabeth Sheldon, and Shawn Esterl.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: a newsletter from North Central Regional Planning Commission; tax abatements; and a reminder to appoint members for the Crime Victims Restitution Board.
- Correspondence Action: Commissioner Smith provided an update on the Hospital Board of Trustees' monthly meeting. Dennis Ray moved to approve tax abatements 2024-36 and 2024-37 in the amount of \$233.82, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.
- Transportation Bus: Transportation Bus Director Roberta Turner related that the state completed an inspection of the two vehicles, citing that the Dodge has a bent motor mount and needs a hose replaced. Turner related that she has attempted to get the red van's lien released from the state multiple times since September. Turner provided an update on activities.
- Highway Department: Brett Wilkinson, Kirkham Michael, summarized the proposals received to complete a geotech investigation for OS 107 bridge replacement project. Ryley Hembry moved to approve the contract with PEC for the agreement for the Bullfoot Bridge, not to exceed \$14,000, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried.
- Highway Department: Director of Highway Department Dale Hlad presented a gravel agreement and amendment for the board's approval. Debora Smith moved to enter into a gravel removal/purchase agreement with Darris Meitler, effective July 1, 2024, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Debora Smith moved to approve the amendment to the gravel/removal purchase agreement with Michael and Connie Gebhart, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Hlad provided an update on projects. Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for five minutes for the purpose of discussing highway department employees, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1), to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel with the commission and Highway Director Dale Hlad, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Time in: 9:29 a.m. Time out: 9:34 a.m.
- Executive Session:
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:34 a.m. with no action taken.
- Emergency Management: Emergency Manager Jesse Knight inquired how the board would like the invoice divided for the inventory program. The board did not make a final decision but indicated that departments should pay for their access.
- Executive Session: Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing the appraiser's contract, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, with the commission, HR Felicia Strahm, and Truette McQueen, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Time in: 9:50 a.m. Time out: 10:00 a.m.

Reconvene:
Appraiser Interlocal Agreement Approved: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:00 a.m. Dennis Ray moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement and Contract for the County Appraiser between Lincoln County and Ottawa County, effective July 8, 2024, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Commissioner Ray requested that Strahm complete the appraiser's contract and a termination of contract agreement for the board's approval later this date.

Nursing HomeL Diane Walters, Lincoln Park Manor, provided an update on repair projects and facility activities.

Health Department: Health Nurse/Administrator Elizabeth Sheldon presented the department's corrected 2025 budget request. The group discussed the estimated cash shortfall for 2024.

LEPP: Shawn Esterl, Saline County Sanitarian, provided the Local Environmental Protection Program 2nd quarter performance report and an update on activities concerning the septic system replacement grant program.

Appraiser: Dennis Ray moved to accept the termination of contract between Lincoln County and Truette McQueen, effective July 8, 2024, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Dennis Ray moved to accept the agreement to employ a county appraiser pursuant to K.S.A. 19-430 between Lincoln County and Truette McQueen, effective July 8, 2024, at grade 34, step 24, \$29.91 per hour, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.

EMS: The board discussed the status of the EMS Director position exemption. The board asked Human Resource Officer Strahm to schedule Brandon Cochran for the July 15 meeting to discuss further.

Minutes Approved: Dennis Ray moved to approve the July 1 minutes as presented, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:21 a.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, July 15, 2024.