

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

August 26, 2024

- Call to Order: The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room on Monday, August 26, 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: Leann Johnson, Kris Heinze, Kelly Gourley, Aaron Wertenberger, Scott Leitzel, Char Chase, Larry Barr, Roberta Turner, Dustin Florence, Luke Sanders, Joseph Conway, Brandon Cochran, and Felicia Strahm.
- Correspondence: Correspondence: the Hospital Board of Trustees monthly meeting packet; a letter from the Kansas Department of Revenue notifying of appraisal compliance; bills for Lincoln Park Manor; and Resolutions.
- Resolution 2024-20: Dennis Ray moved to approve Resolution 2024-20, establishing fees to dispose of waste tires, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Dennis Ray moved to approve Resolution 2024-21, pursuant to provisions of K.S.A. 75-1120(a), requesting the Director of Accounts and Reports to waive the requirement of said law as they apply to the year ended December 31, 2024, and that the financial statements and reports be prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements as adjusted to show compliance with the cash basis and budget laws, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.
- Resolution 2024-21:
- County Treasurer: County Treasurer Leann Johnson requested that the timeout for computer lock screens be extended to at least thirty minutes before requiring password re-entry. Before deciding, the board asked the office to try the current settings for a week.
- Broadband Internet: Aaron Wertenberger and Scott Leitzel with Twin Valley provided information on the company's services. The group discussed grant opportunities to expand broadband internet to customers within the company territory and requested the board consider providing a letter of support when the grant opens for applications.
- Neighborhood Revitalization: Economic Development Director Kelly Gourley provided draft copies of the Neighborhood Revitalization Plans for the City of Lincoln and the City of Sylvan Grove and explained recommended changes. The board agreed with the changes and said they would be willing to sign the interlocal agreement when presented.
- Transportation Bus: Transportation Bus Director Roberta Turner provided a third estimate to repair damages to the van and related that she had asked the business to proceed with repairs. Turner provided an update on vehicle maintenance needs.
- Road Concern: Larry Barr reported a road maintenance concern on N 280th Rd, where the county placed millings.
- Budget Hearing: The chairman opened the Lincoln County, Kansas, and Special District budget hearing at 10:00 a.m. to hear and answer objections to the proposed use of funds and the amount of ad valorem tax levied for the 2025 proposed budget with Larry Barr and Char Chase present. With no others

2025 Budget Approved: appearing, the chairman closed the budget hearing. Dennis Ray moved to approve the 2025 Lincoln County Budget as printed, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried.

Delinquent Solid Waste: Clerk Harlow provided a listing of delinquent solid waste and CD accounts at the landfill.

Law Enforcement: Sheriff Dustin Florence and Undersheriff Luke Sanders provided a listing of architects used by counties that have built jails in the last five years. The group discussed how to move forward and identified jail bed count needs for a new facility. Clerk Harlow related that a request for proposals should be prepared and sent to the businesses identified. Sheriff Florence will work on preparing the RFP and return at a later date for approval.

Recycling Center: Joseph Conway asked questions concerning specifications for the lean-to project at the recycling center. He provided a bid to complete the project. The board made no decision on this date and will contact the other interested business to revise their bids per the specifications discussed.

Ambulance Service: Ambulance Service Director Brandon Cochran and Human Resource Officer Felicia Strahm requested approval to hire Courtney Berry as a part-time EMT. The board tabled a decision on this date to provide time for HR to obtain answers to questions posed. Cochran provided an update on bookkeeping requirements and reported that the department had been approved for medicare recertification.

Minutes Approved: Debora Smith moved to approve the minutes of the August 19 meeting, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.

Area Commissioner Meeting: The board will attend a meeting with several area county commissioners at the Concordia Senior Center on Wednesday, August 28, at 6:00 p.m.

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, August 30, 2024.