

January 4, 2021

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:01 AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Linn County Courthouse Annex, Mound City, Kansas. Those present were Danny McCullough, Chair; Mike Page, Vice Chair; Rick James, Member; David Lamb, County Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Danny McCullough led the Pledge of Allegiance. David Lamb opened the meeting with prayer.

Rick James moved to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting and the December 31<sup>st</sup> special meeting as printed. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$400,794.74: General, \$128,145.64; Employee Benefit, \$204,899.28; Appraiser, \$9,504.50; Rural Fire, \$6,998.63; Road and Bridge, \$40,327.71; Law Enforcement Trust, \$386.66; County Health Dept., \$9,318.50; and Elderly, \$1,213.82. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week.

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 17 prisoners in house and 7 farmed out to other Counties. Sheriff Friend also reported on the previous week's calls.

Robin Spencer reported that we have now had 535 positive cases of COVID-19 in Linn County, 88 are still active and we have had 4 deaths.

Doug Barlet reported on the weather for the week and asked for a personnel executive session.

Jackie Messer updated the Commission on the Health Dept. project and discussed other issues Public Works is dealing with. Messer presented a copy of the Public Works Inventory to the Commission.

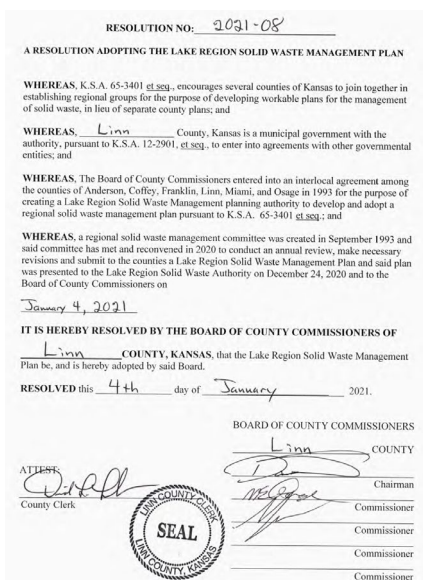
At 9:23 AM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss individual employees' performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the employee, and for 15 minutes 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 9:48 AM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Commissioner Elect Jim Johnson, Clerk, Counselor, and Doug Barlet attended the executive session.

At 9:27 AM Doug Barlet and Jim Johnson left the executive session and Jackie Messer entered.

At 9:48 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Bill Matlock, River City Construction gave an update on the building project.

The Clerk presented Resolution #2021-08, adopting the Lake Region Solid Waste Management Plan. Mike Page moved to adopt Resolution #2021-08 as presented. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of Resolution #2021-08:



Danny McCullough moved to appoint Karen German as the Sheridan Township Trustee. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk presented the following Resolutions: #2021-01, 2021 Holidays; #2021-02, GAAP Waiver; #2021-03, Official Depositories; #2021-04, Official Newspaper; #2021-05, 2021 Paydays; #2021-06, 2021 Salaries; and #2021-07, Cancel Outstanding Warrants. Rick James moved to adopt Resolutions #2021-01 through #2021-07 as presented. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following are copies of Resolutions #2021-01 through #2021-07:

RESOLUTION #2021-01

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LINN COUNTY, KANSAS

BE IT RESOLVED: That the following schedule be adopted as the official holidays for the year 2021:

Table with 2 columns: Date and Holiday Name. Includes New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and 2022 New Year's Day.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of January, 2021 for the year 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LINN COUNTY, KANSAS  
Attest: David L. Lamb, County Clerk

RESOLUTION #2021-02

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LINN COUNTY, KANSAS

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners, Linn County, Kansas has determined that the financial statements and reports for the year ending December 31, 2021 to be prepared in conformity with the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120(a) are not relevant to the requirements of the cash basis and budget laws of this State and are of no significant value to the Board of Commissioners or the members of the general public of Linn County and...

WHEREAS, There are no revenue bond ordinances or other ordinances or resolutions of said municipality which require financial statements and financial reports to be prepared in conformity with K.S.A. 75-1120(a) for the year ended...

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Linn County, Kansas in regular meeting duly assembled this 4th day of January, 2021 that the Board of Commissioners, Linn County, Kansas request the Director of Accounts and Reports to waive the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120(a) as they apply to Linn County for the year ending December 31, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners shall cause the financial statements and financial reports of the Board of Commissioners of Linn County to be prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements as adjusted to show compliance with the cash basis and budget laws of this State.

THEREFORE, on this 4th day of January, 2021 the County Clerk is instructed to file a waiver request to the Division of Accounts and Reports in Topeka, Kansas for the year ending December 31, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LINN COUNTY, KANSAS  
Attest: David L. Lamb, County Clerk

RESOLUTION #2021-03

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LINN COUNTY, KANSAS

BE IT RESOLVED: That effective January 1, 2021 the following banks are designated as the Official Depositories for the County funds and that these and no other banks be utilized by the County Treasurer for such County deposits until this Resolution be succeeded:

- FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK
FARMERS STATE BANK
LABETTE BANK
LANDMARK NATIONAL BANK
PRESCOTT STATE BANK
FIRST OPTION BANK
FIRST NATIONAL BANK

BE IT RESOLVED ALSO: That the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Mound City, Kansas be designated as the depository to be utilized by the Register of Deeds.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of January, 2021 for year 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LINN COUNTY, KANSAS  
Attest: David L. Lamb, County Clerk

RESOLUTION #2021-04

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LINN COUNTY, KANSAS

BE IT RESOLVED: That effective January 1, 2021 the "Linn County News" is designated as the official County newspaper for year 2021.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of January, 2021 for year 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LINN COUNTY, KANSAS  
Attest: David L. Lamb, County Clerk

RESOLUTION #2021-05 BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BE IT RESOLVED: That the following schedule be adopted as the schedule of pay dates for the year 2021:

Table with 6 columns: PAYROLL, VOUCHERS (Due by 9:00 AM), MONTH, ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, VOUCHERS (Due before Noon), and MONTH. Lists monthly pay dates from January to December.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of January, 2021 for the year 2021.  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LINN COUNTY, KANSAS  
Attest: David L. Lamb, County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-06

RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LINN COUNTY, KANSAS

Be it resolved that the following wages be allowed for the year 2021:

Table with 2 columns: FULL TIME EMPLOYEES and SALARY per PAY PERIOD. Lists various county positions and their corresponding salaries.

Table with 3 columns: Job Title, Salary, and another Salary column. Lists various county positions such as Mechanic, Sheriff's Deputy, and Firefighters with their respective salaries.

Attest: David L. Lamb, County Clerk

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF LINN COUNTY, KANSAS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LINN COUNTY, KANSAS:

That the Board of County Commissioners, being the governing body of Linn County, Kansas, hereby declared, pursuant to KSA 10-815 that all the County warrants listed below are hereby cancelled and set aside upon the records of the County. Such records shall show the date of cancellation and shall reflect that such warrant is unpaid but cancelled for reason of this resolution.

Table with 3 columns: Date, Warrant Number, and Name. Lists cancelled warrants and the names of the individuals involved.

Table with 3 columns: PAYROLL, Date, and Name. Lists payroll information for various employees.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 4th DAY OF JANUARY, 2021.

Attest: David L. Lamb, County Clerk

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, January 11, 2021. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commission Chair

Attest:

County Clerk

January 11, 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 Danny McCullough, Chair; Rick James, Member; David Lamb, County Clerk; Gary Thompson, County Counselor; and Jim Johnson, Commissioner-Elect. Danny McCullough led the Pledge of Allegiance. Gary Thompson opened the meeting with prayer.

Danny McCullough moved to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting as printed. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

At 9:02 AM Judge Johnson swore in the following County Elected Officials: Danny McCullough, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner; Jim Johnson, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commissioner; David Lamb, County Clerk; Kristy Schmitz, Register of Deeds; and Kevin Friend, Sheriff. County Attorney Burton Harding was unable to attend and was sworn in by the County Clerk before the Commission meeting. County Treasurer Janet Kleweno will be sworn in when her term starts in October.

At 9:08 AM Danny McCullough moved to take a 5 minute break. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jim Johnson moved to nominate Rick James as the Commission Chair for 2021. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Danny McCullough moved to nominate Jim Johnson as the Commission Vice Chair for 2021. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Rick James moved to discontinue overtime pay for exempt employees unless or until additional funding is received. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 15 prisoners in house and 7 farmed out to other Counties. Sheriff Friend also reported on the previous week's calls. Sheriff Friend also discussed his budget from 2020 and the amount of money that was returned to the County General Fund. The Sheriff's Dept. came in \$271,491.39 under budget for 2020. Sheriff Friend also asked for a 15 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel and he would like to have Jackie Messer attend that executive session.

Bill Matlock, River City Construction, gave an update on the building project. Matlock stated that foundation work should start this week.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week. Anderson also presented a written report on the December 2020 calls and call times.

Rick James moved to reschedule the next regular meeting to Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Rick James moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$477,248.59: General, \$336,877.15; Appraiser, \$1,784.24; Rural Fire, \$41,751.87; Road and Bridge, \$66,802.22; Special Machinery, \$4,000.00; 911 Telephone Tax, \$2.79; County Health Dept., \$7,195.65; SPARK/CARES Act, \$9,4005.13; Elderly, \$9,328.12; and Sewer District #1, \$101.42. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Rick James moved to approve River City Construction's Application for Payment #4 in the amount of \$351,885.99. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Tisha Coleman discussed the relocation into their new facility. Coleman also reported that we have now had 615 positive cases of COVID-19 in Linn County and we have had 5 deaths. Coleman also discussed vaccines for COVID and for the flu and other diseases.

Doug Barlet presented information on a new copier/printer and asked for permission to purchase the color copier/printer from Modern Copy Systems in the amount of \$8,058.00. The Commission asked for more information about maintenance contracts and the cost of outsourcing print jobs before a decision is made.

Jessica Hightower presented a corrected copy of a CDBG-CV grant that was previously approved. Rick James moved to allow Danny McCullough to sign the corrected copy. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Hightower then discussed a deadline to expend the CDBG-CV funds that were received last year. The County needs to submit a letter stating how the funds will be expended. Danny McCullough moved to allow the Chair to sign the letter as presented. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 10:45 AM the Chair asked for public comment. None was given.

Jackie Messer presented bids for On-Call Engineering and for Bridge Replacements. The Commission opened the bids and gave them to Jackie Messer to review. Messer will review the bids and present recommendations next week. Messer then presented a request to bury water line from RWD #3 located on 2300 Road, east of CR 1077. Rick James moved to approve Burial Permit #BP2021-01 as presented. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Rick James moved to appoint Tisha Coleman to the SEK Mental Health Board. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Rick James moved to appoint Jim Johnson to the Lake Region RC&D Board. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Rick James moved to appoint Danny McCullough to the Local Emergency Planning Committee. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 11:24 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 15 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 11:54 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, Sheriff Friend, and Jackie Messer attended the executive session.

At 11:43 AM Jackie Messer left the executive session.

At 11:50 AM Sheriff Friend left the executive session.

At 11:54 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 11:55 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 20 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 12:15 PM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 12:15 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 12:16 PM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 5 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 5 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 12:26 PM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Jackie Messer attended the executive session.

At 12:26 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Rick James moved to tentatively approve a change order to relocate utility lines, pending investigation of alternative solutions to the issue. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Rick James read a plaque that will be given to Mike Page for his years of service to the County. Mike Page was unable to attend the meeting today.

The Commission then discussed remodeling of the house that was purchased on the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> & Chestnut in Mound City. The Commission agreed to postpone any remodeling until decisions about relocating offices are made.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Tuesday, January 19, 2021. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Commission Chair

Attest:

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County Clerk



January 19, 2021

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:03 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.

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

The Commission reviewed the YTD Park Report for December 2020. 2020 Income was \$211,108.15 and 2020 Expenses were \$290,059.96. (2020 Expenses do not include Employee Benefits.)

Rick James moved to approve add/abate/refund orders: #2020-1 through #2020-57, #2020-59 through #2020-72, #2020-74, #2020-76 through #2020-138, and #2020-140 through #2020-153. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jim Johnson moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$600,210.36: General, \$125,966.33; Employee Benefit, \$55,485.41; Appraiser, \$9,474.95; Rural Fire, \$3,134.89; Road and Bridge, \$40,645.73; Law Enforcement Trust, \$394.66; 911 Telephone Tax, \$1,455.26; County Health Dept., \$10,532.03; Capital Improvement (Construction), \$351,885.99; and Elderly, \$1,235.11. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 14 prisoners in house and 8 farmed out to other Counties. Sheriff Friend also reported on the previous week's calls.

Doug Barlet presented additional information on the color copier he requested last week. The Commission instructed Barlet to check with the IT Dept. before a decision is made.

Tisha Coleman reported that we have now had 641 positive cases of COVID-19 in Linn County, 80 are still active and we have had 6 deaths. Coleman also gave updates on COVID testing, COVID vaccinations, and other services offered by the Health Dept. Coleman then requested an executive session for legal advice.

Mike Kabulka, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week.

Burton Harding reported on the number of cases he is working on and requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel.

At 9:47 AM the Chair asked for public comment. One resident stated that there are issues with a bridge that was put in a few years ago. The Chair asked the resident to speak with our Public Works Director.

At 9:48 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 20 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 20 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 10:28 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, Doug Barlet, and Tisha Coleman attended the executive session.

At 10:00 AM Tisha Coleman and Doug Barlet left the executive session and Burton Harding entered.

At 10:25 AM Burton Harding left the executive session and Jessica Hightower entered.

At 10:28 AM the executive session ended. As a result of the executive session, Burton Harding asked the Commission to approve a Para-Legal Job Description in Range 12. Harding is hiring Sara Lambert for that position and would like to hire her at Range 12, Step B, \$19.7768 per hour. Jim Johnson moved to approve the Para-Legal Job Description and place that Job Description in Range 12. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jackie Messer discussed changing back to using metal culverts instead of plastic, due to issues with fire damage from controlled burns. Messer then discussed the building of a new cabin at the Park. Messer also discussed remodeling a building in La Cygne for the ambulance service.

At 10:43 AM Danny McCullough 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 11:08 AM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Jackie Messer attended the executive session.

At 11:08 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Jackie Messer discussed the bids for On-Call Engineering and Bridge Replacement/Design. Messer recommends hiring Pfefferkorn Engineering & Environmental LLC for On-Call Engineering, Schwab-Eaton PA for the OS-5 large bridge, and Pfefferkorn Engineering & Environmental LLC for the OS-66 Botkin & K31 small bridge.

Elizabeth Maxwell, East Central Kansas Area Agency on Aging, presented her annual report. Maxwell reported that she is retiring next week and Leslea Rockers will be the new Director of the ECKAAA. Maxwell explained several of the programs ECKAAA administers.

Jackie Messer and the Commission discussed the engineering bids. After discussion, Rick James moved to hire Pfefferkorn Engineering & Environmental LLC for the On-Call Engineering Services for two years. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The design of the bridges will need additional bids before approval.

The Commission and Messer then discussed buildings that are owned by the County. Rick James wants to schedule an hour at the end of next week's meeting to discuss maintenance and other plans for all County owned buildings.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, January 25, 2021. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Attest:

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County Clerk

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Commission Chair

January 25, 2021

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:02 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.

Danny McCullough moved to approve add/abate/refund orders: #2020-154 and #2020-155. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jim Johnson moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$220,421.08: General, \$157,610.63; Appraiser, \$475.94; Rural Fire, \$639.11; Road and Bridge, \$55,173.24; Law Enforcement Trust, \$1,581.00; County Health Dept., \$4,154.22; Elderly, \$601.94; and Sewer District #1, \$185.00. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 18 prisoners in house and 8 farmed out to other Counties. Sheriff Friend also reported on the previous week's calls and thanked the Public Works Dept. for their help at the jail last week.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week.

Doug Barlet reported on the weather for the week. Barlet then asked to hire Tristan Van Vlack as a Firefighter at Station 950 (La Cygne). Rick James moved to hire Tristan Van Vlack as a Probationary Firefighter at Station 950. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Chris Martin discussed the generator for the Health Dept. Martin stated that there may be funding available for a new generator for the Health Dept. and asked for permission to go out for bids for a new generator.

Tisha Coleman reported that we have now had 700 positive cases of COVID-19 in Linn County, 70 are still active and we have had 7 deaths. Coleman also reported that we have started testing with our new machine. This allows us to have results within 1 ½ hours. Coleman then reported that we can proceed to Phase 2 of the vaccination plan which includes age 65 and older, high contact workers, and congregate settings.

Deb Bruner reported that the Appraiser's Office is in the middle of final review and everything is on schedule. Bruner stated that we need to discuss personnel related to a Certified Appraiser.

Janet Kleweno presented her 2020 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Interest Report. 2020 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Interest was \$11,117.95, 2020 YTD Interest was \$36,172.80. Kleweno also presented the Delinquent Tax Report. December 31, 2020 Delinquent Real Estate Taxes are \$969,440.13 and Delinquent Personal Property Taxes are \$28,553.13.

Jessica Hightower informed the Commission that a property in the Industrial Park needs to be released from Rural Water District #1 before it can be annexed by the City of La Cygne. Gary Thompson stated that the City needs to give notice to RWD #1. Rick James moved to authorize Hightower to request a release of utilities from RWD #1 for the property at 713 Industrial Park Drive. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Danny McCullough moved to allow Rick James to sign the updated Signature Form for the CDBG-CV grants. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Danny McCullough moved to approve a CDBG-CV Application for Futher Mucker's LLC for \$5,000.00. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Bill Matlock, River City Construction, gave an update on the building project.

At 9:37 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 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 25 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 10:12 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, Deb Bruner, and Lisa Kellstadt attended the executive session.

At 9:52 AM Deb Bruner and Lisa Kellstadt left the executive session and Sheriff Friend and Lela Long entered.

At 10:12 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 10:13 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 15 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 10:28 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Tisha Coleman attended the executive session.

At 10:18 AM Tisha Coleman left the executive session.

At 10:28 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Burton Harding updated the Commission on his office. Harding also stated that he is working 40 hours or more with the duties of his office. His comment last week about the job being a part-time position just meant that he is still allowed to have his private practice also.

At 10:36 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 10:46 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Burton Harding attended the executive session.

At 10:46 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Jackie Messer presented a contract for the On-Call Engineer with Pfefferkorn Engineering & Environmental LLC. Messer also discussed Noxious Weed issues with the Commission. Rick James moved to enter into the agreement for On-Call Engineering Services with Pfefferkorn Engineering & Environmental LLC as presented. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Messer then asked to hire Thomas Remley as an Equipment Operator and to promote Joyce Hall to Office Manager. Danny McCullough moved to hire Thomas Remley as an Equipment Operator at the North Shop at a wage of \$13.4598 per hour (Range 7, Step B). Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Danny McCullough moved to promote Joyce Hall to an Office Manager position in the Annex at a wage of \$16.4683 per hour (Range 9, Step H). Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Gary Thompson presented an application from Tanglewood Lakes for reduced C&D fees on a property located at 101 S Springcove Road, Tanglewood Lakes. Danny McCullough moved to approve the application as presented. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jackie Messer and the Commission discussed the demolition of an old structure in the La Cygne Indus Park. Rick James moved to allow Public Works to demo the structure. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Andy Mayhugh discussed a request to close a portion of E 2100 Road, east of Yancy Road. The Counselor will prepare a notice for next week's meeting. The Commission also discussed another possible road closure near Pleasanton.

At 11:41 AM Rick James moved to recess for 10 minutes. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 11:51 AM the Commission met with Jackie Messer and Chris Martin to discuss County buildings. Rick James moved to sell the "Dawson house" to the highest bidder. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission then continued reviewing all the County owned property with Messer and Martin.

