

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

September 3, 2019

- Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Tuesday, September 3, 2019. Chairman Alexis Pflugh called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Randy Lohmann and Member James Gabelmann present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Sharon Dohe, Mona Gerstmann, Cynthia Nelson, Howard Wehrman, Brendan Mackay, Steve Granzow, Tommy Knapp, James Weber and Judy Ahlvers.
- Employee Hired: Alexis Pflugh moved to employ Mr. Brendan Mackay at the monthly salary of \$5,000 as Director of Highway Department, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. (effective September 3, 2019)
- Budget Hearing: The chairman opened the Lincoln County, Kansas and Special Districts, budget hearing at 10:30 a.m. to hear and answer objections to the proposed use of funds and the amount of ad valorem tax levied for the 2020 proposed budget with Sharon Dohe, Mona Gerstmann, Cynthia Nelson, Howard Wehrman, Steve Granzow, Tommy Knapp, James Weber and Judy Ahlvers present, with no others appearing the chairman closed the budget hearing at 11:01 a.m.
- Budget Approved: James Gabelmann moved to adopt the 2020 budget as indicated on the attached form, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Voting as follows: Lohmann – Aye; Gabelmann – Aye; Pflugh - Nay
- Hospital Request: Hospital Administrator Steve Granzow requested that the board give the Lincoln County Hospital a \$125,000 grant from the Windpower Economic Benefit Fund, to make up the difference that was cut from the 2020 General Fund allocation.
- Ambulance/  
Executive Session: Tommy Knapp requested an executive session to discuss a personal matter. Alexis Pflugh moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing personal finances of an employee for EMS pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel with the commissioners and Tommy Knapp, to reconvene in the commission meeting room, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. Time in: 11:31 a.m. Time out: 11:41 a.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:41 a.m. with no action taken.
- Reimbursement: James Gabelmann moved to reimburse Tommy Knapp \$1,500 to pay for his AEMT class and testing fee upon receipt of statement, certification of his passing, and a one-year employment contract for continuing employment with the county, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Minutes Approved: James Gabelmann moved to approve the minutes as written for the August 26 meeting and the August 30 meeting, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: bills for Lincoln Park Manor; Varney and Associates CPA, would be interested in bidding to complete the audit for Lincoln County; reviewed the number of applications

received for the various open positions; and reviewed the emails sent from Tanner Yost, Kirkham Michael.

- Board Appointments Alexis Pflugh moved to appoint Charles John Wiebke to the Barnard Rural Fire District, Steve Errebo to the Hunter Rural Fire District, Willis Becker to the Sylvan Grove Rural Fire District and Jason Dohl to the Windpower Economic Benefit Fund Board, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. (3 year terms expiring February 28, 2022)
- Highway Department: Commissioner Lohmann related that Highway Department employees would like to take off for the funeral of Robert Howe and inquired if the board would allow them to utilize funeral leave, and that they would like to lead the funeral procession with a motor grader. The board approved allowing a motor grader to lead the funeral procession. Director of Highway Department Mackay inquired if the board would allow employees the option of taking the day off and working Friday instead. The board approved.
- Ambulance Service Personnel: The board scheduled to meet and feed ambulance service personnel at the Emergency Services Building on September 12 at 6 p.m.
- Recess/Reconvene: The chairman recessed the meeting for five minutes at 12:12 p.m. The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 12:17 p.m.
- Executive Session: Alexis Pflugh moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes to discuss correspondence from the county attorney regarding Lincoln Park Manor, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(4) to discuss data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trust, and individual proprietorships, with the commission and County Clerk (Harlow), to reconvene in the commission room, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. Time in: 12:19 p.m. Time out: 12:29 p.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 12:29 p.m. with no action taken.
- Highway Department: It was noted that CVA has used anhydrous tanks for sale that could be utilized as culverts. The board approved closing applications on Monday, September 9 for the highway department positions.
- Employment Ad Approved: Alexis Pflugh moved to approve Clerk Harlow to put in the advertisement for the new position as soon as the commissioners agree with the job description for the combined position of EMT and Emergency Manager, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried.
- Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:46 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Monday, September 9, 2019 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.