

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

June 12, 2023

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room Monday, June 12, 2023. Chairman Dennis Ray called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Darrell Oetting and Member Debora Smith present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Jesse Knight, Ruth Sorensen, Felicia Strahm, Jon Wright, Brandon Cochran, Roberta Turner, Steve Spade, and Shawn Harding,
- Correspondence: Correspondence: bills for Lincoln Park Manor; Proclamation for Elder Abuse Awareness Month; the Noxious Weed Department 2024 budget request; and the Memorandum of Understanding between Lincoln County and the City of Lincoln Center to replace the storm drainage structure under Lincoln Ave and 3<sup>rd</sup> St.
- Emergency Management: Emergency Manager Jesse Knight provided an update on finding sponsors for a Hazardous Waste disposal day. Commissioner Ray noted that Salina Household Hazardous Waste does take waste from Lincoln County. Knight discussed who has keyed access to the siren locks.
- Correspondence Action: Commissioner Ray read the Elder Abuse Awareness Month Proclamation. Debora Smith moved to approve the Proclamation, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. Dennis Ray moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Lincoln County and the City of Lincoln, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried.
- Letter of Support: Ruth Sorensen presented a letter of support for the Sylvan Senior Center renovation project. Debora Smith moved to sign a letter of support to T-Mobile for the Sylvan Senior Center, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried.
- Human Resources: Human Resource Officer Felicia Strahm presented the 2024 budget request. Strahm suggested department head training on when and how to report accidents.
- Minutes Approved: Darrell Oetting moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried.
- Clerk/Election: County Clerk Dawn Harlow presented the Clerk's Office and Election Fund 2024 budget request.
- Transfer Station: Landfill/Transfer Station Operator Jon Wright present the 2024 budget request.
- Ambulance: Ambulance Service Director Brandon Cochran presented the 2024 budget request. Cochran requested an executive session. Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for five minutes for the purpose of discussing ambulance service 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 Ambulance Service Director Brandon Cochran, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried. Time in: 10:07 a.m. Time out: 10:12 a.m.
- Reconvene: The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:12 a.m. with no action taken.

- Transportation Bus: Transportation Bus Director Roberta Turner provided an update on department vehicles. Turner provided information on an accident and the estimate to repair.
- Law Enforcement: Sheriff Dustin Florence with Undersheriff Lucas Sanders reported Tara Balluch has resigned from her position, effective June 22, and he has hired Courthouse Clerk/Secretary Denae Smith to fill the position. Florence requested salary increases for Joseph Denton and Katy Black to bring them a step above what Smith is earning, noting that both are performing to standards. Debora Zachgo moved to approve transferring Denae Smith from the rover at the courthouse to a Communications Officer at a Grade 13 Step 18, \$15.86 per hour, effective June 26, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Dennis Ray moved to approve the raises for Joseph Denton and Katy Black to \$16.10 per hour, effective June 26, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried. Voting as follows: Ray – Aye; Oetting – Aye; Smith – Abstained.
- Law Enforcement Building: Shawn Harding, HMN Architect, and Steve Spade, Spade Construction, discussed ideas behind the plan that they provided Sheriff Florence as a potential new law enforcement center. Harding related that he also works with a firm that could conduct a feasibility study and would like the opportunity to provide a bid. The board agreed to wait for a bid before selecting a firm to conduct a feasibility study for the facility.
- Complaints: Commissioner Oetting related that he has received complaints about trees causing a hazard in the Ash Grove area.
- Courthouse Garden: The board approved purchasing a pallet of mulch for the courthouse garden from Lincoln Building Supply.
- Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:16 p.m. The next meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 20, 2023, in the courthouse commission meeting room.