Danny McCullough moved to discontinue the E-Sick Leave benefits at the end of January. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, February 1, 2021. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Commission Chair

Attest:

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County Clerk

February 1, 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. Gary Thompson opened the meeting with prayer.

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

Rick James moved to approve add/abate/refund order: #2020-156. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Rick James moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$384,348.97: General, \$133,454.54; Employee Benefit, \$81,087.53; Appraiser, \$10,391.41; Rural Fire, \$16,063.75; Road and Bridge, \$59,136.38; Law Enforcement Trust, \$6,666.26; 911 Telephone Tax, \$2.83; County Health Dept., \$10,835.17; SPARK/Cares Act, \$64,676.49; and Elderly, \$2,034.61. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Danny McCullough moved to appoint Sarah Lewis as the Scott Township Trustee. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Bill Matlock, River City Construction, gave an update on the building project. Matlock also presented a schedule of the work to be done over the next five weeks.

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 19 prisoners in house and 8 farmed out to other Counties. Sheriff Friend also reported on the previous week's calls.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week.

Jessica Hightower presented a CDBG-CV grant application for Reno Repair for \$5,000.00. Jim Johnson moved to approve the CDBG-CV Grant for Reno Repair as presented. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Tisha Coleman reported that we have now had 725 positive cases of COVID-19 in Linn County, 61 are still active and we have had 8 deaths. Coleman thanked everyone that has helped with the COVID response and discussed the COVID Vaccination Clinics that will be held at the Fairgrounds this week. We are receiving approximately 100 doses per week.

Bobby Young presented a Code Enforcement Case Status Report.

Jackie Messer reported on the Road Safety Plan for the County. Messer reported that the City of Parker has requested a dumpster for CD waste. Messer stated that we do provide dumpsters for planned yearly cleanup, but we do not have dumpsters available for year-long use. Messer then discussed the old County Attorney building. Messer believes the building would need around \$10,000.00 in repairs/upgrades before being used by a County department.

The Counselor discussed the process for selling real estate. The Counselor will prepare a notice to be published for the sale of the "Dawson house".

Burton Harding reported on the status of his office.

At 9:59 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 10:09 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and County Attorney Burton Harding attended the executive session.

At 10:09 AM the executive session ended. As a result of the executive session, Rick James moved to approve an employment agreement with Justin Meeks to be the Assistant County Attorney in the amount of \$40,000.00 per year. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Rick James moved to publish a Proposal to Vacate Road for a portion of 2100 Road, east of Yancy Road, and to schedule the hearing for 10:00 AM Monday, February 22, 2021. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of the Proposal to Vacate Road:



Gary Thompson then discussed closing another road near Pleasanton. The road could be declared a Low Maintenance Road instead of closing the road.

The Clerk and Commission discussed a request from the Gordon Parks Museum to install a sign in front of the Courthouse. The Commission asked Jackie Messer to look at other signs that are already installed for this project.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, February 8, 2021. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Commission Chair

Attest:

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County Clerk



February 8, 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.

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

Rick James moved to reschedule the next regular meeting to Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, due to the President's Day holiday. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jim Johnson moved to approve add/abate/refund orders: #2020-157 through #2020-167, and #2020-169. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commission reviewed the YTD Park Report for January 2021.

Jim Johnson moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$111,667.82: General, \$49,429.58; Employee Benefit, \$527.48; Appraiser, \$110.06; Rural Fire, \$6,340.21; Road and Bridge, \$45,395.12; 911 Telephone Tax, \$1,448.33; County Health Dept., \$4,322.10; Elderly, \$4,027.44; and Sewer Dist. #1, \$67.50. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Bill Matlock, River City Construction, gave an update on the building project.

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 17 prisoners in house and 9 farmed out to other Counties. Sheriff Friend also reported on the previous week's calls. The Commission and Sheriff then discussed budgets and funding for the Sheriff's Dept. and the Employee Benefits Fund.

Tisha Coleman reported that we have now had 730 positive cases of COVID-19 in Linn County and we have had 8 deaths. Coleman also reported on the COVID Vaccination Clinics that were held at the Fairgrounds last week and thanked everyone that helped with the vaccination clinics.

Burton Harding reported on the County Attorney's Office activities for the week.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week. Anderson also presented the January printed report of calls and call times.

At 10:22 AM the Chair asked for public comment. Scott Lee asked for a variance on the requirement to have a tow lot in the County in order to be on the Sheriff's tow list. Lee and the Commission discussed options for leasing property for a tow lot.

At 10:33 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 10:58 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Tisha Coleman attended the executive session.

At 10:53 AM Tisha Coleman left the executive session and Sheriff Friend and Galen Anderson entered.

At 10:58 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 10:59 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 15 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 11:14 AM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, Sheriff Friend, and Galen Anderson attended the executive session.

At 11:05 AM Galen Anderson left the executive session.

At 11:14 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 11:15 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 15 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 11:14 AM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Sheriff Friend attended the executive session.

At 11:25 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Jackie Messer reported on the response to the weather issues this weekend and this morning. Messer reported that we are having issues with the HVAC units at the 4-H Building. Messer also reported that we received notice from the State/Federal Government that we have to require masks on our transportation bus. Messer then discussed issues with our pug mill. Messer would like to have approval for up to \$10,000.00 to repair the machine. Rick James moved to allow up to \$10,000.00 to repair the pug mill. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Messer then reported on other issues he is working on.

Gary Thompson presented a request from the City of Parker for free dumping year round instead of just for city-wide cleanup. No action was taken by the Commission. Thompson also presented a requested from the City of La Cygne for reduced or waived fees for a property located at 612 N. 8<sup>th</sup> St. Rick James moved to approve the request from the City of La Cygne. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Thompson then discussed a culvert that we need to remove for non-payment. Danny McCullough moved to allow the Public Works to remove the culvert on the Nicholas Philpott property for non-payment. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Messer then asked Chris Martin to explain a VPN service for home office or mobile use. Martin explained the difference in home office VPN and mobile use VPN. Martin stated that we need policies and procedures for VPN use. Gary Thompson will work on a policy with input from Chris Martin and the County Clerk.

The Counselor presented a contract with the Dept. of Revenue to provide a County Appraiser for the term that expires on June 30, 2021. After discussion, Rick James moved to approve the contract as presented. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Gary Thompson presented the Notice of Sale for the property located at 120 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Mound City. Jim Johnson moved to publish the Notice of Sale as presented. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Thompson then discussed a 5 or 6 acre tract of land that could be sold near Pleasanton where a road could be closed if the adjoining land owner buys the tract. Messer will discuss the property with the adjoining land owner.

At 12:10 PM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 5 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 12:15 PM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 12:15 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

David Southwick presented a report on the Noxious Weed Dept. The Commission and Southwick discussed plans for the operation of the Noxious Weed Dept.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Tuesday, February 16, 2021. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Commission Chair

Attest:

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County Clerk

February 17, 2021

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:08 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.

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

Jim Johnson moved to approve add/abate/refund orders: #2020-170 through #2020-172. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commission discussed the recent purchase of an Exam Table with Tisha Coleman. The cost of the Exam Table was over \$5,000.00. Gary Thompson stated that we did an exception for SPARK funds, so it was not a violation of our policy.

Jim Johnson moved to approve River City Construction's Application for Payment #5 in the amount of \$339,929.43. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. (The payment is included in the weekly claims run.)

Jim Johnson moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$657,278.86: General, \$141,032.23; Employee Benefit, \$83,837.28; Appraiser, \$9,879.26; Rural Fire, \$6,826.06; Road and Bridge, \$39,864.49; Law Enforcement Trust, \$380.39; 911 Telephone Tax, \$56.49; County Health Dept., \$34,041.80; Capital Improvement (Construction), \$339,929.43; and Elderly, \$1,431.43. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 15 prisoners in house and 11 farmed out to other Counties. The Clerk also gave the Commission a report from Galen Anderson, AMR, on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week.

The Clerk then presented a request from Jessica Hightower to approve three \$5,000.00 CDBG-CV Grants. Jim Johnson moved to approve the CDBG-CV Grants as presented for Brian's Automotive LLC; Stocking, Beisiegel, and Assoc. LLC; and Nana Jo's LLC. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Clerk also presented a request from Doug Barlet to hire Eddie Schultz as a Firefighter at Station 930, Centerville. Rick James moved to hire Eddie Schultz as a Probationary Firefighter for Station 930. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk informed the Commission that we received notice that we had been awarded a \$3,000.00 KDOT Grant for the Impaired Driving Deterrence Program.

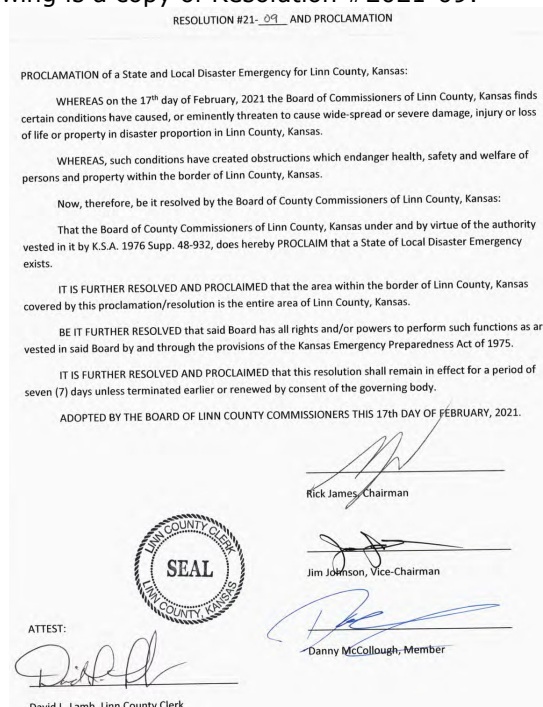
The Clerk and Commission then discussed the pay for February 16th, when the County offices were closed due to the weather. The Commission agreed to treat February 16th as a holiday, and to pay the additional costs for employees that were required to work from the Contingency Personnel Services line item.

Tisha Coleman reported that we have now had 748 positive cases of COVID-19 in Linn County, 44 are still active and we have had 10 deaths. Coleman also discussed testing and vaccines PODs.

Jackie Messer updated the Commission on the Public Works Dept. Our Road crews have been working on the roads since Sunday. Messer then presented a summary report from PubWorks on the activity of the Public Works departments. Messer also asked to purchase a used stump grinder that fits on a skid-steer for \$6,875.00. No action was taken concerning the stump grinder.

County Attorney Burton Harding gave an update on his department.

The Clerk presented a Resolution Declaring a Disaster Emergency in Linn County due to the winter weather/extreme cold and natural gas shortage. Rick James moved to adopt Resolution #2021-09 as presented. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of Resolution #2021-09:



At 10:03 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 30 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 10:43 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Tisha Coleman attended the executive session.

At 10:15 AM Tisha Coleman left the executive session.

At 10:43 AM the executive session ended. As a result of the executive session, Rick James moved to hire Jennifer Ballou as an RN to work through November 2022 at a wage of \$25.1808 per hour (Range 14, Step M). Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The salary and benefits will be reimbursed through a grant from the State.

Chris Martin and the Commission discussed the plans for the generators for our buildings. The Commission agreed to continue with the bids for a Health Dept. generator.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, February 22, 2021. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Commission Chair

Attest:

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County Clerk

February 22, 2021

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:01 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. Gary Thompson 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 add/abate/refund orders: #2020-173 and #2020-174. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jim Johnson moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$714,408.24: General, \$174,159.94; Rural Fire, \$1,597.22; Road and Bridge, \$25,979.88; Special Fire Equipment Replacement, \$512,246.00; and County Health Dept., \$425.20. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Bill Matlock, River City Construction, gave an update on the building project. Matlock reported that the weather has affected their work schedule for the past couple of weeks.

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 17 prisoners in house and 11 farmed out to other Counties. Sheriff Friend also reported on the previous week's calls.

Doug Barlet asked the Commission to extend the disaster declaration for another week. Rick James moved to extend the disaster proclamation for another week. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Barlet then informed the Commission that Evergy has proposed giving us a trailer supplied with F500 firefighting foam that could be used by Evergy and by the County. The Commission agreed to accept the trailer with a memorandum of understanding with Evergy.

Louis Aloï, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week. Aloï also presented AMR Challenge Coins to the Commission as a thank you for the County's help during the recent weather events. Aloï also thanked our Dispatchers for their assistance.

Tisha Coleman reported that we have now had 755 positive cases of COVID-19 in Linn County, 37 are still active and we have had 12 deaths. Coleman also gave an update on vaccinations. We have now vaccinated 560 people.

Burton Harding reported on the County Attorney's Office activities for the week.

Jessica Hightower discussed the bylaws for the Economic Development Committee. Hightower asked to appoint Trenton Johnson to the Committee. Rick Johnson moved to appoint Trenton Johnson to the Economic Development Committee. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. (Jim Johnson abstained because Trenton is his son.) Hightower then presented a proposed logo for the Shop Local program. We can buy the logo for \$165.00. Jim Johnson suggested asking the schools to have a design competition. Hightower also discussed a summer history scavenger hunt in the County.

Jackie Messer discussed the Public Works response to the winter storm last week. Messer then presented a PubWorks report showing all projects for January. Messer also reported on the schedule for Public Works this week.

Abby Powell, Marais des Cygnes Extension District, discussed the use of the 4-H Building for the vaccination PODs. Powell discussed everything the building is used for and discussed the schedule for use of the building. Powell also discussed the Extension District's functions.

At 9:51 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session 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, and then for 5 minutes to discuss trade secrets, pursuant to the trade secrets exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(4), concerning a potential new business. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 10:06 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, Tisha Coleman, and Doug Barlet attended the executive session.

At 9:59 AM Tisha Coleman and Doug Barlet left the executive session and Jessica Hightower entered.

At 10:02 AM Jessica Hightower left the executive session.

At 10:06 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 10:07 AM the Chair opened a public hearing to discuss vacating a portion of 2100 Road, beginning at Yancy Road then proceeding east to the State Line. Gary Thompson explained the proposed vacation. The landowner that asked for the vacation and an adjoining landowner discussed their concerns with the Commission. The adjoining landowner is not in favor of vacating the road. Gary Thompson suggested continuing the discussion until March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Rick James moved to continue the Road Vacation Hearing to March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commission and Andy Mayhugh discussed the appointments to the advisory committee for the Comprehensive Plan review.

Gary Thompson presented information on enforcement of Noxious Weed issues.



At 10:27 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 10:42 AM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Jackie Messer attended the executive session.

At 10:42 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

The Commission, Jackie Messer, and Shaun West discussed the County Park operations.

Mike White asked if Wildlife & Parks would be interested in taking over the Park. White also asked about the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Comprehensive Plan.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, March 1, 2021. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Commission Chair

Attest:

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County Clerk

March 1, 2021

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:02 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 add/abate/refund order: #2020-175. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jim Johnson moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$299,078.27: General, \$140,269.12; Employee Benefit, \$75,766.88; Appraiser, \$10,395.93; Rural Fire, \$9,582.01; Road and Bridge, \$42,737.58; Law Enforcement Trust, \$357.82; 911 Telephone Tax, \$7,266.24; County Health Dept., \$10,673.03; and Elderly, \$2,029.66. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Bill Matlock, River City Construction, gave an update on the building project.

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 18 prisoners in house and 10 farmed out to other Counties. Sheriff Friend also reported on the previous week's calls and discussed issues with a house that was moved this weekend.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week.

Burton Harding reported on the County Attorney's Office activities for the week.

Rick James discussed Senate Bill 245 concerning coal fired power plants.

Jackie Messer discussed the request from the Gordon Parks Museum to install a sign in front of our Courthouse. Danny McCullough moved to allow Jackie Messer to sign the contract with the Gordon Parks Museum to install the sign. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Messer then presented bids for Noxious Weed chemicals. Rick James moved to approve buying the Noxious Weed chemicals for 2021 from Van Diest Supply Company. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Messer also presented the Annual Noxious Weed Report for approval. Danny McCullough moved to approve and sign the Annual Noxious Weed Report. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Don George discussed the contract between KCP&L/Everygy and the Kansas Dept. of Wildlife and Parks for the Power Plant Lake.

Danny McCullough moved to appoint Alison Hamilton, Brandon McGinnis, Theresa Miller, Erika Gilbert, and Hal Aggers to the Citizens Advisory Committee for our Comprehensive Plan. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 10:14 AM the Chair asked for public comment. None was given.

At 10:15 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 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 10:35 AM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 10:25 AM Burton Harding entered the executive session.

At 10:35 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Jackie Messer discussed the proposals for bridge replacements. Messer suggested having our On-Call Engineer handle the bidding process for the Hell's Bend bridge. Rick James moved to use our On-Call Engineer (Pfefferkorn Engineering & Environmental LLC) to manage the bidding process for the Hell's Bend bridge project. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Rick James moved to accept the bid from Pfefferkorn to design and bid out the K31 & Botkin bridge project in the amount of \$32,680.00, provided Pfefferkorn does not bid on the bridge construction. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jim Johnson moved to appoint Donnie Rhyneron as the District #3 non-Fire Dept. member on the Fire Board. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, March 8, 2021. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Commission Chair

Attest:

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County Clerk

March 8, 2021

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:03 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; Cindy Holt, Deputy County Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Rick James led the Pledge of Allegiance. Gary Thompson opened the meeting with prayer.

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

Rick James moved to approve add/abate/refund order: #2020-176. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jim Johnson moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$276,977.30: General, \$199,700.56; Employee Benefit Fund, \$55.13; Appraiser, \$105.77; Rural Fire, \$2,946.37; Road and Bridge, \$66,160.54; Law Enforcement Trust, \$760.65; 911 Telephone Tax, \$58.25; County Health Dept., \$1,103.51; Elderly, \$5,238.83; and Linn County Sewer District #1, \$847.69. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Rick James moved to approve the Sheriff's Monthly Fee Report for February 2021 in the amount of \$3,705.00. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commission reviewed the YTD Park Report for February 2021.

Bill Matlock, River City Construction, gave an update on the building project.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week. They have had ten transports so far in March and still have one full time paramedic out on medical leave. Anderson introduced Michael Thompson, who is a new part time paramedic for AMR.

Chris Martin presented a renewal quote for KnowBe4 which is a Security Awareness Training platform. Danny McCullough Moved to approve renewal of KowBe4 in the amount of \$2,484.00. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Burton Harding reported on the County Attorney's Office activities for the week. Harding thanked Chris Martin for helping his office work through problems with software. Rick James asked Harding if he could provide a general monthly report on cases to help keep the public informed.

The Deputy Clerk reported Fire Calls for Doug Barlet. The Fire Department has had 115 calls year to date, 43 calls for service this past week, 2 medical assists, and 43 grass/brush fires. Barlet also noted there is a marginal chance for severe weather this Wednesday and Thursday.

Jackie Messer discussed delaying the opening of the Oil Bids. Messer would like to wait a week as he found the bid request was not advertised properly. Bids already received will still be considered or they can be re-submitted. Messer also gave an update on various projects he is working on.

Rick James motioned to sign the Noxious Weed Management Plan that was presented last week. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 9:37 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 5 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 15 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, Counselor, and Jackie Messer attended the executive session.

At 9:52 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 9:52 AM the Chair asked for public comment. None was given.

Tisha Coleman reported that we have now had 767 positive cases of COVID-19 in Linn County, 20 are still active and we have had 12 deaths. The Health Department has given 1,340 vaccines, 910 which were prime, 430 were boost. They are near the end of Phase 2 and will have to wait on the approval from the Governor to begin Phase 3. Coleman then gave a report on the duties of the Health Department. The Commission discussed the COVID Vaccine Clinics and the staff it takes to put on the clinics.

