

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

September 6, 2022

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse courtroom Tuesday, September 6, 2022. Chairman Dennis Ray called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with Vice-Chairman Darrell Oetting and Member Randy Lohmann present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Steve Errebo, Doug Sulsar, Mark Heller, Terry Heller, Mike Cole, Jeff White, Greg Morrical, Marc Lovin, Dean Theamert, Ray Keller, Jerry Hlad, Brock Mueller, and Roberta Turner.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: bills for Lincoln Park Manor; a letter from Jueswi Person Specul; an invitation from Kirkham Michael to attend their client appreciation dinner on October 17 at the Kansas Association of Counties annual conference; an invitation from North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging to attend the 2022 Sunflower Fair on Tuesday, September 20.
- Council on Aging: Commissioner Ray reported that the Lincoln County Council on Aging is sponsoring transportation for residents interested in attending the Sunflower Fair.
- Ballot Destruction: Clerk Harlow requested that the board designate a member of the democratic and republican parties to observe the destruction of the November 3, 2020, General Election ballots pursuant to K.S.A. 25-2708. Randy Lohmann moved to appoint Truette McQueen representing the Democratic Party and Rhonda Wright representing the Republican Party to witness the destruction of the 2020 ballots pursuant to K.S.A. 25-2708, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.
- End of Month Meeting Change: Clerk Harlow related that she has a conflict on September 30 and inquired if the board would be willing to meet on September 29 to approve accounts payable and payroll. The board approved moving the September 30 end-of-month meeting to 10:00 a.m. September 29, 2022.
- Minutes Approved: Darrell Oetting moved to accept the minutes of the August 29 and August 31 meetings, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Recycling Center: Commissioner Ray related that he would like the board to decide on the future of the recycling center in two weeks. Ray informed the board that he has received citizen complaints and noticed that trailers were parked back on the adjacent owner's lot.
- Recess for Rural Fire District's RNR Hearings: The chairman recessed the meeting at 7:01 p.m. for the Hunter Rural Fire District and Sylvan Grove Rural Fire District Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) hearings. The chairman reconvened the Barnard Rural Fire District and Beverly Rural Fire District RNR Hearings to allow additional community input.
- Reconvened: Resolution 2022-20: The chairman reconvened the commission meeting at 7:41 p.m. Randy Lohmann moved to approve Resolution 2022-20, authorizing Barnard Rural Fire District, Beverly Rural Fire District, Hunter Rural Fire District, and Sylvan Grove Rural Fire District to exceed the RNR rates, seconded by Darrell Oetting. Motion carried.

- County RNR Hearing: Chairman Ray opened the Lincoln County, Kansas Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) hearing at 7:46 p.m. to allow public comment regarding the proposed mill levy for Lincoln County, Kansas. The chairman closed the Revenue Neutral Rate hearing at 7:56 p.m.
- Resolution 2022-21: Darrell Oetting moved to accept Resolution 2022-21, authorizing Lincoln County, Kansas, to levy a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Budget Hearing: The chairman opened the Lincoln County, Kansas, and Special Districts budget hearing at 7:58 p.m. to hear and answer objections to the proposed use of funds and the amount of ad valorem tax levied for the 2023 proposed budget with Roberta Turner present. The chairman recessed the Lincoln County budget hearing until September 12 at 10:30 a.m. in the commission meeting room.
- Westfall Rd: Chairman Ray announced that all letters of support to overlay the Westfall Rd need to be sent to Economic Development by September 13.
- Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m. The next meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. Monday, September 12, 2022, in the courthouse commission meeting room.