

## COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

December 9, 2019

- Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Monday, December 9, 2019. Chairman Alexis Pflugh, via skype, called the meeting to regular session at 10:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Randy Lohmann and Member James Gabelmann present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.
- Visitors:** Others present for portions of the meeting: Mona Gerstmann, Cynthia Nelson, Steve Schneider, Howard Wehrman, Brendan Mackay, Sharon Dohe, Chris Landrum, Kevin Burkey, Doug McKinney, Emily Benedick, Tim Meier, Rhonda Fernandez and Derek Walter.
- Correspondence:** Correspondence: North Central Regional Juvenile Detention Facility board packet and notification of how admissions will be handled when the facility is full; notice that the Hospital Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting Wednesday, December 11 at 2 p.m.; and bills for the nursing home.
- Board Appointment:** Alexis Pflugh moved to appoint Commissioner Gabelmann as Lincoln County Representatives to the North Central Kansas Juvenile Detention Facility board, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Road Complaint:** Steve Schneider issued a complaint regarding the mile and half on N 45<sup>th</sup> Rd from N 50<sup>th</sup> Rd to Union Dr in Cedron Township, relating that roads that the county has patched with quartzite stone seemed to have repaired issues and that he wants rock placed on the roads, citing that the original agreement with the board called for an all-weather road, however the final agreement calls for a fair-weather road. Director of Highway Department Mackay related that additional material is not going to help the road, that the road needs time to settle, and that they will return to pack the road again when the surface has received sufficient precipitation.
- Security System Bid:** Chris Landrum and Kevin Burkey, INA Alert, provided information of the services that their company provides which includes: security systems, nurse call systems and WanderGuard systems. The board approved the two to view the courthouse and the nursing home and prepare a quote for systems.
- Highway Department:** Director of Highway Department Brendan Mackay reported on the following: provided the board a copy Local Transportation Department manual; visited with CVA regarding the anhydrous tanks and discussed concerns and costs to utilize as culverts; inquired about the Christmas Eve holiday; requested approval to contract with Kirkham Michael to complete hydraulic study for a stone arch bridge on E Iron Dr east of 60<sup>th</sup> Rd, to determine if a small tube could be used, the board approved; Verizon has provided pricing to provide GPS tracking on equipment; related that the estimated cost for materials to replace OS 65 span from timber to steel is \$300,000; inquired if the board had given approval to a utility company to cut into the roads within Wilson Lake Estates as the company had cut a fiber line; provided bids to purchase a plate compactor for the mini excavator, the board approved purchasing the new unit; and inquired about Christmas Eve. Mackay related that employees will work Christmas Eve if holiday pay is not granted. Alexis Pflugh moved to approve closing the courthouse, \*health department and the landfill and noxious weed for a half day on Christmas Eve,

seconded by James Gabelmann. (Employees in the affected buildings have agreed to use leave time)

Unmanned Aircraft Corridor: Doug McKinney and Emily Benedick, North Central Regional Planning Commission, and Tim Meier who serves on the Joint Land Use Committee provided the draft study on the Fort Riley, US Department of Army Unmanned Aircraft System Project corridor, which is called Route Phoenix. Currently the unmanned aircrafts completing maneuvers in the corridor must be accompanied by helicopters, the ultimate goal is to be able to complete maneuvers without accompaniment, and the US Department of Army is wanting to enter into a cooperative agreement that allows this. McKinney related that the Land Use Committee has recommended to accept the study and it is up to each county to participate in a regional implementation of the study. The study identifies several items that Fort Riley is willing to provide 90% matching funds towards completing.

County Health Insurance: Rhonda Fernandez, PIC Benefits Services related that open enrollment is complete and that Blue Cross Blue Shield will not adjust the premium rate previously quoted for the 2020 plan year. Fernandez provided an agreement for the board to sign. Alexis Pflugh moved to appoint Commissioner Lohmann the Vice-Chair to sign the paperwork for the health plan, seconded by James Gabelmann. Motion carried. (contract for the HSA and FSA management company)

Ambulance Service: Ambulance Director Derek Walter provided estimates to complete a remount of an ambulance box onto a 2020 GM chassis: Osage - \$104,900 will provide a backup unit to use and will take 200 days to complete; and ARB - \$89,454 will not provide a unit to use and will take 90 days to complete. Walter related that the department plans to enter into an agreement with Eagle Communications for IT services.

Position Discussion: The board discussed the Emergency Manager position.

Email Correspondence: Email correspondence: Michael Day inquiring whether a bridge structure would be sufficient to have a concrete truck travel over to deliver materials to pour a basement; and Steve Granzow email regarding KORA request, the board approved Commissioner Pflugh to email a response.

Future Agenda Items: Items that need completed: handbook, purchasing policy, and address the road resolution that approves building roads for economic development. The following items were placed on upcoming agendas: January 13 from 1:30 – 4 the board will work on handbook changes; and January 21 from 1:30 – 4 the board will review handbook changes with department heads.

Adjourn: The chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:19 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Monday, December 15, 2019 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.

\*Health Department have decided to remain open.