Gary Thompson presented the updated employment contract with Robin Spencer. Rick James moved to approve the employment contract as presented. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commission discussed the funding that is given to the Historical Society.

Chris Martin presented the bids for the Health Dept. generator. After qualifying the bids, Martin recommends accepting the bid from Kelly Electric in the amount of \$20,000.00. Danny McCullough moved to accept the bid from Kelly Electric contingent upon Martin securing funding in the amount of \$20,000.00 and moved to allow Martin to sign for the funding. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commission discussed selling the old Health Department building. The request for bids will published for two weeks in the paper. The current generator will remain in the building until a buyer is obtained to see if that buyer wants to purchase it.

At 11:02 AM Rick James moved to take a 10-minute break. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commission, Jackie Messer, and Al Doan discussed the Solid Waste Department operations.

The Deputy Clerk presented a Surplus Property Resolution requested by the Fire Dept. Jim Johnson moved to adopt Resolution #2021-10 as presented. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of Resolution #2021-10:



With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, March 15, 2021. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Commission Chair

Attest:

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County Clerk

March 15, 2021

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:05 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. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Rick James moved to approve River City Construction's Application for Payment #6 in the amount of \$433,750.03. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. (The payment is included in the weekly claims run.)

Jim Johnson moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$749,206.59: General, \$152,555.86; Employee Benefit, \$84,034.84; Appraiser, \$9,803.18; Rural Fire, \$3,584.20; Road and Bridge, \$38,213.04; Law Enforcement Trust, \$365.95; 911 Telephone Tax, \$1,446.83; County Health Dept., \$24,612.85; Capital Improvement (Construction), \$433,750.03; and Elderly, \$839.81. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Warren Moody, River City Construction, gave an update on the building project. Moody reported that the rain has slowed down the work. The low temperatures in February also delayed the work. All of the utilities have now been moved.

Gary Thompson presented River City Construction's Change Order #3 for Utility Relocation in the amount of \$2,434.89. Danny McCullough moved to approve Change Order #3 as presented. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week.

The Clerk reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 14 prisoners in house and 7 farmed out to other Counties.

Doug Barlet reported on the weather for the week and the recent fire calls. Barlet then asked to purchase 50 pails of F500 to replace what was recently used in the amount of \$7,250.00. Rick James moved to approve the purchase of F500 as requested. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Burton Harding reported on the County Attorney's Office activities for the week.

Tisha Coleman reported that we have now had 780 positive cases of COVID-19 in Linn County, 20 are still active and we have had 12 deaths. Coleman then presented her State grant applications totaling \$184,328.00. Rick James moved to approve and sign the grant applications as presented. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Skip Childress discussed the Mound City Historical Society. Childress stated that she has a roof leak on the old Depot building in the Mound City Historical Park. Childress also stated that she needs someone with a ladder truck to put a new rope on the flagpole. The Clerk also discussed a listing of the disbursements of the Historical Society funds. Rick James moved to send the payments directly to the 5 Historical Societies in the County, instead of 1 check to the Linn County Historical Society. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jackie Messer reported that he has a tank of used oil in La Cygne that he needs to dispose of. At 9:49 AM the Commission opened bids for road oil for the year. Jackie Messer will qualify the bids and make a recommendation to the Commission. Messer reported that he will be advertising for bids for asphalt overlays for the year. Messer then asked about opening our Senior Centers for rental. The Commission agreed to open the centers for rental, with proper cleaning and disinfecting.

Rick James moved to allow Jackie Messer to work with Blue Mound Township to install two culverts. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Rick James moved to approve Burial Permit #BP2021-02 requested by Peoples Telecommunications. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 10:24 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 20 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; for 5 minutes to discuss the acquisition of real estate, pursuant to exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6), concerning preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real estate; and for 30 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 11:19 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Tisha Coleman attended the executive session.

At 10:37 AM Tisha Coleman left the executive session and Jackie Messer entered.

At 11:04 AM Jackie Messer left the executive session.

At 11:19 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Gary Thompson read a proposed Notice of Sale of Real Estate for the old Health Dept. building. Rick James moved to give notice of our intent to sell the building located at 902 Main St., Pleasanton, KS. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, March 22, 2021. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Commission Chair

Attest:

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County Clerk



March 22, 2021

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:07 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 add/abate/refund orders: #2020-177 and #2020-178. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jim Johnson moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$256,885.35: General, \$155,234.41; Appraiser, \$845.97; Rural Fire, \$630.83; Road and Bridge, \$94,484.59; 911 Telephone Tax, \$2,198.78; County Health Dept., \$1,781.95; and Elderly, \$1,708.82. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jim Johnson moved to appoint Rebecca Wallace-Antrim as the Stanton Township Clerk. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 19 prisoners in house and 7 farmed out to other Counties.

Bill Matlock, River City Construction, gave an update on the building project.

The Clerk reported the COVID-19 numbers for the Health Dept. We have now had 784 positive cases in Linn County, 17 are still active and we have had 12 deaths.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week. Anderson also discussed an upcoming training with one of the air ambulance services.

Doug Barlet discussed the new fire trucks that arrived last week. Jeff Wisdom brought one of the trucks to the meeting for the Commission to see. Barlet stated that the Fire Board voted to donate the two trucks that are being replaced to Cities within the County, or to departments in surrounding Counties if our Cities don't want them. The Commission agreed to donate the trucks as requested by the Fire Board. Barlet will prepare a Surplus Property Resolution so we can dispose of the trucks. Jeff Wisdom, on behalf of the Fire Board, thanked the Commission for purchasing the fire trucks.

Burton Harding reported on the County Attorney's Office activities for the week. Harding also discussed the diversion program.

Jessica Hightower informed the Commission that she would like to have Teresa Whitaker appointed to the Economic Development Committee to replace Erica Kern. Danny McCullough moved to appoint Teresa Whitaker to the Economic Development Committee. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jackie Messer discussed the house moving issue in the County. Messer then discussed applications for summer help for the Public Works Dept. Messer asked to increase Jeff Byerley's wages as a temporary mower to \$11.9783 (Range 3, Step Z), due to his 11 years of experience with the County. Rick James moved to approve increasing Byerley's wages as requested. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jackie Messer asked to hire David Ferrin as a Mechanic for the North Road Shop. Danny McCullough moved to hire David Ferrin as a Mechanic at a wage of \$17.0016 per hour (Range 9, Step L). Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Messer then asked to hire Tammy Grimes as the Annex Office Assistant at a wage of \$14.4212 per hour (Range 8, Step A). Rick James moved to hire Tammy Grimes as requested. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Messer also informed the Commission that Cathy Sherman has submitted her resignation. Sherman was also a backup driver for the Transportation Dept. Joyce Hall discussed our increased need for another driver due to a dialysis patient in the County. The Commission agreed to allow Messer and Hall to search for a part-time driver for the Transportation Dept.

Messer then discussed the bids for road oil that were opened last week. Messer recommends purchasing our road oil for 2021 from Vance Brothers. Rick James moved to approve purchasing road oil from Vance Brothers. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Messer also presented repair estimates from Foley Equipment for a Caterpillar 963 Track Loader in the amount of \$19,454.25. Rick James moved to approve the repairs from Foley Equipment in the amount of \$19,454.25. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Messer also discussed repairs to 4<sup>th</sup> Street in La Cygne. 4<sup>th</sup> Street is a connecting link road. The Commission and Messer then discussed blind corners at Quail Road and 125 Road and at K31 and 350 Road.

Matt Godinez and Taylor Hogue, SEK Regional Planning Commission, discussed the programs and services they offer.

Kevin Wood, Prescott Mayor, discussed the Prescott compactor with the Commission. Wood would like to keep the compactor open at Prescott.

Jackie Messer informed the Commission that he has two requests from Cities to expand the fences around the compactors. Messer and Gary Thompson are looking into the issue.

At 10:38 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 20 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 10:58 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Doug Barlet attended the executive session.

At 10:58 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 10:59 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 11:14 AM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Doug Barlet attended the executive session.

At 11:09 AM Doug Barlet left the executive session.

At 11:14 AM the executive session ended. As a result of the executive session, Doug Barlet asked to hire Alex Gresham and Kevin Stanbrough as Firefighters at Station 910 (Mound City). Jim Johnson moved to hire Alex Gresham and Kevin Stanbrough as Probationary Firefighters for Station 910. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk and Commission discussed proposed updates to the Employee Handbook. The Clerk will send a copy of the handbook with the proposed revisions to all Department Heads. The Department Heads will be asked to submit their comments and/or requests for additional revisions by April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Commission will review the proposed changes again on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Andy Mayhugh presented a request to vacate a portion of a road near of Montgomery Road and K52 Highway. Mayhugh and Gary Thompson will research the issue and report to the Commission at a later meeting.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, March 29, 2021. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Commission Chair

Attest:

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County Clerk

March 29, 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. Gary Thompson opened the meeting with prayer.

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

Jim Johnson moved to approve add/abate/refund orders: #2020-179 through #2020-181. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jim Johnson moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$296,823.95: General, \$128,725.43; Employee Benefit, \$91,610.92; Appraiser, \$11,863.38; Rural Fire, \$14,477.30; Road and Bridge, \$39,292.44; Law Enforcement Trust, \$321.97; County Health Dept., \$9,862.32; and Elderly, \$670.19. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 15 prisoners in house and 7 farmed out to other Counties.

Doug Barlet reported the Fire Calls for the week and the year to date. Barlet then presented Resolution #2021-11, declaring two fire trucks as surplus property. Rick James moved to approve Resolution #2021-11 as presented. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Rick James moved to approve donating the two fire trucks to the City of Linn Valley and West Mineral Fire Dept., and to allow Doug Barlet to sign the agreements with Linn Valley and West Mineral. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of Resolution #2021-11:



Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week.

Tisha Coleman reported that we have now had 786 positive cases of COVID-19 in Linn County, 15 are still active and we have had 12 deaths.

Alysia Dennis presented information on a grant and discussed services offered with the grant funding including Maternal Child Care, Prenatal Classes, Depression Screenings, Breastfeeding Support, and other outreach activities.

Jessica Hightower reported on last week's Economic Development Committee meeting. Hightower is looking for two more committee members. Hightower also reported that the current Economic Development Committee Officers are: Mat Casner, President; Janell Aust, Vice President; and Christine Teagarden, Secretary & Treasurer. Hightower then presented a CDBG-CV Grant Application for J. Dumcum Services LLC in the amount of \$5,000.00. Jim Johnson moved to approve the grant application as presented. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jackie Messer discussed the house that needs to be moved off of a County road. Messer also discussed bids for asphalt overlays and discussed issues with the quality of gravel from a local quarry. Messer then reported that KDHE did a surprise inspection of some of our compactor sites, we had no deficiencies. Messer also reported that we have been approved for a grant for the purchase of a new transportation van.

At 9:46 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 to discuss trade secrets, pursuant to the trade secrets exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(4), concerning businesses in Linn County. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 10:11 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Jessica Hightower attended the executive session.

At 9:53 AM Jessica Hightower left the executive session and Doug Barlet entered.

At 9:56 AM Doug Barlet left the executive session and Tisha Coleman entered.

At 10:02 AM Tisha Coleman left the executive session.

At 10:11 AM the executive session ended. As a result of the executive session, Doug Barlet asked to hire Seth Davidson as a Firefighter at Station 930 (Centerville). Jim Johnson moved to hire Seth Davidson as a Probationary Firefighter at Station 930. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 10:12 AM the Commission opened bids for the sale of the house located at 120 S 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Mound City. The only bid received was from Randy and Jennifer Leach. After reviewing the bid, Rick James moved to accept the bid from Randy and Jennifer Leach in the amount of \$210,000.00, and enter into a contract for sale of the property. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Tisha Coleman asked to approve a transfer for Amanda Snyder from the County Clerk's Office to Health Dept. Rick James moved to approve transferring Amanda Snyder to the Health Dept. as the Healthy Start Home Visitor/Breastfeeding Peer Counselor/Clerical Assistant at a wage of \$14.4212 per hour (Range 8, Step A), effective April 12<sup>th</sup>. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 10:15 AM the Chair asked for public comment. None was given.

At 10:16 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting for 5 minutes. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Teresa Whitaker, Danielle Souza, and Jake Mattingley City of Pleasanton, discussed a proposed partnership between the City of Pleasanton and Linn County. Mattingley stated that he believes Pleasanton should be the economic hub for the County and would like to discuss tax incentives for development in Pleasanton. The Commission and the representatives from Pleasanton also discuss the possibility of using the Pleasanton Community Center for the Elderly Meals program.

Janet Reynolds, La Cygne Historical Society, discussed the La Cygne Museum and services they provide.

Gary Thompson presented a request to close a portion of a road near Montgomery Road. Jim Johnson moved to publish a Proposal to Vacate Road. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 11:04 AM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 15 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 11:19 AM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 11:19 AM the executive session ended. As a result of the executive session, Danny McCullough moved to adopt Resolution #2021-12, exempting Linn County from the Governor's mask mandate. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of Resolution #2021-12:

**RESOLUTION # 2021-12**

**An Order Exempting Linn County, Kansas from the Face Mask Mandate Provisions of Executive Order 20-68 and From Any Executive Order Substantially Reissuing EO 20-68 Under Any Other Title**

WHEREAS the Governor of Kansas has issued Executive Order No. 20-68, mandating the use of face masks in all public areas and certain non-public areas; and,

WHEREAS, under the authority of Senate Bill 40, the Governor has re-issued the requirements of said Order under different title, to wit:

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WHEREAS such mandate may allow for enforcement through civil penalties for persons who do not wear face masks in public; and,

WHEREAS, Kansas Senate Bill 40, Section 6(h)(1), authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to issue orders relating to public health that include provisions that are less stringent than the provisions of an executive order effective statewide issued by the Governor; and

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners of Linn County, Kansas, has consulted with the local health officials and following such consultation, the Board has determined that the use of face masks in public is not necessary to protect the public health and safety of the county;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Commissioners of Linn County, Kansas, sitting both as the Board of Commissioners and as the Board of Health of the county, that the Board hereby determines and orders that the use of face masks in public or in non-public areas,

as required by the Governor's Executive Order No. 20-68 as reissued under other title, is not required in Linn County, Kansas, and that Linn County shall be exempt from the face mask provision of Said Executive Orders, but that citizens of the County are encouraged to use face masks when in public or in close proximity to others not in their own household.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Commission/Board of Health supports and encourages the School Districts in Linn County to require masks and social distancing measures in school and at school activities to the extent those Districts find such requirements advisable.


Adopted on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS and  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
LINN COUNTY, KANSAS

Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

Member \_\_\_\_\_

Member \_\_\_\_\_



Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, April 5, 2021. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Commission Chair

Attest:

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County Clerk

April 5, 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. Gary Thompson 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 add/abate/refund orders: #2020-183 through #2020-189. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jim Johnson moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$277,119.94: General, \$113,530.12; Appraiser, \$79.81; Rural Fire, \$5,779.09; Road and Bridge, \$60,653.87; Special Machinery, \$90,507.00; 911 Telephone Tax, \$1,457.80; County Health Dept., \$2,923.63; Elderly, \$2,169.63; and Sewer Dist. #1, \$18.99. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jim Johnson moved to approve the Sheriff's Monthly Fee Report for March 2021 in the amount of \$6,865.00. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commission reviewed the YTD Park Report for March 2021.

The Clerk reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 17 prisoners in house and 8 farmed out to other Counties.

Bill Matlock, River City Construction, gave an update on the building project.

Louis Aloï, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week. Aloï also presented the written report for March.

Robin Spencer reported that we have now had 797 positive cases of COVID-19 in Linn County. Spencer also reported that they have vaccinated almost 2000 people in the County.

Doug Barlet reported on the weather for the week. Barlet reported on the fire calls for the week and the year. Barlet then discussed the criteria for initiating a burn ban.

Robin Spencer discussed Senate Bill 40 that was signed by the Governor. SB40 allows the Commission to make more decisions relating to pandemics.

Burton Harding reported on the County Attorney's Office activities for the week and discussed the number of cases that have been filed this year.

Jackie Messer discussed dust control for County roads and the house that is still on one of our roads. The Commission opened bids for asphalt overlays. Bids received were: Killough Construction, Inc., \$772,420.32; Bettis Asphalt & Construction, \$734,568.30; and Superior Bowen, \$899,381.20. Messer and the Asphalt Foreman will qualify the bids and report back to the Commission.

Messer then discussed electrical issues at the County Park. Messer also presented a report on the intersection at 125 Road and Quail Road. Messer then presented a report on the landfill cell project. Messer stated that we could use ground material from the landfill for the taxiways at the airport.

Messer then asked to hire Aurelia Caruthers as a Cabin Cleaner, Terry Powell as a Backup Park Clerk, and Clyde Shafer as an Equipment Operator. Rick James moved to hire Aurelia Caruthers as a Cabin Cleaner at a wage of \$8.9978 per hour (Range 2, Step A, Seasonal Employee). Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Jim Johnson moved to hire Terry Powell as a Backup Park/Marina Clerk at a wage of \$8.9978 per hour (Range 2, Step A, Seasonal Employee). Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Jim Johnson moved to hire Clyde Shafer as an Equipment Operator, North Shop at a wage of \$15.2181 per hour (Range 8, Step I, Full Time Employee). Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Messer also asked if we could hire a temporary (summer) groundskeeper. The Commission stated that they are open to the idea.

Messer and Jessica Hightower discussed clearing a property owned by the Linn County E-Community Foundation. The Commission was not in favor of doing any work on the property at this time.

At 10:25 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss trade secrets, pursuant to the trade secrets exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(4), concerning a local business; 15 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, and 10 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 11:00 AM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Jessica Hightower attended the executive session.

At 10:32 AM Jessica Hightower left the executive session.

At 10:43 AM Jackie Messer entered the executive session.



At 10:53 AM Jackie Messer left the executive session.

At 11:00 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Gary Thompson discussed the duties of property owners when there is a traffic hazard due to vegetation that restricts the view on a County road.

Thompson then presented a deed from the County to Randy and Jennifer Leach for the property located at 120 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Mound City. Danny McCullough moved to allow the Chair to sign the deed as presented. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Joyce Hall introduced the new Public Works Assistant Tammy Grimes.

The Clerk and Commission discussed updates to the Employee Handbook. Jackie Messer stated that he has some suggestions on the handbook to bring up next week.

The Commission, Jackie Messer, Harry Wisdom, Mike Nation, Kevin Amer, and Tod Moeller discussed the Road & Bridge Dept. operations.

Tod Moeller advised the Commission he would like to accept the bid from Bettis Asphalt & Construction for our asphalt overlays this year. Rick James moved to accept the bid from Bettis Asphalt & Construction for asphalt overlays in the amount of \$734,568.30. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, April 12, 2021. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Commission Chair

Attest:

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County Clerk

April 12, 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; Cindy Holt, Deputy County Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Rick James led the Pledge of Allegiance. Gary Thompson opened the meeting with prayer.

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

Rick James moved to approve add/abate/refund order: #2020-190 and #2020-191. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Rick James moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$794,419.51: General, \$134,596.22; Employee Benefit, \$88,116.34; Appraiser, \$9,708.81; Rural Fire, \$5,730.30; Road and Bridge, \$46,287.33; Law Enforcement Trust, \$332.26; County Health Dept., \$11,450.94; Capital Improvement (Construction), \$496,679.86; Elderly, \$1,419.39; and Sewer Dist. #1, \$98.06. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Warren Moddy, River City Construction, gave an update on the building project.

