

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

October 7, 2024

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room on Monday, October 7, 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: Tony Lamia, Dale Hlad, Brett Wilkinson, Brandon Cochran, Leann Bishop, Mary Ann Stertz, and Felicia Strahm.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: draft results of the EMS audit for review; an interlocal agreement with the City of Lincoln and USD 298; an accounts payable run; and tax abatements.
- Correspondence Action: Debora Smith moved to authorize the chairman to sign the letter to Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris, Chartered, concerning the EMS audit, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Dennis Ray moved to approve a special accounts payable run in the amount of \$38,741.70, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried. Debora Smith moved to approve an interlocal agreement between Lincoln County, the City of Lincoln, and USD 298 for participation in the Neighborhood Revitalization Program, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Debora Smith moved to approve tax abatement 2023-39 through 2023-43 in the amount of \$832.30, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.
- Resolution 2024-24: Dennis Ray moved to approve Resolution 2024-24, adding delinquent solid waste fees to the tax roll, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried. The board approved removing Lockhart Benefit Consultants from the business list for 2025.
- Executive Session: Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for five minutes for the purpose of discussing EMS 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 and County Clerk Dawn Harlow, seconded Debora Smith. Motion carried. Time in: 8:54 a.m. Time out: 8:59 a.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 8:59 a.m. with no action taken.
- Solid Waste: Tony Lamia, Slechta Enterprises, met with the board to complete an annual review per the terms of his contract. Lamia requested a \$1.25 per month per household increase to the solid waste collection fee to help offset increased expenses. The group discussed the recycling center operations. The board approved the increase as requested. Clerk Harlow will complete the resolution for approval at the October 21 commission meeting.
- Highway Department: Brett Wilkinson, Kirkham Michael, presented a donation agreement for right-of-way for OS 149 bridge replacement project. Debora Smith moved to enter into a donation agreement for right-of-way with Richard Plinsky for OS 149, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Wilkinson provided the following documents for OS 107 for the board's approval: an offer letter to purchase an easement and bids received to conduct an archaeological study. Debora Smith moved to approve the offer letter to purchase right-of-way from Jarrod & Kris Heinze, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Debora Smith moved to approve the archaeological study to

be completed by Buried Past Consulting LLC in the amount of \$4,600 for OS 107, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. The board requested Wilkinson provide prior notice for all items he is requesting action on at future meetings.

Highway Department: Public Works Director Dale Hlad discussed a protest received to a road closure request previously received from Calvin Farnier requesting a portion of the road be vacated between sections 20 & 21 in Indiana Township. The specific request is for the portion of the road that lies between the Farnier Property and Theresa Panzer. The group discussed that the individual who had contested the closure does not own property on either side of the requested portion to be closed and will not be affected by the closure. Hlad related that the application for funding to replace OS 65 was denied again. The group discussed landfill/transfer station activities. Hlad

Executive Session: requested an executive session. Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes for the purpose of discussing Public Works personnel 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 and County Clerk Dawn Harlow present, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried. Time in: 9:40 a.m. Time out: 9:55 a.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:55 a.m. with no action taken.

Executive Session: Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing Public Works personnel, 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, and County Clerk Dawn Harlow present, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Time in: 9:56 a.m. Time out: 10:06 a.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:56 a.m. with no action taken.

Executive Session: Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for twenty minutes for the purpose of discussing employee status in the ambulance service, 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, Ambulance Service Director Brandon Cochran, County Clerk Dawn Harlow and Human Resource Officer Felicia Strahm. Seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Strahm entered the executive session at 10:31 a.m. Time in: 10:14 a.m. Time out: 10:34 a.m.

Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular at 10:34 a.m. The board placed Cochran on probation for 30 days, with specific requirements be met within 30 days, including weekly reporting.

Executive Session: Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes for the purpose of discussing personnel in the Treasurer's Office, 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, Treasurer Leann Bishop, Deputy Treasurer Mary Ann Stertz, HR Felicia Strahm, and County Clerk Dawn Harlow present, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Time in: 10:42 a.m. Time out: 10:57 a.m.

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:57 a.m. The board instructed HR to advertise a full-time position in the County Treasurer's Office.

Minutes Approved: Debora Smith moved to approve the September 30 minutes seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.

Stanfield Roofing: Debora Smith moved to employ Stanfield Roofing to complete the recommended roofing system repairs and bill each department accordingly, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried.

Meeting Date: The board will not hold a formal meeting on Monday, October 14, but will attend the employee training day on October 14 at the Vesper Community Center beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:24 a.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. Monday, October 21, 2024.