

November 15, 2021

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Linn County Courthouse Annex, Mound City, Kansas. Those present were Rick James, Chair; Jim Johnson, Vice-Chair; Danny McCullough, Member; David Lamb, County Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Rick James led the Pledge of Allegiance. David Lamb opened the meeting with prayer.

Rick James moved to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting as printed. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jim Johnson moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$1,548,595.41: General, \$264,878.42; Appraiser, \$10,717.16; Rural Fire, \$28,066.04; Road and Bridge, \$65,114.31; County Health Dept., \$7,777.68; Capital Improvement (Construction), \$1,171,309.78; and Elderly, \$732.02. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Joyce Hall and the Commission discussed the Elderly/Transportation Dept. Hall presented the grant applications for the Transportation Program. Hall also explained the grant programs that are available for the Elderly/Transportation Dept. Rick James moved to sign and submit the grant application for the Transportation Program. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Hall discussed the need for the minivan that was discussed last week and the allowed uses for the vans that we have. Van drivers Jessica Robinson and Kim Grigsby were also in attendance to explain what they do for the residents of Linn County.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week. Anderson also discussed the new compression device that was received last week. The device will assist the ambulance crews by doing compressions for cardiac arrest patients.

Doug Barlet reported the fire calls for the week and year to date. Barlet also asked to hire two new Firefighters. Rick James moved to hire Achilles Ferrell as a Probationary Firefighter at Station 940 (Parker), and to waive the physical and drug screen requirements because Ferrell is already an employee of the Sheriff's Dept. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Rick James moved to hire Douglas Barlet (Chief Barlet's son) as a Probationary Firefighter at Station 920 (Pleasanton) pending physical and drug screen. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Shaun West reported on the new ambulance station at La Cygne. West also reminded the Commission of a meeting tomorrow at 7:00 PM at Bunker Hill with City and Lake Development officials.

The Clerk presented copies of the prisoner count. There are currently 17 prisoners in house and 7 farmed out to other Counties.

At 9:27 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss individual employees' performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the employee; and for 10 minutes for legal advice from the County Counselor which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, pursuant to the consultation with attorney exception listed in K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2), concerning obtaining legal advice from the County Counselor. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 9:52 AM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Chris Martin attended the executive session.

At 9:31 AM Chris Martin left the executive session and Shaun West entered.

At 9:52 AM the executive session ended. As a result of the executive session, Rick James moved to hire Nick Graham as the IT Support Technician at a wage of \$21.3376 per hour (Range 12, Step H on the 2022 pay scale). Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. (Because Graham is being hired at a rate on the 2022 pay scale, he will not receive a cost of living increase at the beginning of next year.) Also, as a result of the executive session, Rick James stated that the old Fire Station (KDOT Building) in La Cygne is no longer of any value for public use to the County and moved to sign a Quit Claim Deed to Rural Water District #1 for the property. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Rick James moved to schedule a Special Commission Meeting at 7:00 PM on November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Bunker Hill Community Center in Mound City. The special meeting will be held with City and Lake Development Officials and no action will be taken by the County Commission. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Noxious Weed Director Johnny Taylor reported on his department and a recent regional meeting he attended. Taylor also reported on assistance/advice he has received from other Counties.

At 10:00 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting and reconvene as the Board of Canvassers. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Election Officer David Lamb reviewed the results of the election and the Post-Election Audit with the Board of Canvassers. The Board of Canvassers then reviewed the 15 Provisional Ballots. Jim Johnson moved to accept the recommendation of the Election Officer to not count 3 provisional ballots, and to count the remaining 12 provisional ballots provided the correct ballot style is in the envelope. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 10:15 AM the Board of Canvassers went to the Courthouse to run the provisional ballots through the ballot scanner. At 10:32 AM Jim Johnson moved to adjourn the Board of Canvassers' meeting and the Board of Commission meeting until 7:00 PM Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Attest:

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Commission Chair

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County Clerk