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 15 prisoners in house and 17 farmed out to other Counties.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week.

Rick James gave a report for Tisha Coleman that we have now had 812 positive cases of COVID-19 in Linn County, 20 are still active and we have had 12 deaths.

Doug Barlet reported the Fire Calls for the week and the year to date. Barlet then asked to hire Chris Christian as a Firefighter at Station 930, Centerville. Jim Johnson moved to hire Chris Christian as a Probationary Firefighter for Station 930. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Barlet stated that the previous hire for Station 930, Eddie Schultz, declined the position as he thought it was full-time. Barlet reported that training is scheduled for the two new Fire Apparatus on April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. This is an 8-hour program. The Fire Board would like to provide lunch for those attending training. The Commission agreed to providing lunch. Barlet then presented restitution paperwork for a fire at 600 & Montgomery. The total cost of fighting the fire has been calculated \$5,457.83, plus up to a \$1,000 Fine for burning on a day when banned, and a \$250 fine for not calling in before burning. Barlet discussed the Burn Ban Procedures. The Fire Board met, as requested. The Board did not find any modifications to be made to the procedures.

Burton Harding spoke about current case load.

At 9:49 AM the Chair asked for public comment. Debbie Ballou spoke to the Commission about the vacation of a County road to her residence.

Jackie Messer discussed the house that needs moved from a County road. Messer reported the Airport is scheduled for a State inspection. Messer then discussed the Centerville Sewer System and the need to adopt a plan for new connections. Messer reported that he is setting up training for Public Works employees.

At 10:10 AM the Commission opened bids for the sale of the old Health Dept. building. Bids received were: Natural Yucca Products, Michelle Kilgore, \$1,000 for the Building and \$500 for the Generator. Rick James moved not to accept the bids received. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 10:15 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 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 30 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 10:55 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Deputy Clerk, Counselor, and Jackie Messer attended the executive session.

At 10:25 AM Jackie Messer left the executive session.

At 10:52 AM Rick James moved to extend the executive session for 20 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 11:12 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The Commission, Deputy Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 11:12 AM the executive session ended. As a result of the executive session Danny McCullough moved to sell the 4.9-acre tract of land off Tucker Road for \$5,000 to Skylar Martin with the understanding that the road that goes through the property will be closed in the future. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Danny McCullough then moved to allow Rick James, Commission Chair to sign the deed. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Also, as result of the executive session, Danny McCullough moved to accept a higher offer for the purchase of the old Health Department Building from Michelle Kilgore in the amount of \$6,000 for the Building and \$1,000 for the Generator. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

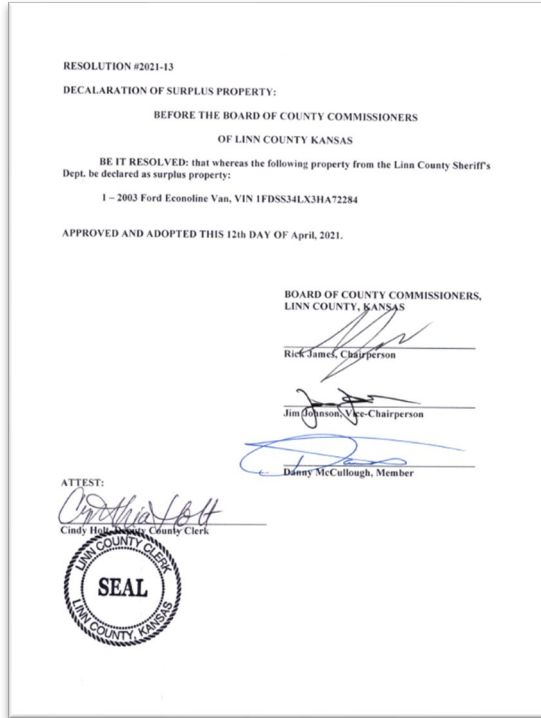
Jim Johnson moved to approve River City Construction's Application for Payment #7 in the amount of \$496,679.86. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. (The payment is included in the weekly claims run.)

Jackie Messer asked to hire Clint Szuwalski as a Noxious Weed employee. Rick James moved to hire Clint Szuwalski as a Noxious Weed employee at a wage of \$13.8681 per hour (Range 7, Step G). Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Alison Hamilton addressed the Commission, discussing the Trading Post Museum and services they provide.

Messer then asked to correct the wages for Aurelia Caruthers, Seasonal Cabin Cleaner and Terry Powell, Seasonal Backup Park Clerk. Wages were misstated when originally hired. Rick James moved to correct wages for Aurelia Caruthers and Terry Powell from \$8.9978 per hour to \$10.0596 per hour (Range 2, Step O, Seasonal Employee). Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jim Johnson moved to adopt Resolution #2021-13, declaring a 2003 Ford Econoline Van from the Sheriff's Dept. as surplus property. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of Resolution #2021-13:



Deputy Clerk presented new hires for the Clerk's Office. Rick James moved to hire Morgan Northcutt as an Election Clerk/HR Assistant at a wage of \$15.4933 per hour (Range 8, Step J) effective 4/19/2021, Colleen Kalleck as an Accounts Payable/Office Assistant at a wage of \$14.6528 (Range 8, Step C) effective 4/26/2021, and promoting Katie Parscale to a Payroll Clerk/HR & Election Assistant at a wage of \$15.1274 (Range 8, Step G) effective 4/19/2021. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commission and Deputy Clerk reviewed proposed changes to the employee handbook.

At 11:55 AM Rick James moved to take a 5-minute break. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commission and Doug Barlet discussed the Fire Dept. operations.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, April 19, 2021. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Commission Chair

Attest:

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County Clerk

April 19, 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; Cindy Holt, Deputy County Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Rick James led the Pledge of Allegiance. Sheriff Friend opened the meeting with prayer.

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

Rick James moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$199,591.72: General, 129,163.23; Appraiser, \$717.28; Rural Fire, \$567.25; Road and Bridge, \$61,396.48; 911 Telephone Tax, \$1,508.05; County Health Dept., \$928.20; and Elderly, \$5,311.23. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Bill Matlock, River City Construction, gave an update on the building project.

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 15 prisoners in house and 7 farmed out to other Counties. The Sheriff discussed a grant received for Narcan, a drug that reverses effects of opioids. The grant allowed the Sheriff to purchase enough Narcan for Linn County Deputies and for City Law Enforcement Officers. The Sheriff reported that new communications equipment for Dispatch will be installed this week. There is also a Mock Crash scheduled at Pleasanton High School this Wednesday at 12:30 PM.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week. Anderson also reviewed the March monthly ambulance report.

Doug Barlet reported on the weather for the upcoming week. Barlet reported that testing of the Storm Sirens will take place Wednesday afternoon or Thursday, weather permitting. Barlet also reported on Rural Fire calls. Barlet asked for permission to send firefighters to a 3-day training program in Labette County. Rick James moved to allow those firefighters available to attend the training including the cost for hotel, meal per diem, and registration fees. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Tisha Coleman reported that we have now had 816 positive cases of COVID-19 in Linn County, 21 are still active and we have had 12 deaths. Coleman also stated that the Johnson & Johnson vaccination was paused on April 13<sup>th</sup>. The CDC recommendation is that anyone who develops a severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain, shortness of breath within three weeks of getting the vaccine should contact their health care provider. Coleman then presented updated pamphlets on services that the Health Department provides.

Jackie Messer informed the Commission that the Airport Inspection was completed by the state. We have not yet received a report from the inspection. Messer updated the Commission on training and other Public Works activities.

Messer then requested to hire Kimberly Grigsby as a Part Time Van Driver. Rick James moved to hire Kimberly Grigsby as requested at a wage of \$12.3638 (Range 6, Step A). Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Messer then asked to purchase Grader Attachments (Rock Savers) for the Road Equipment. Rick James moved to allow purchase of two Grader Attachments (Rock Savers) in the amount of \$12,250. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Messer then presented a report for March for Public Works.

At 10:37 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 20 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 10:57 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Tisha Coleman attended the executive session.

At 10:45 AM Tisha Coleman left the executive session.

At 10:57 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Jessica Hightower gave an update to the Commission.

The Deputy Clerk discussed Handbook updates with the Commission.

Hightower presented a CBDG Grant for approval. Rick James moved to approve the grant presented for Shafer Automotive in the amount of \$4,969.67. Danny McCullough seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, April 26, 2021. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Commission Chair

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County Clerk

April 26, 2021

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:03 AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Linn County Courthouse Annex, Mound City, Kansas. Those present were Rick James, Chair; Danny McCullough, Member; Cindy Holt, Deputy County Clerk; Morgan Northcutt, Clerk's Office employee; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Rick James led the Pledge of Allegiance. Gary Thompson opened the meeting with prayer.

Danny McCullough moved to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting as printed. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Rick James moved to approve add/abate/refund order: #2020-192. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Rick James moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$357,647.61: General, 141,328.54; Employee Benefit, \$117,647.34; Appraiser, \$10,557.28; Rural Fire, \$16,636.32; Road and Bridge, \$58, 447.79; Law Enforcement Trust, \$282.80; County Health Dept., \$11,508.19; and Elderly, \$1,239.35. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Sheriff Friend reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 17 prisoners in house and 7 farmed out to other Counties.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week.

Jessica Hightower updated the Commission about the Youth Employment Grants that were awarded. Grants awarded were to the Lake Shop, Linn Valley; Cox Motor Company, Pleasanton; White Elephant Buttress, Mound City; Dream Scape, Mound City; SEK Oil Production, Blue Mound; Linn County News, Pleasanton; Double K Construction, Mound City; Mound City Butcher Block, Mound City; Wade Remodeling, Centerville; Netherfield Natural Farm, Fontana. Peoples Telecom, LaCygne was selected as an alternate. Hightower discussed the factors used to determine the grant selections and what the grants provide. Hightower recommended appointing two members of the Economic Development Committee, Josh Baldwin as a Representative for District 2 and Clint Eastwood as a Representative for District 3. Danny McCullough moved to appoint Josh Baldwin for District 2 as recommended. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The appointment of Clint Eastwood will be reviewed when Commissioner Johnson returns next week. Hightower then recommended appointing a new member to the Regional Planning Commission Loan Committee. The Commission will also wait to appoint this member until Commissioner Johnson returns next week. Hightower discussed the CBDG Grant applications with the Commission. Because of low applicants, Hightower would like to increase the amount of dollars already awarded to applicants. If the money is not awarded it will be lost. The Commission tabled this item until next week.

Tisha Coleman reported that we have now had 819 positive cases of COVID-19 in Linn County, 26 are still active and we have had 12 deaths. Coleman gave the Commission an overview of infant vaccinations. Coleman then requested to purchase electronic keycard access for the Health Department doors in the amount of \$4,320. This is within Coleman's purchasing limit. The Commission agreed to the purchase. Coleman also asked to spend \$1,219 to repair a fan for the Health Department's vaccine refrigerator. The Commission agreed to the purchase. Coleman discussed a grant they received for branding for the Health Department. The Commission agreed to allow Coleman to move forward with the branding process.

Rick James read a card received from a Linn County Resident stating the Linn County Vaccine Clinics were efficiently ran.

Jackie Messer gave Public Works update. Messer reported training has been scheduled for Flagger and Blade Operator Training.

Rick James motioned to sign the Southeast Kansas Works Chief Elected Official Board Agreement. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

At 9:42 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 40 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, 15 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, and 15 minutes to discuss trade secrets, pursuant to the trade secrets exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(4), concerning a potential new business. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 10:47 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The Commission, Cindy Holt, Morgan Northcutt, Counselor, and Jessica Hightower attended the executive session.

At 9:57 AM Jessica Hightower left the executive session and Tisha Coleman entered. At 10:07 AM Tisha Coleman, Cindy Holt, and Morgan Northcutt left the executive session. At 10:17 AM Jackie Messer, Cindy Holt, and Morgan Northcutt entered. At 10:37 AM Jackie Messer left the executive session.

At 10:47 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

The Deputy Clerk discussed Handbook updates and KPERS Working After Retirement rules with the Commission.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, May 3, 2021. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

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Commission Chair

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County Clerk

May 3, 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; Cindy Holt, Deputy County Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Rick James led the Pledge of Allegiance. Gary Thompson opened the meeting with prayer.

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

Rick James moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$144,711.36: General, \$45,948.96; Employee Benefit, \$7,500.00; Appraiser, \$229.43; Rural Fire, \$110.31; Road and Bridge, \$49,202.29; 911 Telephone Tax, \$35,385.96; County Health Dept., \$4,647.82; and Elderly, \$1,686.59. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Bill Matlock, River City Construction, gave an update on the building project.

Dee Horttor requested to hire Warren Barger at Station 920 (Pleasanton). Danny McCullough moved to hire Warren Barger as a Probationary Firefighter at Station 920. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Rick James gave an update from the Health Department. Linn County now has had 826 positive cases of COVID-19, 11 are still active, 1 is hospitalized, and we have had 12 deaths.

Galen Anderson, AMR, spoke about staff and a wage increases for their employees.

Jessica Hightower recommended to appoint Clint Eastwood as a member to the Economic Development Committee for District 3. Jim Johnson moved to appoint Clint Eastwood as recommended. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Hightower then discussed appointing someone to the Regional Planning Commission Loan Committee. Rick James moved to appoint Jessica Hightower to the Regional Planning Commission Loan Committee. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Hightower discussed the CBDG Grant applications. There are three outstanding applications. The deadline to apply is May 14, 2021. Hightower discussed allowing those already approved for grants to apply to receive more grant funds, dependent on the required documentation being submitted to qualify. Once the deadline to apply has passed this will be revisited. The City Officials meeting has been set for May 25, 2021, 6:00 PM at Bunker Hill. Rick James moved to hold a special meeting on May 25, 2021 at 6:00 PM at Bunker Hill for a City Officials meeting. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Hightower announced that the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Tourism has started a fishing derby program in Kansas. The competition will go from May 31, 2021 to July 31, 2021. Critzer Lake is the participating Lake in Linn County.

Jackie Messer presented the Landfill Cell bids. Bids received were: Bogan Farms, \$79,665; Victory, \$172,880; Clafin Excavating, \$138,939. Rick James moved to accept the bid from Bogan Farms in the amount of \$79,665, which includes digging a new cell at the Landfill and removing 24 inches of dirt at the Airport. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Messer then proposed re-forming an Airport Committee. The Commission agreed to creating the Airport Committee. Messer discussed damages to the Courthouse from the wind. He is working on a contract to get the repairs made. Messer presented Burial Permit 2021-03 for Telecom Construction and Century Link to dig a trench for a telephone line on Osborn Road. Rick James moved to approve Burial Permit 2021-03 as presented, pending receipt of payment. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 9:42 AM the Chair asked for public comment. Ron Nickelson spoke to the Commission about placing a drop box by the Veteran's Memorial in front of the Courthouse for distressed or frayed flags. Rick James made a motion to allow the drop box to be placed. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. Then motion passed 3-0.

At 9:45 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 20 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 10 minutes to discuss trade secrets, pursuant to the trade secrets exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(4), concerning a potential new business. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 10:15 AM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Deputy Clerk, Counselor, Jessica Hightower, and Jackie Messer attended the executive session.

At 9:55 AM Jessica Hightower left the executive session. At 10:08 AM Jackie Messer left the executive session and Jessica Hightower entered.

At 10:15 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 10:16 AM Rick James moved to take a 5-minute break. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

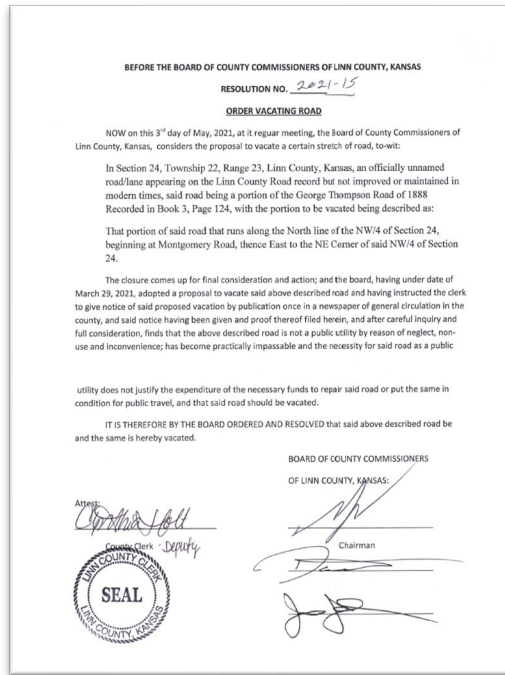
At 10:22 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 15 minutes for legal advice from the County Counselor which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, pursuant to the consultation with attorney exception listed in K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2), concerning obtaining legal advice from the County Counselor. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 10:37 AM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Andy Mayhugh, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 10:32 AM Andy Mayhugh left the executive session. At 10:37 the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

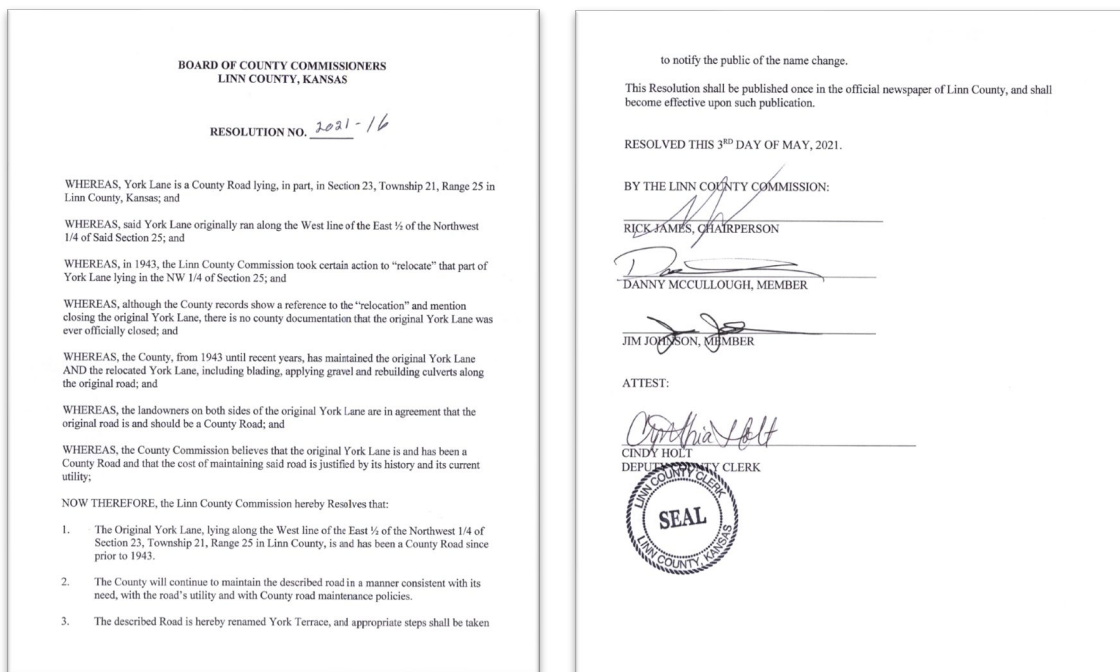
At 10:40 AM Rick James moved to extend the executive session for 10 minutes for legal advice from the County Counselor which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, pursuant to the consultation with attorney exception listed in K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2), concerning obtaining legal advice from the County Counselor. The open meeting will

resume in the Commission Room at 10:50 AM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The Commission and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 10:40 AM the Chair opened the hearing to vacate a portion of George Thompson Road. Gary Thompson explained the proposed vacation. At 10:45 AM the Chair closed the hearing. Jim Johnson moved to adopt Resolution #2021-15, approving the order vacating a portion of George Thompson Road located in Section 24, Township 22, Range 23. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of Resolution 2021-15:



Gary Thompson presented Resolution 2021-16, declaring that York Lane has been a County Road since prior to 1943, the County will continue to maintain the road, and is renaming York Lane to York Terrace. Danny McCullough moved to adopt Resolution 2021-16 as presented. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of Resolution 2021-16:



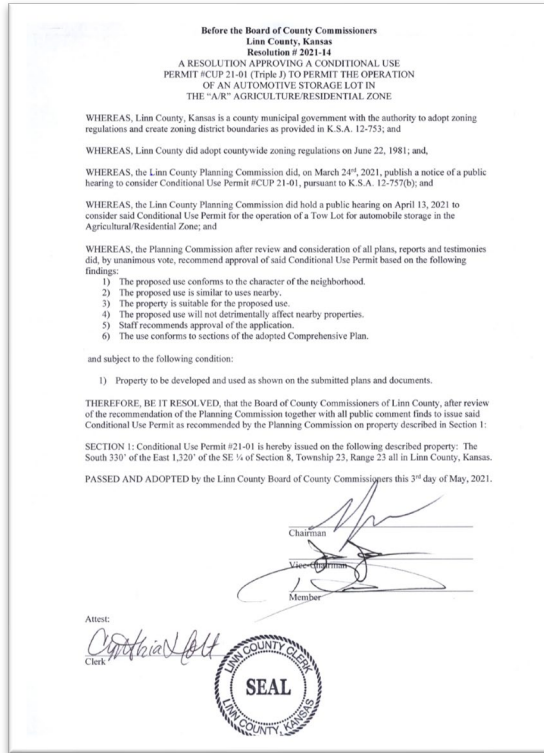
Andy Mayhugh presented CUP #21-01 requested by Triple J Towing to permit the operation of an automotive storage lot in the "A/R" Agricultural/Residential Zone. The CUP was approved by the Planning Commission by unanimous vote with the following findings:

- 1) The proposed use conforms to the character of the neighborhood.
- 2) The proposed use is similar to uses nearby.
- 3) The property is suitable for the proposed use.
- 4) The proposed use will not detrimentally affect nearby properties.
- 5) Staff recommends approval of the application.
- 6) The use conforms to sections of the adopted Comprehensive Plan.

and subject to the following condition:

- 1) Property to be developed and used as shown on the submitted plans and documents.

After reviewing the findings and conditions of the Planning Commission, Rick James moved to approve CUP #21-01, adopt the findings of the Planning and Zoning Commission, and adopt Resolution #2021-14. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of Resolution #2021-14:



Gary presented an Employment and Leave Agreement for Jennifer Ballou. Danny McCullough moved to allow Rick James to sign the Employment and Leave Agreement for Jennifer Ballou. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jackie Messer requested to hire Johnny Taylor as an Equipment Operator I, at a wage of \$13.3529 per hour (Range 7, Step A). Rick James moved to hire Johnny Taylor, as requested, contingent on him obtaining his CDL within 60 days. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 11:07 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 30 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, for the purpose of interviewing a candidate for the County Appraiser position. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 11:37 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Morgan Northcutt, and Katherine Bridges attended the executive session.

At 11:58 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, May 10, 2021. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Commission Chair

Attest:

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County Clerk



May 10, 2021

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:03 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; Cindy Holt, Deputy County Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Rick James led the Pledge of Allegiance. Gary Thompson opened the meeting with prayer.

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

Rick James moved to approve the Sheriff's Monthly Fee Report for April 2021 in the amount of \$2,662.50. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Rick James moved to approve add/abate/refund orders: #2020-193 through #2020-195. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Rick James moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$338,136.72: General, \$135,584.65; Employee Benefit, \$128,735.91; Appraiser, \$9,826.76; Rural Fire, \$3,361.79; Road and Bridge, \$45,540.49; Law Enforcement Trust, \$417.73; County Health Dept., \$11,325.77; Elderly, \$3,278.44; and Sewer Dist. #1, \$65.18. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Bill Matlock, River City Construction, gave an update on the building project.

Jackie Messer asked to hire Heather Wells as the Noxious Weed Director. Rick James moved to hire Heather Wells as the Noxious Weed Director, at a wage of \$15.5749 per hour (Range 9, Step A). Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission discussed putting Pest Control out for bids.

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 19 prisoners in house and 6 farmed out to other Counties.

Galen Anderson AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week.

Doug Barlet gave an update on Fire calls and spoke about weather from the past weekend.

Chris Martin spoke to the Commission about doing a tower inspection. Martin budgeted for tower maintenance in the amount of \$5,000 but received a proposal that included items he was not expecting. The proposal includes \$1,800 for the tower inspection, \$1,500 for crew mobilization, and \$4,000 for plumb and tension, including minor repairs. Martin stated that we also need to move a camera for Emergency Management that is included in the proposal. The cost is lower if we do both at the same time. Rick James moved to hire Hayden Tower Services for the inspection, plumb and tension, and moving the camera in the amount of \$8,050. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 9:30 AM Rick James moved to take a 15 break to take a tour of the Judicial Center building project. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Burton Harding gave an update on activities at the Attorney's Office.

Leslea Rockers with the Kansas Area Agency on Aging spoke to the Commission about the Senior Meal Program. Leslea also talked about the other services provided by the Area Agency on Aging and discussed the possibility of purchasing a new van.

Jackie Messer introduced Heather Wells the new Noxious Weed Director. Messer also introduced Carl Wieberg, Noxious Weed employee. Messer then gave a Public Works Department update. Messer reported that Blade Operator Training is scheduled for this Tuesday and field training is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday.

At 10:20 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session 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 and then for 5 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 10:35 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Deputy Clerk, Burton Hardin, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 10:31 AM Burton Harding left the executive session. At 10:35 the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 10:40 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 30 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 11:10 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Kevin Case, KCAMP Attorney, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 11:11 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 20 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 15 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 11:46 AM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Deputy Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 11:46 AM Rick James moved to extend the 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 12:01 PM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The Commission, Deputy Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 12:01 PM Danny McCullough moved to extend the 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 12:16 PM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The Commission, Deputy Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 12:16 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Rick James gave an update for Tisha Coleman. We have now had 838 positive cases of COVID-19 in Linn County, 20 are still active and we have had 12 deaths.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, May 17, 2021. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Commission Chair

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County Clerk

May 17, 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; Cindy Holt, Deputy County Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Rick James led the Pledge of Allegiance. Gary opened the meeting with prayer.

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

Rick James moved to approve add/abate/refund order: #2020-196. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commission reviewed the YTD Park Report for March 2021.

Rick James moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$1,337,235.93: General, \$187,097.08; Employee Benefit, \$25.41; Appraiser, \$1,063.10; Rural Fire, \$8,722.26; Road and Bridge, \$89,382.72; 911 Telephone Tax, \$1,511.53; County Health Dept., \$22,372.02; Capital Improvement (Construction), \$1,025,964.52; and Elderly, \$1,097.29. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Warren Moody, River City Construction, gave an update on the building project.

Rick James moved to approve River City Construction's Application for Payment #8 in the amount of \$1,025,964.52. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Gary Thompson presented River City Construction's Change Order #6 to use welded frames in lieu of knock down frames, in the amount of \$5,489.79. Danny McCullough moved to approve Change Order #6 as presented. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-1. (Jim Johnson voted no)

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 19 prisoners in house and 6 farmed out to other Counties.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week.

Tisha Coleman reported that we have now had 836 positive cases of COVID-19 in Linn County, 11 are still active and we have had 12 deaths. Coleman reported that with our COVID-19 numbers low, it was recommended that Linn County residents can now test out of quarantine on day 6 or 7 to shorten the quarantine period. Coleman stated that the Johnson & Johnson vaccine has been un-paused. Coleman then gave an update on activities at the Health Department.

Gary Thompson presented arial photos of the Justice Center. Thompson also discussed President Biden's 30 by 30 plan. This plan is a Federal push to conserve 30% of U.S. Land & Waterways by 2030.

Cindy Holt reported weekly fire calls for Doug Barlet. There were 183 calls last week, 2 false alarms, 1 medical assist, 1 Landing Zone.

Jackie Messer gave an update for Public Works. Messer reported that three Grants were submitted for recycling trailers for the schools. Messer presented the Public Works Report for April. Messer then presented an Agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation to replace a bridge located on Botkin Road. Messer presented a proposal from ER Restoration to clean out an oil tank that is full of waste oil in the amount of \$8,300. Rick James moved to approve the proposal from ER Restoration in the amount of \$8,300. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Andy Mayhugh presented a grant of easement associated with a lot split located at Wattles & 600 Road. Danny McCullough moved to sign the grant of road easement associated with a lot split. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Messer informed the Commission that Tom Dennis resigned. Messer will post his position.

Rick James moved to sign the agreement with the Kanas Department of Transportation to replace a bridge located on Botkin Road. Linn County is responsible for 10% of the funding (in the amount of \$327,846) and the State is responsible for 90% of the funding. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 9:58 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 20 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 25 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 10:43 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Andy Mayhugh attended the executive session.

At 10:08 AM Andy Mayhugh left the executive session and Jackie Messer entered.

At 10:15 AM Jackie Messer left the executive session. At 10:43 AM the executive session ended. As result of the executive session Jackie Messer submitted his resignation as Public Works Administrator effective June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Rick James thanked him for his years of service to the County.

The Clerk presented the Blue Cross & Blue Shield Health Insurance Renewal. Our rates are up 0.14% from last year. Danny McCullough moved to approve the Blue Cross & Blue Shield Health Insurance Renewal as presented. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commission, Clerk, and other Department Heads and Elected Officials discussed the Employee Handbook Updates.

At 11:30 AM Rick James moved to take a 5-minute break and then recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 25 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, for the purpose of interviewing a candidate for the County Appraiser position. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 12:00 PM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Morgan Northcutt, and Dusty Schuler attended the executive session.

At 12:01 PM Rick James moved to extend the executive session for 5 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 12:06 PM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The Commission attended the executive session.

At 12:06 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Jackie Messer presented Burial Permit 2021-03 for signature. This permit was approved previously, pending payment. Payment has now been received.

Messer then presented bids for Pest Control. The bid accepted would be under contract until January of 2022. Bids received were: Busy Bugs; Annual cost of \$2,652, Purinton Pest Control; Annual \$5,280. Jackie will review and present a recommendation next week.

Rick James moved to accept the Appraisal Rolls for Real Estate. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jim Johnson moved to approve and sign the amended Interlocal Agreement Establishing a Regional Solid Waste Authority. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk presented the Audit Contract with Diehl, Banwart, Bolton, CPAs in the amount of \$15,375 and an additional \$3,000 to Audit the Federal SPARKS Grant Funds. Danny McCullough moved to approve and sign the Contract for Auditing Services as presented. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, May 24, 2021. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Commission Chair

Attest:

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County Clerk

May 24, 2021

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:01 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. Gary Thompson opened the meeting with prayer.

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

Jim Johnson moved to reschedule the May 31<sup>st</sup> regular meeting to Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> due to the Memorial Day holiday. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

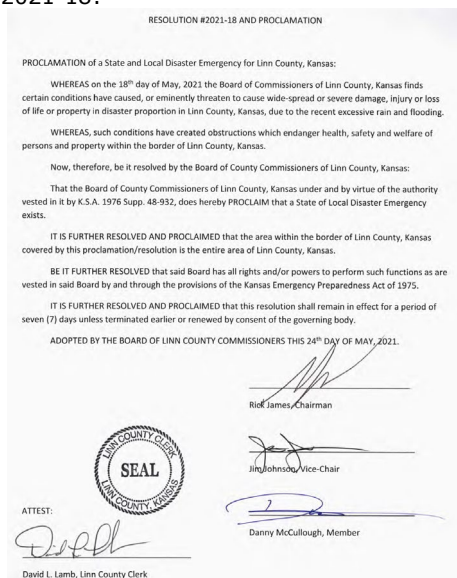
Jim Johnson moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$374,200.97: General, \$188,227.59; Employee Benefit, \$99,996.41; Appraiser, \$10,279.93; Rural Fire, \$6,212.23; Road and Bridge, \$58,498.07; Law Enforcement Trust, \$330.93; County Health Dept., \$8,966.29; Capital Improvement, \$60.00; and Elderly, \$1,629.52. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jim Johnson moved to accept the Appraisal Rolls for Personal Property. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Warren Moody, River City Construction, gave an update on the building project. Weather has hampered the project, but they are still making progress.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the for the past week and updated the Commission on other issues they are working on.

Doug Barlet presented Resolution #2021-18, declaring a state of emergency disaster due to flooding. Jim Johnson moved to adopt Resolution #2021-18 and to extend the Disaster Declaration for another week. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of Resolution #2021-18:



Barlet also discussed a KnoxBox that is required for the new Judicial Center. The KnoxBox is a secure key to provide access to the building for the Fire Dept.

Rick James reported that we have now had 838 positive cases of COVID-19 in Linn County, 4 are still active, and we have had 12 deaths.

Jessica Hightower discussed last week's Economic Development Committee meeting. Hightower presented 7 applications for CDBG-CV grants totaling \$45,000.00 and an invoice for payment to SEKRPC for \$1,650.00 for admin fees. Jim Johnson moved to approve the applications as presented, approve the invoice from SEKRPC, and to allow the Chair to sign the anti-duplication agreements. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The grants were approved for the following businesses: McElreath Excavating, Willard Automotive, Big Ideas Gun & Pawn, A+ Storage, Maudie's Liquor Store, Mound City Butcher Block, and 1 Stop.

Hightower then discussed Project 17. The Commission agreed to continue participating in Project 17.

Burton Harding discussed issues his office is working on this week.

Andy Mayhugh presented a grant of easement and discussed the process for issuing a lot split. Mayhugh explained that normally he approves lot splits, but he is the party requesting this lot split, so he would like to have Lot Split #21-03 approved by the Commission. Danny McCullough accept Lot Split #21-03 requested by Andrew R. and Karla D. Mayhugh, accept the grant of easement, and allow the Chair to sign. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Gary Thompson presented an application from the City of Mound City for reduced C&D fees on a property located at 614 Main St, Mound City. Rick James moved to approve the application as presented. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jackie Messer discussed dust control for County roads. Messer also discussed the permit renewal for the landfill. Messer also asked about issuing a credit card for Joyce Hall for the Public Works Dept. Rick James moved to approve a credit card for Public Works for Joyce Hall with a \$5,000.00 limit. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Messer then discussed replacing a maintainer at the South Shop for \$130,000.00, including trade in. Jim Johnson moved to purchase a used maintainer for \$130,000.00, including trade-in. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Messer recommended awarding the pest control contract to Busy Bugs Pest Control. Rick James moved to approve the bid from Busy Bugs Pest Control LLC, in the amount of \$2,652.00, for pest control services until January 1, 2022. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 10:26 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 30 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 10:56 AM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Jackie Messer attended the executive session.

At 10:56 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

The Commission and The Goldberg Group discussed issues with the Justice Center. There are electrical issues that were discovered that need to be corrected to meet codes. The cost of correcting the code issues would be around \$140,000.00. The Commission stated that the cost should be covered by The Goldberg Group.

The Clerk, Counselor, and Commission discussed updates to the Employee Handbook.

At 11:38 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 25 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 12:13 PM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, Jackie Messer, and Shaun West attended the executive session.

At 11:56 AM Shaun West left the executive session.

At 12:03 PM Jackie Messer left the executive session.

At 12:13 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 12:17 PM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 5 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 12:22 PM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 12:22 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Rick James moved to hire Katherine Bridges as the new County Appraiser effective July 1, 2021 as an Exempt-Contract Employee with a salary of \$85,000.00 per year, sign the Employment Agreement with Bridges, and adopt Resolution #2021-17 appointing Bridges as the Linn County Appraiser. (As an exempt employee, Bridges will not accrue vacation or sick leave.) Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of Resolution #2021-17:



The Commission agreed to the new Handbook revision, with one change on the Leave section. Danny McCullough moved to change the section concerning the payout of Vacation and Sick leave for employees in an exempt employee status to include paying out their accrued vacation and ¼ of their accrued sick leave. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jackie Messer asked to hire Diedre Malcom as a seasonal employee at a rate of \$10.0522 per hour (Range 3, Step D). Rick James moved to hire Malcom as requested. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 6:00 PM Tuesday, May 25, 2021. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. (No action will be taken at the May 25<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting.)

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Commission Chair

Attest:

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County Clerk

June 1, 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; and David Lamb, County Clerk. Rick James led the Pledge of Allegiance. David Lamb opened the meeting with prayer.

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

Jim Johnson moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$869,940.69: General, \$151,001.47; Employee Benefit, \$2,152.00; Appraiser, \$242.86; Rural Fire, \$3,801.27; Road and Bridge, \$82,189.16; 911 Telephone Tax, \$15,492.18; County Health Dept., \$2,620.54; Debt Service (Sales Tax), \$610,515.63; and Elderly, \$1,925.58. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Danny McCullough moved to approve and sign a Letter of Recommendation for AMR. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 18 prisoners in house and 6 farmed out to other Counties. Sheriff Friend also discussed budget issues with the Commission.

Warren Moody, River City Construction, gave an update on the building project.

Tisha Coleman reported that we have now had 841 positive cases of COVID-19 in Linn County, 3 are still active, and we have had 12 deaths.

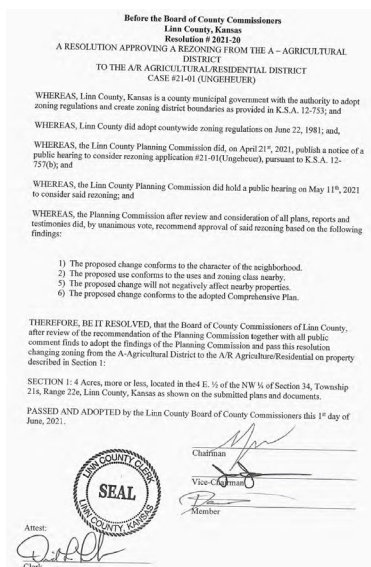
Jeff Boyd, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week. The Commission and Boyd discussed response times and a possible location for a new La Cygne area ambulance station.

At 9:57 AM the Chair asked for public comment. None was given. Rick James then moved to take a 5 minute recess. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Andy Mayhugh presented Zoning Case #Z21-01 requested by David Ungeheuer, rezoning a 4 acre tract located in the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 34, Township 21S, Range 22E, from the A Agricultural Zone to the A/R Ag./Residential Zone for lot-split purposes. The Planning Commission recommended approval by a 6-0 vote with the following findings:

- 1) The proposed change conforms to the character of the neighborhood.
- 2) The proposed use conforms to the uses and zoning class nearby.
- 3) The proposed change will not negatively affect nearby properties.
- 4) The proposed change conforms to the adopted Comprehensive Plan.

Rick James moved to adopt the findings of the Planning Commission and approve Zoning Case #Z21-01 as presented, and to adopt Resolution #2021-20. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of Resolution #2021-20:



Jackie Messer discussed dust control, landfill cell construction, and work that will be done at the airport next week. Messer discussed numerous other issues Public Works is working on.

The Clerk reported the weekly and YTD fire call information. The Fire Dept. has responded to 195 calls this year, 9 in the past week including 5 EMS calls, 2 vehicle fires, and 2 false alarms. The Clerk also reported that we just received our State Assessed Valuation and it is up \$2,030,830. Overall our valuation is up around \$9,000,000.

At 10:25 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 30 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 10:55 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Jackie Messer attended the executive session.

At 10:44 AM Jackie Messer left the executive session.

At 10:55 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.



At 10:56 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 20 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 11:16 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The Commission and Clerk attended the executive session.

At 11:16 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 11:17 AM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 25 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 11:42 AM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The Commission, Clerk, Morgan Northcutt, Pam Cannon, and Chris Martin attended the executive session.

At 11:32 AM Chris Martin left the executive session.

At 11:42 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 11:44 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 11:59 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The Commission and Clerk attended the executive session.

At 11:46 AM Shaun West entered the executive session.

At 11:59 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 12:01 PM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 12:11 PM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Shaun West attended the executive session.

At 12:11 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive sessions at this time.

County Attorney Burton Harding read a Press Release concerning possible Murder in the First Degree resulting from an incident in the County on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

As a result of the earlier Executive Sessions, Rick James moved to approve the following personnel changes: move Shaun West to the Planning and Zoning/Codes Dept. with no salary adjustment at this time, effective June 1<sup>st</sup>; move Jason Petric to a Truck Driver position at the South Road Shop at a wage of \$16.8027 per hour, effective May 18<sup>th</sup>; move Mike Nation to the North Road Shop Foreman position at a wage of \$20.2552 per hour, effective May 18<sup>th</sup>; move Jeremy Willard to the South Road Shop Mechanic position at a wage of \$17.5049 per hour, effective May 18<sup>th</sup>; and appoint Sheri Loveland as the Interim Park Manager at a wage of \$15.1274 per hour, effective May 31<sup>st</sup>. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk presented the revised Employee Handbook. Danny McCullough moved to approve the revisions to the Employee Handbook as presented and to adopt Resolution #2021-19. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of Resolution #2021-19:



With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, June 7, 2021. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Attest:

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Commission Chair

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County Clerk



June 7, 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.

Danny McCullough 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 \$294,364.34: General, \$122,638.21; Employee Benefit, \$108,307.53; Appraiser, \$9,546.26; Rural Fire, \$3,134.89; Road and Bridge, \$39,107.03; Law Enforcement Trust, \$353.67; County Health Dept., \$9,454.17; and Elderly, \$1,822.58. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Rick James moved to approve the Sheriff's Monthly Fee Report for May 2021 in the amount of \$6,012.50. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 17 prisoners in house and 4 farmed out to other Counties.

Warren Moody, River City Construction, gave an update on the building project. Moody also provided a list of the contingency funds that are available in various parts of the project.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the for the past week and updated the Commission on other issues they are working on.

Doug Barlet discussed a memorial donation of \$270.00 that was received from the family of Terry Anthony Boyle. Barlet then asked to hire Allen Yang at Station 960 (Prescott). Danny McCullough moved to hire Allen Yang as a Probationary Firefighter at Station 960. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Barlet also asked for approval to spend the budgeted \$10,000.00 for annual vehicles inspections and pump testing. Rick James moved to approve the annual vehicle inspections and pump testing for up to \$10,000.00. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Barlet then asked to spend up to \$30,000.00 that was budgeted for new gear. Rick James moved to approve the gear purchases for up to \$30,000.00. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Barlet also asked for permission for himself and Linda Simons to attend the annual KEMA Conference. The Commission agreed to allow Barlet and Simons to attend the conference. Barlet then presented the 2022 Rural Fire Budget Request in the amount of \$639,722.00 (\$9,758.00 decrease). Rick James moved to tentatively approve the 2022 Rural Fire Budget in the amount of \$639,722.00. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk reported that we have now had 844 positive cases of COVID-19 in Linn County, 6 are still active, and we have had 13 deaths.

Doug Barlet presented the Local Emergency Operations Plan document. The Commission will review the plan and discuss next week.

Pam Cannon asked for approval to renew the ESRI license for 3 years at a cost of \$27,500.00 per year. Danny McCullough moved to approve the ESRI license renewal as requested. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Cannon then presented the 2022 GIS Budget Request in the amount of \$148,300.00 (no change). Rick James moved to tentatively approve the 2022 GIS Budget in the amount of \$148,300.00. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 10:08 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session 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 10:18 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 10:18 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 10:19 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session 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 10:29 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 10:29 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 10:30 AM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 15 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 10:45 AM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Warren Moody attended the executive session.

At 10:45 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Road Foremen Harry Wisdom, Mike Nation, and Tod Moeller discussed the Road Dept. operations with the Commission.

John Platt presented the 2022 Tri-Ko Budget Request in the amount of \$82,499.00. Jim Johnson moved to tentatively approve the 2022 Tri-Ko Budget in the amount of \$82,499.00 (no change). Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jessica Hightower presented the CDBG agreements for signatures that were approved 2 weeks ago. Hightower also asked to proceed with the \$16,000.00 in grants that were approved by the Economic Development Committee. Rick James moved to authorize Hightower to proceed with the \$16,000.00 in grants that were approved by the Economic Development Committee. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Hightower then asked for a credit card for her department. Rick James moved to approve a credit card with a \$5,000.00 limit for the Economic Development Department. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Shaun West reported on Public Works issues that he is working on. West presented bids for repairs on the fuel system at the airport. Danny McCullough moved to approve the repairs for the airport fuel system in the amount of \$1,085.00. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. West reported that the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism is requesting waiver of dumping fees at the County Landfill. The Commission advised that they need to fill out the proper request form. Rick James moved to approve the request from KDWP&T upon completion of proper paperwork. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. West also informed the Commission that he received a request from the City of Parker for assistance with a Chip & Seal project. The estimated cost for materials is \$15,000.00. Commission agreed to continue the program with Cities for Chip & Seal projects.

11:41 AM Rick James moved to take a 5 minute break, and then to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 30 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; for 20 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; and for 10 minutes to discuss trade secrets, pursuant to the trade secrets exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(4), concerning a potential new business. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 12:46 PM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Doug Barlet attended the executive session.

At 11:56 AM Doug Barlet left the executive session.

At 12:08 PM Jessica Hightower entered the executive session.

At 12:23 PM Jessica Hightower left the executive session.

At 12:24 PM Morgan Northcutt entered the executive session.

At 12:46 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 12:47 PM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 30 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 01:17 PM. ?? seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Morgan Northcutt attended the executive session.

At 1:02 PM Morgan Northcutt left the executive session.

At 1:10 PM Shaun West entered the executive session.

At 1:17 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 1:18 AM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 1:28 PM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Shaun West attended the executive session.

At 1:28 PM the executive session ended. As a result of the executive session, Danny McCullough moved to temporarily increase Sheri Loveland's wage as the Interim Park Manager to \$15.8682 per hour (Range 8, Step M) effective May 31, 2021 and to temporarily increase Shaun West's wage while he is managing Public Works issues to \$23.0094 per hour (Range 12, Step U) effective May 31, 2021. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, June 14, 2021. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Commission Chair

Attest:

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County Clerk

June 14, 2021

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:01 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; and David Lamb, County Clerk; and Morgan Northcutt, Deputy County Clerk. 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. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Rick James moved to approve River City Construction's Application for Payment #9 in the amount of \$656,069.56. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. (Payment #9 is included in this week's Claims.)

Jim Johnson moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$918,606.96: General, \$54,940.37; Employee Benefit, \$7,925.04; Appraiser, \$2,083.46; Rural Fire, \$3,181.72; Road and Bridge, \$56,427.30; Special Machinery, \$130,000.00; 911 Telephone Tax, \$1,514.25; County Health Dept., \$3,980.66; Capital Improvement (Construction), \$656,069.56; Elderly, \$2,161.05; Economic Development Grant, \$250.00; and Sewer Dist. #1, \$73.55. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commission reviewed the YTD Park Report for May 2021.

Warren Moody, River City Construction, gave an update on the building project. The jail pods are scheduled to arrive in August. Rick James reported that Larry Goldberg stated that GGA is going to cover the cost of Change Order #5.

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 19 prisoners in house and 4 farmed out to other Counties. Sheriff Friend also reported on the motorcycle rally that was held in Pleasanton this weekend.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week. Anderson presented a written copy of last month's calls.

Tisha Coleman reported that we have now had 847 positive cases of COVID-19 in Linn County, 8 are still active, and we have had 13 deaths. Coleman stated that they are working on community outreach and reported on recent activities.

County Attorney Burton Harding stated that he should have his budget proposal ready next week.

Doug Barlet presented a disaster proclamation due to last week's storm. Rick James moved to adopt Resolution #2021-21, declaring a Local Disaster Emergency in Linn County due to the storms that occurred last Friday, and to extend the disaster declaration for an additional week. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of Resolution #2021-21:



Barlet discussed the response to last week's storm and thanked other departments that helped with the response and cleanup.

Jessica Hightower reported that 13 businesses submitted applications for the additional \$1,000.00 in CDBG-CV funds. Danny McCullough moved to approve the applications as presented and to allow the Chair to sign the grant forms. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Shaun West discussed a bridge that needs to be repaired on Zenor Road. West also discussed the Public Works response to last week's storm. West reported that the fuel system repairs at the airport have been ordered, and stated that Terracon is reviewing the work on the new cell at the landfill. West then reported on additional issues Public Works is dealing with and asked to send two Noxious Weed employees to training in Manhattan. The Commission agreed to allow the employees to attend the training.

Rick James moved to temporarily appoint Burton Harding as the County Counselor for an executive session to obtain legal advice. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 9:44 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session 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; and for 30 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 10:24 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Deputy Clerk, and County Attorney/Counselor Burton Harding attended the executive session.

At 9:54 AM Burton Harding left the executive session.

At 9:58 AM Jason Parker entered the executive session.

At 10:05 AM Jason Parker left the executive session.

At 10:10 AM Kevin Friend entered the executive session.

At 10:14 AM Kevin Friend left the executive session and Tisha Coleman entered.

At 10:24 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 10:25 AM Danny McCullough moved to take a 5 minute break and then recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 10:40 AM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Deputy Clerk, and Tisha Coleman attended the executive session.

At 10:35 AM Tisha Coleman left the executive session.

At 10:40 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Karen Tuggle presented the 2022 Conservation District Budget Request in the amount of \$43,000.00 (no change). Rick James moved to tentatively approve the 2022 Conservation District Budget in the amount of \$43,000.00. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

County Treasurer Janet Kleweno presented the Interest Report and Delinquent Tax Report. 2021 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Interest was \$15,388.79. Delinquent Real Estate Tax as of March 31, 2021 is \$806,181.41. Delinquent Personal Property Tax as of March 31, 2021 is \$27,976.39.

Kleweno also presented the 2022 Treasurer Budget Request in the amount of \$210,818.05 (\$433.05 increase). Rick James moved to tentatively approve the 2022 Treasurer Budget in the amount of \$210,818.05. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Road Foremen Harry Wisdom and Mike Nation discussed the Road Dept. operations with the Commission, including the storm response and an issue with a bridge at 900 Road & Botkin Road. Jim Johnson moved to increase Jeremy Willard's wages to \$17.9280 per hour (Range 10, Step I) as the Assistant Foreman at the South Road Shop. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 11:11 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 30 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 11:41 AM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Deputy Clerk, and County Treasurer attended the executive session.

At 11:31 AM Janet Kleweno left the executive session and Chris Martin entered.

At 11:41 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 11:11 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 30 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 11:41 AM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Deputy Clerk, and County Treasurer attended the executive session.

At 11:31 AM Janet Kleweno left the executive session and Chris Martin entered.

At 11:41 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 11:42 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 11:52 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Deputy Clerk, and Chris Martin attended the executive session.

At 11:52 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 11:55 AM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 12:05 PM.

Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Deputy Clerk, and Chris Martin attended the executive session.

At 12:05 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 12:07 PM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 12:17 PM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Deputy Clerk, and Chris Martin attended the executive session.

At 12:17 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 12:25 PM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 12:35 PM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Deputy Clerk attended the executive session.

At 12:35 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 12:36 PM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 12:46 PM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Deputy Clerk, and Joyce Hall attended the executive session.

At 12:46 PM the executive session ended. As a result of the executive session, Rick James moved to increase Joyce Hall's wage to \$17.0016 per hour until a Public Works Administrator is hired. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 12:56 PM Rick James moved to take a 10 minute break and then recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 30 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 1:36 PM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Deputy Clerk, and Dean Hanyak attended the executive session.

At 1:36 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, June 21, 2021. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Commission Chair

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County Clerk

June 21, 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; and David Lamb, County Clerk; and Katie Parscale, Deputy County Clerk. Rick James led the Pledge of Allegiance. David Lamb opened the meeting with prayer.

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

Rick James moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$366,937.59: General, \$223,358.40; Employee Benefit, \$71,107.72; Appraiser, \$9,545.84; Rural Fire, \$4,944.89; Road and Bridge, \$45,417.42; Law Enforcement Trust, \$398.14; County Health Dept., \$10,089.22; and Elderly, \$2,075.96. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jim Johnson moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$250.00: General, \$250.00. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Warren Moody, River City Construction, gave an update on the building project. Moody also presented Change Order #7 and Change Order #8 on the building project. The Commission will discuss the change orders with the County Counselor before approval.

County Attorney Burton Harding gave an update on his office. Harding reported that in-person felony hearing will begin July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the for the past week and updated the Commission on other issues they are working on.

Doug Barlet presented a copy of the weekly fire calls to the Commission. Barlet also presented the 2022 Emergency Management Budget Request in the amount of \$148,600.00 (\$1,200.00 decrease). Rick James moved to tentatively approve the 2022 Emergency Management Budget in the amount of \$148,600.00. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Danny McCullough moved to adopt and allow the Chair to sign the Emergency Management Plan Document for submission to the State. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jessica Hightower presented the 2022 Budget Requests for Economic Development in the amount of \$91,000.00 (no change) and Airport in the amount of \$55,200.00 (no change). Rick James moved to approve the 2022 Airport Budget in the amount of \$55,200.00. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Rick James moved to approve the 2022 Economic Development Budget in the amount of \$91,000.00. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Shaun West presented a request to bury telephone cable located at 1700 Road and County Road 1095. Danny McCullough moved to approve Burial Permit #BP2021-04 as presented. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

West asked the Commission to sign a Maintenance Agreement with Foley Equipment for Unit #325 at a rate of \$950.00 per service. Rick James moved to enter into the agreement on Unit #325 as requested. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Rick James moved to temporarily appoint Burton Harding as the County Counselor for an executive session to obtain legal advice. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 9:43 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session 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 9:53 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Shaun West, and County Attorney/Counselor Burton Harding attended the executive session.

At 9:53 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Road Foremen Harry Wisdom and Mike Nation discussed the Road Dept. operations with the Commission. Mike Nation stated that a Road & Bridge Mechanic has resigned so we need to advertise for a Mechanic. Harry Wisdom discussed a bridge that was damaged by farm equipment.

Jim Johnson moved to hire Equipment Operators Roger Vaughn at a wage of \$13.5674 per hour (Range 7, Step C); and Joseph Oldham at a wage of \$14.6528 per hour (Range 8, Step C). Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Sheriff Friend reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 18 prisoners in house and 4 farmed out to other Counties. The Sheriff discussed the number of calls for the past week and the need for archiving of our social media sites. Sheriff Friend also discussed the Zuercher program and maintenance fees that will be due in future years.

Sheriff Friend then presented his 2022 Sheriff Dept. Budget Request in the amount of \$3,249,908.00 (\$671,808.00 increase). Rick James moved to tentatively approve the 2022 Sheriff Dept. Budget in the amount of \$3,249,908.00. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

County Clerk David Lamb presented the following 2022 Budget Requests: Commission, \$82,500.00 (\$550.00 decrease); EMS, \$12,000.00 (no change); Juvenile Intake, \$58,000.00 (\$2,000.00 decrease); Counselor, \$170,500.00 (\$4,250.00 increase); Ambulance, \$914,500.00 (\$2,250.00 increase); 4-H Building, \$29,000.00 (\$2,000.00 decrease); Fair Building, \$3,000.00 (no change), Fair Premium, \$20,000.00 (no change); Historical Society, \$40,000.00 (no change); Special Alcohol, \$2,000.00 (no change); and Special Parks & Recreation, \$1,200.00 (no change). Rick James moved to tentatively approve the 2022 Budget Requests as presented by the County Clerk. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 11:24 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 20 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 11:44 AM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Morgan Northcutt, and Katie Parscale attended the executive session.

At 11:37 AM Sheriff Friend entered the executive session.

At 11:44 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 11:46 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 20 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 12:06 PM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Morgan Northcutt, and Katie Parscale attended the executive session.

At 11:50 AM Chris Martin entered the executive session.

At 12:00 PM Chris Martin left the executive session.

At 12:06 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 12:10 PM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 20 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 12:30 PM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Morgan Northcutt, and applicants for the Public Works Administrator position attended the executive session.

At 12:30 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

The Commission and Shaun West discussed possible buildings for the La Cygne Ambulance Barn.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, June 28, 2021. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Commission Chair

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County Clerk

June 28, 2021

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:02 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 Morgan Northcutt, Deputy Clerk. 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.

Rick James moved to reschedule the next Regular Commission Meeting to Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM due to the Independence Day Holiday. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jim Johnson moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$156,042.57: General, \$108,409.60; Employee Benefit, \$226.93; Appraiser, \$517.66; Rural Fire, \$539.50; Road and Bridge, \$34,947.39; 911 Telephone Tax, \$7,499.00; County Health Dept., \$1,389.25; Elderly, \$2,243.05; and Sewer Dist. #1, \$270.19. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Bill Matlock, River City Construction, gave an update on the building project. Matlock stated that even with the lost work days due to weather, they are still on schedule.

County Attorney Burton Harding presented his 2022 Attorney Budget Request in the amount of \$314,500.00 (\$15,550.00 decrease). Danny McCullough moved to tentatively approve the 2022 Attorney Budget in the amount of \$314,500.00. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 18 prisoners in house and 8 farmed out to other Counties.

Chris Martin presented the 2022 IT Budget Request in the amount of \$153,450.00 (\$370.00 decrease). Rick James moved to tentatively approve the 2022 IT Budget in the amount of \$153,450.00. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Martin also presented a quote from Archive Social for Social Media Archiving in the amount of \$4,788.00 for one year. The Commission agreed to add the Archive Social payment to the IT Budget for 2022.

Lori Simmons presented the 2022 District Court Budget Request in the amount of \$200,300.00 (no change). Rick James moved to tentatively approve the 2022 District Court Budget in the amount of \$200,300.00. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Kristy Schmitz presented the 2022 Register of Deeds Budget Request in the amount of \$144,334.57 (\$17,888.57 increase, includes a one-time microfilm fee of \$24,736.00). Danny McCullough moved to tentatively approve the 2022 Register of Deeds Budget in the amount of \$144,344.57. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week.

Chris Martin presented a proposal from KC Wireless for upgrades to the radio system and towers in the amount of \$8,871.04. There would also be a cost for climbing the tower from Hayden Tower of approximately \$3,500.00. Martin stated that other cost associated with the project would bring the total cost to approximately \$16,000.00. (The cost would be split evenly between Fire, Sheriff, Emergency Management, and Public Works.) Rick James moved to approve the backup repeater project as presented. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Doug Barlet presented information on the rainfall from this weekend's storms. Barlet also discussed the results of a State Fire Marshall inspection on the Health Dept.

Tisha Coleman reported that we have now had 849 positive cases of COVID-19 in Linn County, 2 are still active, and we have had 13 deaths. Coleman discussed COVID issues and grants that are available for the Health Dept. and updated the Commission on upcoming events. Coleman also presented the 2022 Health Dept. Budget Request in the amount of \$406,462.00 (\$558.00 decrease). Rick James moved to tentatively approve the 2022 Health Dept. Budget in the amount of \$406,462.00. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 10:13 AM the Chair asked for public comment. Sandy Scott discussed a vicious dog issue with the Commission. Scott also discussed issues with a blighted property in Trading Post.

At 10:19 AM Rick James moved to take a 5 minute recess. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Nancy Gustin discussed the Nutrition Program in Pleasanton. Gustin discussed the rumor that we may be moving the meal site in Pleasanton. Gustin stated that if they are moving, she would rather move to the Community Building than the Health Dept. building due to the location of the buildings.

Jessica Hightower presented close-out documents for the CDBG-CV grants. Jim Johnson moved to approve the close-out documents as presented and to allow the Chair to sign the documents. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 10:46 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 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 then for 10 minutes to discuss trade secrets, pursuant to the trade secrets exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(4), concerning a potential new business. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 11:06 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Deputy Clerk, and Tisha Coleman attended the executive session.



At 10:51 AM Tisha Coleman left the executive session and Jessica Hightower entered.

At 10:58 AM Jessica Hightower left the executive session.

At 11:06 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Road Foremen Harry Wisdom, Mike Nation, and Tod Moeller discussed the Road Dept. operations with the Commission.

Shaun West presented an application for a waiver of dumping fees due to a fire on a house located at 202 S. 7<sup>th</sup> St., Mound City. The City Treasurer sent a letter of support for the request. Rick James moved to approve the request to waive dumping fees. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. West then presented a bid from Benjamin Souza DBA Odd Jobs Hero for repairing the Compactor Site in Blue Mound. The Commission advised West to advertise for bids in the Linn County News. West also discussed various other Public Works issues he is dealing with.

Matt Godinez, SEK Regional Planning Commission discussed an upcoming grant opportunity for Linn County and all of the Counties in the region. The grant program would not require any money from the County, but Godinez needs us to sign an MOU in order to participate. The MOU is not available yet today, but he will send it for next week's meeting.

At 11:43 AM Rick James moved to take a break for lunch until 12:30 PM and then recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 90 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 2:00 PM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Deputy Clerk, and applicants for the Public Works Administrator position attended the executive session.

At 2:00 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Tuesday, July 6, 2021. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Commission Chair

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County Clerk

July 6, 2021

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:04 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; and David Lamb, County Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Rick James led the Pledge of Allegiance. David Lamb opened the meeting with prayer.

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

Jim Johnson moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$356,585.73: General, \$117,633.19; Employee Benefit, \$151,398.66; Appraiser, \$9,507.79; Rural Fire, \$13,213.63; Road and Bridge, \$52,830.20; Law Enforcement Trust, \$311.68; County Health Dept., \$9,586.25; and Elderly, \$2,104.33. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jim Johnson moved to approve the Sheriff's Monthly Fee Report for June 2021 in the amount of \$3,272.50. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commission reviewed the YTD Park Report for June 2021.

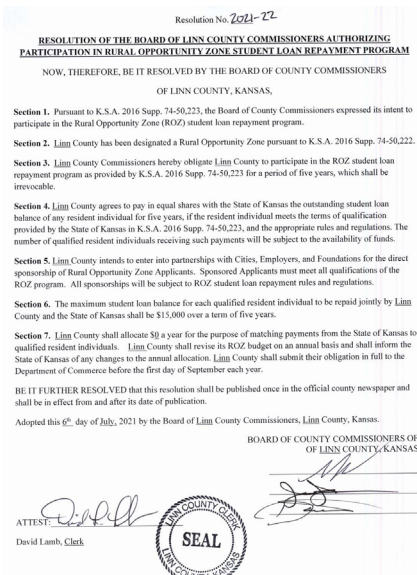
Rick James reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 15 prisoners in house and 8 farmed out to other Counties.

Doug Barlet asked for permission for himself and Linda Simons to attend a class in Wichita in August. The State will pay for the lodging. The Commission agreed to allow Barlet and Simons to attend the class.

Mike Kabulka, AMR, reported on their calls for the for the past week and updated the Commission on other issues they are working on.

The Commission and Counselor discussed paving options for the Justice Center parking area and discussed when or if the Annex will be torn down.

Jessica Hightower presented the Rural Opportunity Zone resolution for 2021. Rick James moved to adopt Resolution #2021-22, Rural Opportunity Zone Program, as presented. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of Resolution #2021-22:



Hightower then discussed the Comprehensive Plan meeting that was held last week. The public meetings have been scheduled at the following times and locations: July 19<sup>th</sup>, Prairie View Middle School; July 20<sup>th</sup>, Pleasanton High School; and July 21<sup>st</sup>, Jayhawk Linn High School. All meetings will be held from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Hightower also reported on the first Airport Committee last week. Hightower and Shaun West discussed the taxiways at the airport and how they relate to the utilities serving the airport. Danny McCullough moved to approve the change order as written for the taxiway project at the airport at a cost of \$7,800.00. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Shaun West discussed Public Works projects he is working on including airport lights, landfill cell construction, and disposal of old oil tanks. Road Foremen Harry Wisdom and Mike Nation discussed issues in their Road Districts.

The Commission and Counselor discussed an offer from an individual to purchase a small tract of ground near the landfill. The Commission would rather give the individual an easement.

Nathan Fawson presented the 2022 SEK Mental Health Budget Request in the amount of \$116,797.00 (\$2,061.00 increase). Fawson also introduced Dr. Doug Wright, Chief Operations Officer and Psychologist. Dr. Wright discussed the programs and services offered by the SEK Mental Health Center. Rick James moved to tentatively approve the 2022 SEK Mental Health Budget in the amount of \$116,797.00. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 10:30 AM Rick James moved to take a 10 minute break and then recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 25 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 11:05 AM.

Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Doug Barlet attended the executive session.

At 10:45 AM Doug Barlet left the executive session.

At 11:05 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 11:07 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 5 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 11:12 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 11:12 AM the executive session ended. As a result of the executive session, Rick James moved to approve Justice Center Change Order #8 in the amount of \$20,336.58. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-1.

Jane Augur addressed the Commission concerning vacating a portion of 500 Road. Her house is the only residence on the portion of 500 Road between K52 and Lee Road. The Commission did not take any action at this time.

Shaun West asked to hire Daniel Gaston as a Temporary Mower at a wage of \$10.0522 per hour (Range 3, Step D). Rick James moved to hire Gaston as requested. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jessica Hightower presented the MOU with SEK Regional Planning Commission that was discussed last week. Jim Johnson moved to approve and to allow Hightower to sign the MOU as presented. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 11:36 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 25 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 12:01 PM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Deputy Clerk Morgan Northcutt attended the executive session.

At 12:01 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

The Clerk informed the Commission of the value change on the power plant and how it will affect our tax income under the new Revenue Neutral Rate.

Danny McCullough discussed the costs associated with the meals program in Pleasanton.

Doug Barlet discussed a email received by the Clerk's Office concerning the bank routing for his paycheck. The policies in place caught the fraudulent request before any changes were made.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, July 12, 2021. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Commission Chair

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County Clerk

July 12, 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; and David Lamb, County Clerk; Morgan Northcutt, Deputy Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Rick James led the Pledge of Allegiance. David Lamb opened the meeting with prayer.

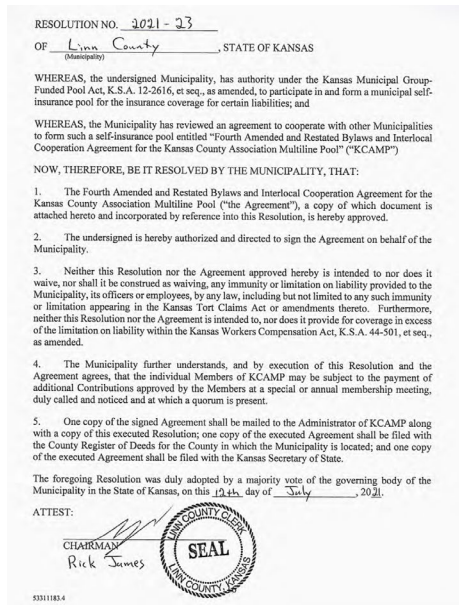
Jim Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting as printed. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Rick James moved to approve River City Construction's Application for Payment #10 in the amount of \$741,564.49. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. (Payment #10 is included in this week's Claims.)

Jim Johnson moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$887,751.42: General, \$75,948.74; Employee Benefit, \$507.46; Appraiser, \$2,390.42; Rural Fire, \$3,061.12; Road and Bridge, \$53,904.01; County Health Dept., \$7,496.00; Capital Improvement (Construction), \$741,564.49; Elderly, \$2,810.19; and Sewer Dist. #1, \$68.99. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jim Johnson moved to approve add/abate/refund orders: #2020-197 through #2020-201. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk presented an amended Bylaws and Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with KCAMP. Rick James moved to approve and sign the Fourth Amended and Restated Bylaws and Interlocal Cooperation Agreement as presented and moved to adopt Resolution #2021-23. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of Resolution #2021-23:



Bill Matlock, River City Construction, gave an update on the building project.

The Clerk reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 16 prisoners in house and 6 farmed out to other Counties.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week. Anderson presented a written copy of last month's calls.

The Clerk reported that he received a call from Chris Martin this morning stating that Archive Social will provide service at no charge for the remainder of the year if we purchase their service starting January 1, 2022.

Shaun West discussed bids for repairs of compactor sites and discussed the Zenor Bridge project. West presented an MOU for crossing a property at the airport. West stated that we should get a bid today for the cleaning of the second oil tank for the Asphalt Dept. Danny McCullough moved to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding with Randy Shannon and to allow the Chair to sign the MOU. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Tisha Coleman reported that we have now had 870 positive cases of COVID-19 in Linn County, 21 are still active, and we have had 13 deaths. Coleman discussed the Delta Variant of COVID-19 and stated that it is in our neighboring Counties and in Missouri. Coleman stated that the Delta Variant is 60% more transmissible than the B.117 Variant. Coleman then discussed future outreach events planned by the Health Dept.

Road Foremen Harry Wisdom and Mike Nation discussed the Road Dept. operations with the Commission.

At 9:43 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 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 5 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 9:58 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Deputy Clerk attended the executive session.

At 9:54 AM the Deputy Clerk left the executive session.

At 9:58 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Shaun West presented the following 2022 Budget Requests: Custodian, \$118,500.00 (\$14,300.00 increase); Solid Waste, \$644,600.00 (\$20,080.00 decrease); Planning & Zoning, \$104,500.00 (\$100.00 decrease); Elderly, \$216,200.00 (\$5,700.00 decrease); Noxious Weed, \$140,300.00 (\$14,200.00 increase); Park, \$303,500.00 (\$4,000.00 decrease); Road & Bridge, \$4,300,500.00 (\$90,750.00 decrease); and Sewer District #1, \$37,000.00 (no change). Rick James moved to tentatively approve the Public Works 2022 Budgets as presented. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

County Appraiser Kathy Bridges presented the 2022 Appraiser Budget Request in the amount of \$375,100.00 (\$15,000.00 increase) and discussed the current status of the office and plans for the future. Rick James moved to tentatively approve the 2022 Appraiser Budget in the amount of \$375,100.00, and to approve the 2022 Reappraisal Budget in the amount of \$51,949.01. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Craig VanWey discussed the Rural Opportunity Zone Program with the Commission. VanWey explained the history of the ROZ Program and described the benefits of the program, including exemption from State Income Tax for up to 5 years and for repayment of student loans.

The Commission and School Superintendents Travis Laver, Shawn Thomas, and Rex Bollinger discussed the SRO Program. The Commission Chair asked the Superintendents about how the SRO program is going. Travis Laver discussed how the program got started in Linn County. Laver also discussed some of the ways they use the services of the SRO. Rex Bollinger discussed how the visibility of an Officer on scene assists his schools. Shawn Thomas discussed ways the SRO's help out in the schools in addition to Law Enforcement. Jim Johnson stated that he is in favor of the SRO program but it is a liability and a big cost to the County and asked if the School Districts could contribute to the program. The Superintendents stated that their budgets have caps and are very tight, but it could be discussed with their School Boards. The Counselor discussed contractually allocating liability to the School Districts.

County Clerk David Lamb presented the following 2022 Budget Requests: Clerk, \$143,350.00 (\$2,404.00 decrease); Election, \$101,500.00 (\$11,500.00 increase); Courthouse, \$364,000.00 (\$92,900.00 decrease); Contingency, \$2,400,000.00 (\$46,000.00 increase); Windfall, \$3,000,000.00 (no change); and Special Building, \$75,000.00 (no change). Rick James moved to tentatively approve the 2022 Budgets as presented. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 11:55 AM Rick James moved to take a break until 1:00 PM and then recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 60 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 2:00 PM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Deputy Clerk, and applicants for the Public Works Administrator position attended the executive session.

At 2:00 PM the executive session ended. As a result of the executive session, Jim Johnson moved to hire Shaun West as the Public Works Administrator (exempt employee) at a salary of \$55,521.00 per year (Range 16, Step A). Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-1. Rick James moved to promote Bobby Young to the Planning & Zoning Director/Codes Enforcement Officer position at a wage of \$19.6198 per hour (Range 12, Step A). Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. (Both changes will be effective 7/12/21.)

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, July 19, 2021. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Commission Chair

Attest:

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County Clerk

July 19, 2021

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:01 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; Morgan Northcutt, Deputy Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Rick James led the Pledge of Allegiance. Gary Thompson 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 \$320,869.35: General, \$126,967.03; Employee Benefit, \$116,251.55; Appraiser, \$12,687.38; Rural Fire, \$12,219.76; Road and Bridge, \$41,015.60; Law Enforcement Trust, \$350.01; County Health Dept., \$9,399.39; and Elderly, \$1,978.63. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Rick James moved to approve add/abate/refund orders: #2020-203 and #2020-204. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk presented the Quarterly Interest Report from the Treasurer. 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter interest was \$129,891.92. Rick James moved to accept the Treasurer's Interest Report as presented. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Warren Moody, River City Construction, gave an update on the building project. Moody also presented a written copy of the updated construction schedule. The Commission and Moody then discussed Change Orders #5 and #7. Rick James moved to approve Change Order #7 in the amount of \$17,150.19. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-1. Gary Thompson discussed the effect of Change Order #5 on the Greatest Maximum Price. Change Order #5 will be reimbursed by Goldberg Group Architects. The change will not affect the total GMP, it will just be adjusted between the construction cost and the design cost. Rick James moved to approve Change Order #5 in the amount of \$196,129.03. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-1. (The change will add to the construction portion of the contract but will deduct the same amount from the design portion of the contract.) Rick James moved to use concrete for the parking area instead of asphalt, contingent on price changes on concrete. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 17 prisoners in house and 6 farmed out to other Counties.

Derek Kabulka, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week.

Robin Spencer reported that we have now had 897 positive cases of COVID-19 in Linn County, 28 are still active, and we have had 13 deaths. The Health Dept. will be offering free sports physicals this week and at later dates by appointment. The Health Dept. is also still offering COVID vaccines. Alicia Dennis discussed the Becoming a Mom class that was held recently. Amanda Snyder discussed this week's Community Baby Shower event.

County Attorney Burton Harding discussed issues his office is working on.

Shaun West discussed the current work schedules for Public Works. West reported that he has met with the Road Foremen to develop plans for replacing equipment. West also reported on current projects Public Works is working on. Road Foremen Harry Wisdom and Mike Nation discussed the Road Dept. operations with the Commission.

At 10:06 AM the Chair asked for public comment. Fred Hermes, Axiom Consulting, LLC, discussed the Prescott Nursing Home. Hermes is working with Jesse Willard on the project. Hermes presented a written report of his qualifications to the Commission and discussed possible plans for the facility in Prescott. Hermes' report shows funding needs of \$652,316.00. Jesse Willard stated that he is looking for financial support from the County. Jim Johnson stated that he is not in favor of raising taxes unless the people of the County vote for it. Gary Thompson explained that the County could make payments out of the General Fund or could establish a Hospital District. The Commission could establish a Hospital District or it could be created by a petition with 51% of the voters in the proposed district. Thompson also stated that there could be a way to create a Bond District. Danny McCullough moved to allow Gary Thompson to work with Jesse Willard to develop a petition to create a Hospital District. The motion died for lack of a second.

GIS Director Pam Cannon presented information on the pictography/imagery that needs to be done in the County. The annual payments over a six year period would be \$35,313.00 per year for the 1<sup>st</sup> 3 years, and then \$36,393.00 per year for the remaining 3 years. Rick James moved to approve the contract with Eagleview in the amount of \$215,118.00, with payments spread over six years, to be paid from the General Fund. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 11:29 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 20 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 12:04 PM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Counselor, and Shaun West attended the executive session.

At 11:54 AM Shaun West left the executive session.

At 12:04 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

County Clerk David Lamb presented the following 2022 Budget Requests: Fair Association, \$131,000.00 (\$2,000.00 increase); Capital Improvement (Construction), \$7,414,226.00 (\$5,546,483.00 decrease); Debt Service, \$913,156.26 (\$7,875.00 decrease); DARE, \$1,406.46 (\$631.46 increase); 911 Telephone Tax, \$215,000.00 (\$90,000.00 increase); Linn County 911, \$55,000.00 (no change); and Employee Benefit, \$3,255,000.00 (\$71,000.00 decrease). Rick James moved to tentatively approve the 2022 Budgets as presented. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, July 26, 2021. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Commission Chair

Attest:

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County Clerk

July 26, 2021

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:03 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; Morgan Northcutt, Deputy 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. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jim Johnson moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$350,558.48: General, \$108,503.06; Employee Benefit, \$635.00; Appraiser, \$328.24; Rural Fire, \$185,359.06; Road and Bridge, \$55,199.31; 911 Telephone Tax, \$62.85; County Health Dept., \$304.56; and Elderly, \$166.40. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Sheriff reported the prisoner count. There are currently 12 prisoners in house and 6 farmed out to other Counties. Sheriff Friend also discussed two press releases that went out recently from his department.

Jeff Boyd, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week.

Doug Barlet presented a copy of the July calls for the Fire Dept. Barlet then presented copies of a design for an EOC within the Health Dept. building and options to use the Senior Center building. Barlet informed the Commission that we had a tank failure on Tender 974, but it is under warranty and is being repaired by the company. Barlet also informed the Commission that the yearly cost of the Firehouse software is going up to a rate that is not affordable so he is looking at other options.

Shaun West presented Burial Permit #BP2021-05 requested by Chad Page located at 9237 Paine Rd. Rick James moved to approve Burial Permit #BP2021-05 as presented. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. West then discussed other projects Public Works is working on. West also presented the contract with the State for the Hell's Bend bridge. The total cost of the project is \$862,191.00. The County share of the cost is \$172,438.20. Danny McCullough moved to approve the contract with the State of Kansas for the funding for the bridge project as presented. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. West then asked to promote Sheri Loveland to the Park Manager at a wage of \$16.8209 per hour (Range 10, Step A). Jim Johnson moved to promote Sheri Loveland as requested. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission then discussed last week's Comprehensive Plan meetings.

Rogene McPherson gave a report on the Silver Haired Legislature. McPherson presented a brochure about the Silver Haired Legislature and talked about how she got involved with the program. McPherson also asked the Commission to make a contribution to the Silver Haired Legislature.

Road Foreman Mike Nation discussed the Road Dept. operations with the Commission.

At 10:31 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 30 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 11:01 AM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Counselor, and Shaun West attended the executive session.

At 10:56 AM Shaun West left the executive session.

At 11:01 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

The Clerk and Commission discussed the 2022 County and Special Districts Budgets. Don Proffitt and Doug Barlet both want to reduce this year's expenses in the Rural Fire Budget, but not next year's budget. The Commission instructed the Clerk to cut \$129,082.00 from budget proposal for the Contingency budget. The Commission and County Attorney discussed the need for the Assistant County Attorney. The Clerk will prepare the budget and have it ready to publish next week.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, August 2, 2021. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Commission Chair

Attest:

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County Clerk



August 2, 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. Gary Thompson 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 \$294,915.36: General, \$141,200.72; Employee Benefit, \$74,589.47; Appraiser, \$12,755.42; Rural Fire, \$3,134.89; Road and Bridge, \$48,025.75; Law Enforcement Trust, \$276.50; County Health Dept., \$11,334.57; and Elderly, \$3,598.04. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jim Johnson moved to approve add/abate/refund order: #2020-205. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Warren Moody, River City Construction, gave an update on the building project. The roofing portion of the project will start next week.

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 16 prisoners in house and 3 farmed out to other Counties.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week. Anderson will have the written report for July next week.

Shay Hanysak, Lake Region Solid Waste Authority, informed the Commission that they received a \$20,000.00 grant for recycling programs in all three school districts. Hanysak also discussed other programs that are offered to the County.

At 9:20 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session 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 9:30 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 9:30 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Tisha Coleman reported that we have now had 980 positive cases of COVID-19 in Linn County, 74 are still active, and we have had 14 deaths. Coleman stated that the CDC is recommending masks for everyone over 2 years old. Coleman also stated that they are getting busier again and she would like to hire a PRN nurse as soon as possible. Coleman then discussed other upcoming events that have been scheduled by the Health Dept.

Road Foreman Mike Nation discussed issues the Road & Bridge Dept. is working on.

Jessica Hightower discussed the public meetings that were held last week. One of the issues that came up is broadband for the west side of the County. Hightower would like to apply for State/Federal funding to help with the issue. The Commission agreed to allow Hightower to check into funding.

Chris Martin presented information on the video and security system for the new Judicial Center. Rick James moved to approve the purchases of security cameras, hard drives, and switches for up to \$65,000.00. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-1. (Jim Johnson voted no.)

Shaun West discussed the project at La Cygne for the ambulance station. West will be meeting with Pfefferkorn tomorrow to look at potential bridge projects. West reported that Bettis Asphalt is ready to start a 10 mile asphalt project later in August. West also discussed plans for the taxiway project at the airport and other issues Public Works is dealing with.

At 10:15 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session 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; and for 20 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 10:45 AM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Chris Martin attended the executive session.

10:24 AM Chris Martin left the executive session and Shaun West & Morgan Northcutt entered.

10:44 AM Shaun West left the executive session.

At 10:45 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 10:50 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 20 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 11:10 AM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Kevin Case, Case Linden, PC attended the executive session.

At 11:10 AM the executive session ended. As a result of the executive session, Danny McCullough moved to authorize the Chair to sign any legal documents related to the case that is being handled by Case Linden, PC. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Angel Cushing discussed National Heritage Areas, Freedoms Frontier, and issues that Counties are currently facing including the 30 x 30 Land Grab.

At 11:41 AM Rick James moved to take a 5 minute break. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 11:49 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 11:59 AM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Morgan Northcutt attended the executive session.

At 11:59 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

The Clerk reviewed the proposed budget with the Commission. After discussion, Rick James moved to publish the Notice of Budget Hearing as presented, scheduling the Budget Hearing for August 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, August 9, 2021. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Commission Chair

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County Clerk

August 9, 2021

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:03 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.

Rick James moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$287,863.91: General, \$94,441.94; Appraiser, \$900.91; Rural Fire, \$9,876.95; Road and Bridge, \$176,307.37; 911 Telephone Tax, \$1,404.42; County Health Dept., \$725.33; Elderly, \$4,122.52; and Sewer Dist. #1, \$84.47. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jim Johnson moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$100,817.89: General, \$23,229.01; Employee Benefit, \$71,928.42; and Rural Fire, \$5,660.46. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Rick James moved to approve the Sheriff's Monthly Fee Report for July 2021 in the amount of \$3,430.04. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 12 prisoners in house and 3 farmed out to other Counties.

Warren Moody, River City Construction, gave an update on the building project. The Commission reviewed the River City pay request #11 in the amount of \$947,953.27. The payment will be included in next week's pay. The Commission also reviewed Change Order #9 on the Justice Center project which results in a \$5,763.83 credit (decrease) in the project cost. Rick James moved to approve Change Order #9 as presented. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission and Moody discussed doing a walk through of the building on Tuesday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>.

Louis Aloï, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week.

Jessica Hightower reported on the Comprehensive Plan Committee. The Committee will meet on Tuesday evenings. Hightower also reported that there was an Airport Committee Meeting last week.

The Clerk reported that we have now had 1013 positive cases of COVID-19 in Linn County, 75 are still active, and we have had 14 deaths.

Shaun West reported that he has a bid for converting the La Cygne Senior Center into an Ambulance Station. West reported on current activities for the Road & Bridge Dept., Solid Waste, Noxious Weed, and Elderly. West reported that all of the HVAC units at the Pleasanton Senior Center have failed, so the meal program has been temporarily moved to the Pleasanton Community Center Building. Rick James moved to approve up to \$2,400.00 with Webber Heating & Cooling LLC for the repair of the HVAC system at the existing Senior Center. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission discussed other Road & Bridge issues they have received notice of from the public.

The Clerk presented the weekly Fire Dept. report. There were 12 calls for service including 3 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 1 Fire, 4 Medical Assists, 1 Landing Zone, 1 False Alarm, and 2 Other Calls.

At 10:01 AM the Chair asked for Public Comment. Lois Wright and Rich Morrell asked for permission to use the Courthouse lawn for a Live Nativity Scene on December 4<sup>th</sup> during the Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting program. Danny McCullough moved to allow the Live Nativity Scene on the Courthouse Lawn. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 10:05 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss trade secrets, pursuant to the trade secrets exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(4), concerning a potential business in the County. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 10:20 AM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, Jessica Hightower, and Shaun West attended the executive session.

At 10:20 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 10:21 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss trade secrets, pursuant to the trade secrets exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(4), concerning a potential business in the County; and then 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 10:46 AM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, Jessica Hightower, and Shaun West attended the executive session.

At 10:40 AM Shaun West and Jessica Hightower left the executive session and Morgan Northcutt entered.

At 10:46 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

The Clerk presented a printout showing a record of expenses for the Judicial Center project and a listing of the Sales Tax Income and Bond Payments.

The Commission discussed Jesse Willard's proposal of creating a Hospital District in the County.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, August 16, 2021. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Commission Chair

Attest:

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County Clerk

August 16, 2021

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:01 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.

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

Rick James moved to approve River City Construction's Application for Payment #11 in the amount of \$947,953.27. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. (Payment #11 is included in this week's Claims.)

Rick James moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$1,296,537.20: General, \$178,304.04; Employee Benefit, \$77,713.10; Appraiser, \$12,652.30; Rural Fire, \$6,683.54; Road and Bridge, \$58,480.51; Law Enforcement Trust, \$343.55; County Health Dept., \$11,124.33; Capital Improvement (Construction), \$947,953.27; and Elderly, \$3,282.56. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commission reviewed the YTD Park Report for July 2021.

The Clerk reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 13 prisoners in house and 1 farmed out to other Counties.

Doug Barlet reported on the fire calls for the week. Barlet also asked to hire Madison Schreckhise as a Probationary Firefighter for Station 920 (Pleasanton). Rick James moved to hire Madison Schreckhise as requested. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Warren Moody, River City Construction, gave an update on the building project. They will be pouring concrete beginning at 4:00 AM for the next two days.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week. Anderson also presented a written report of the July calls and response times.

Tisha Coleman reported that we have now had 1065 positive cases of COVID-19 in Linn County, 85 are still active, and we have had 14 deaths. Coleman asked for permission to purchase 600 rapid COVID test kits for \$4,500.00. Rick James moved to approve the purchase as requested. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Coleman then reported on grants that she can apply for COVID vaccines and testing. We can apply for a \$63,000.00 grant and a \$110,000.00 grant, to be used over a three year period. Rick James moved to allow Coleman to apply for the grants as requested. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Shaun West presented a report on ditch work, brush cleanup, mowing, etc. that the Road & Bridge Dept. completed during July. West then presented bids for remodeling the La Cygne Senior Center for use as an ambulance station. Danny McCullough moved to approve the bid from Rockin' H Construction in the amount of \$110,713.00 and to authorize an additional \$500.00 for contingency funds at West's discretion. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission and West discussed the possibility of maintenance contracts on all of our HVAC systems. West then discussed repairs needed for the Blue Mound Compactor. Bids received were: Rockin' H Construction, \$3,100.00; and Odd Jobs Hero, \$1,225.00. Danny McCullough moved to approve the bid from Rockin' H Construction in the amount of \$3,100.00. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-1. (Jim Johnson voted no.) West then asked to purchase a 20' gooseneck trailer from Neal Manufacturing in the amount of \$9,635.00. The Commission instructed West to look into used trailers. West also discussed a new compactor for the transfer station. West then discussed the grant for Recycle Trailers for the schools. The grant would pay \$25,000.00 with matching funds from the County of \$8,333.33. The Commission would like more information before making a decision.

West then presented requests for reduced or waiver of dumping fees for properties located at 325 W. Main St., Parker; and 210 3<sup>rd</sup> St., La Cygne. Rick James moved to approve reduced fees for the property located at 325 W. Main St., Parker. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Rick James moved to approve reduced fees for the property located at 210 3<sup>rd</sup> St., La Cygne. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Rick James moved to amend the previous motions for the Parker and La Cygne properties to waive the dumping fees. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 10:43 AM the Chair opened the CDBG Close-Out Hearing. Carey Spoon, SEK Regional Planning Commission, explained the grant and the results for Linn County. The Chair asked for public comment, none was given. Jim Johnson moved to authorize the Chair to sign the documents to close out the grant. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission and Spoon then discussed the American Rescue Plan Funds (ARPA). SEKRPC could administer ARPA funds for the County if we wish to participate.

At 11:01 AM the Chair opened the 2022 Linn County and Special District Budget Hearing. The Chair asked for public comment, none was given. At 11:02 AM the Chair closed the 2022 Budget Hearing. Rick James moved to approve the 2022 Linn County and Special Districts Budgets as published. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 11:10 AM Rick James moved to take a 10 minute recess. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Rick Smith, Mid-West Training & Consulting Services, discussed fuel storage/spill prevention plans with the Commission. The Commission asked Mr. Smith to meet with Shaun West to discuss the services they offer.

At 11:34 AM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss trade secrets, pursuant to the trade secrets exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(4), concerning a potential business in the County. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 11:49 AM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Counselor, and Jessy Willard attended the executive session.

At 11:49 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, August 23, 2021. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Commission Chair

Attest:

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County Clerk

August 23, 2021

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:02 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 (by Zoom); David Lamb, County Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Rick James led the Pledge of Allegiance. Gary Thompson opened the meeting with prayer.

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

Jim Johnson moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$266,128.01: General, \$167,867.53; Appraiser, \$3,033.63; Rural Fire, \$7,437.47; Road and Bridge, \$77,777.07; Equipment Reserve, \$5,000.00; 911 Telephone Tax, \$1,513.60; County Health Dept., \$2,948.35; and Elderly, \$550.36. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jim Johnson moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$3,046.75: Employee Benefit, \$272.36; Rural Fire, \$38.68; and Road & Bridge, \$2,735.71. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk informed the Commission that Kathy Workman has resigned as the Mound City Township Trustee and Gary Schmitz has agreed to accept the position. Rick James moved to appoint Gary Schmitz as the Mound City Township Trustee. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Warren Moody, River City Construction, gave an update on the building project.

The Sheriff reported the prisoner count. There are currently 14 prisoners in house and 1 farmed out to other Counties. Sheriff Friend reported that Brandon Lewis graduated from KLECT last week and reported on other issues his department is dealing with.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week.

Tisha Coleman reported that we have now had 1130 positive cases of COVID-19 in Linn County, 93 are still active, and we have had 16 deaths.

Doug Barlet presented bids for painting projects on 4 Fire Stations. Bids received were: Pinnacle Painting, \$92,820.00; and Gary Pemberton Painting, \$80,000.00. The Commission stated they would like to think about the project for a week before making a decision.

Shaun West reported that a catalytic convertor was stolen from one of our pickups this weekend. West also reported that all property has been moved out of the La Cygne Senior Center. Jim Johnson moved to sign the contract with Rockin' H Construction in the amount of \$110,713.00, for converting the La Cygne Senior Center into an Ambulance Station. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Al Doan discussed the proposed new compactor for the Transfer Station in Prescott. Doan explained that the compactor at Prescott's City Compactor site is a different system than the compactor at the Transfer Station, and would not work for the Transfer Station site. The Commission asked Doan and West to calculate the cost and possible savings of a walking floor trailer system for the Transfer Station.

West stated that he has pricing for striping 10 miles of asphalt roads. Rick James moved to approve striping 10 miles of roads by Straight Line Striping for \$12,400.00. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commission and West discussed the Airport Committee and plans for the airport. The Commission and Jessica Hightower discussed the Comprehensive Plan progress.

At 10:13 AM Rick James moved to take a 5 minute recess. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 10:22 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 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 20 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 10:52 AM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Tisha Coleman attended the executive session.

At 10:30 AM Tisha Coleman left the executive session and Jessica Hightower entered.

At 10:37 AM Jessica Hightower left the executive session and Shaun West entered.

At 10:42 AM Shaun West left the executive session.

At 10:52 AM the executive session ended. The following three motions were made as a result of the executive session:

Jim Johnson moved to not close the proposed portion of 500 Road near Lee Road. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Rick James moved to accept the resignation of Tisha Coleman as the Administrator of the Linn County Health Department effective September 16, 2021, and to immediately advertise for the position. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jim Johnson moved to remove Theresa Miller from the Comprehensive Plan Citizen’s Advisory Committee and to instruct Gary Thompson to draft a letter to Miller advising her of the removal. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Shaun West stated that he would like to make a job offer to Brandon Wisenhunt for the Mechanic position at the North Road Shop. Rick James moved to offer the North Shop Mechanic position to Brandon Wisenhunt at a wage of \$16.3376 per hour (Range 9, Step G). Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, August 30, 2021. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Commission Chair

Attest:

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County Clerk

August 30, 2021

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:02 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.

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

Rick James moved to reschedule the next Regular Commission Meeting to Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM due to the Labor Day Holiday. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jim Johnson moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$374,877.78: General, \$196,591.25; Employee Benefit, \$98,753.83; Appraiser, \$12,599.51; Rural Fire, \$8,232.28; Road and Bridge, \$39,851.77; Law Enforcement Trust, \$361.47; County Health Dept., \$12,382.47; Elderly, \$5,505.20; and Special Park & Rec., \$600.00. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Bill Matlock, River City Construction, gave an update on the building project.

Derek Kabulka, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week.

The Clerk reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 16 prisoners in house and 1 farmed out to other Counties.

Doug Barlet reported on the fire calls for the week. Barlet then asked the Commission about the paint project. Jim Johnson asked Barlet about the square footage of the project and the guarantee on the paint. Barlet will get additional information and report back to the Commission. The Commission, Counselor, and Barlet discussed options and procedures for rebidding the project.

Shaun West discussed the items that were removed from the La Cygne Senior Center. West informed the Commission that the contractor working on the project discovered that we have some leaks in the roof. West also reported that he needs 12 new grader tires for a total of \$12,516.00. Rick James moved to approve the purchase of 12 grader tires from Pomp's Tire Service for a total of \$12,516.00. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. After discussion about the recycling trailers, Jim Johnson moved to approve the grant application for the Recycling Trailers with the Lake Region Solid Waste Authority, with the County cost for the project totaling \$8,333.33. (The grant funding is \$25,000.00.) Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. West then reported that we are repairing some docks at the County Park. West and the Commission discussed adding Teasel to our County list of Noxious Weeds. Rick James moved to approve adding Cut Leaf and Common Teasel to the County list of Noxious Weeds, and to approve the Official Control Methods for Teasel in the application. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. West then presented an agreement for a grant of easement associated with Lot Split #LS21-04. Rick James moved to accept the grant of road right of way associated with Lot Split #LS21-04. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. West also presented an application for waiver of dumping fees on a property located at 116 N 5<sup>th</sup> Street in La Cygne. The Commission would like some additional information on this request before making a decision.

West then presented a CUP application requested by Saker's Towing near Pleasanton. Greg Schick stated that Saker's Towing is not in favor of the alternate location that was proposed by the County, due to security concerns. The City of Pleasanton is planning on having a representative attend the Commission meeting later today to discuss their concerns. The Commission agreed to discuss this issue next week at 10:30, after reviewing the issues and concerns.

Robert Tyson addressed the Commission concerning County Mapping and the benefits to the County and the public. Tyson then discussed budgets and the expenses of the Sheriff's Dept. Tyson is concerned with the taxes in Linn County and the amount that is funded by the Power Plant.

Jane Augur addressed the Commission concerning the traffic count on 500 Road and her request to close a portion of the road. The Counselor informed Augur that a letter was mailed to her last week denying her request to close the road. The Commission discussed their reasons for denying the request.

Stacy Reagan, Karen Tuggle, and Ryan Ferguson from the Linn County Conservation District introduced themselves and discussed their programs. Stacy Reagan is the new District Manager and Ryan Ferguson is the new District Conservationist.

Teresa Whitaker, City of Pleasanton, discussed the City's position on the proposed property for the Saker's Towing lot that is being discussed in the CUP application. The City is working on annexing the property and is not in favor of the tow lot in that location.

Jessy Willard discussed getting a question on the General Election ballot concerning a Hospital District.

At 11:08 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 11:23 AM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Deputy Clerk Morgan Northcutt, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 11:23 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Gary Thompson presented information on a road near the Marais des Cygnes River that is deteriorating. The property owner would like to put in a dike near the river and have the road moved.

Rick James moved to approve and sign letters to all three school districts concerning school contributions to the SRO program. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jim Johnson moved to appoint Rick James as the Voting Delegate, Jim Johnson as the First Alternate Delegate, and Danny McCullough as the Second Alternate Delegate, for the annual KAC meeting. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jim Johnson moved to appoint David Lamb as the Voting Delegate, and Danny McCullough as the Alternate Delegate for the annual KCAMP and KWORCC meetings. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

With nothing further on the agenda Jim Johnson moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Tuesday, September 7, 2021. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Commission Chair

Attest:

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County Clerk



September 7, 2021

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:04 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.

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

Jim Johnson moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$267,141.38: General, \$157,674.87; Employee Benefit, \$7,500.00; Appraiser, \$1,805.48; Rural Fire, \$3,556.24; Road and Bridge, \$81,494.42; 911 Telephone Tax, \$1,512.46; County Health Dept., \$8,510.34; Elderly, \$5,023.64; and Sewer District #1, \$63.93. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jim Johnson moved to approve the Sheriff's Monthly Fee Report for August 2021 in the amount of \$9,392.50. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commission reviewed the YTD Park Report for August 2021.

County Attorney Burton Harding read a letter concerning articles about him and his office that have been in the Linn County News recently. Mr. Harding stated that this is all political and has nothing to do with the victims. Rick James expressed his feelings about Jackie Taylor being the Republican Chair for the County and stated that he thinks she should resign.

The Sheriff reported the prisoner count. There are currently 21 prisoners in house and 2 farmed out to other Counties. Sheriff Friend also complimented AMR on their response to six calls in an hour last week.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week. Anderson also presented a written copy of the August Ambulance Calls and Response Times. Anderson then reported that AMR has hired a new Supervisor to replace the Supervisor that resigned.

The Clerk gave the Commission printed copies of the Fire Calls for the past week.

Becky Johnson, SEK Multi-County Health Dept. Administrator and Health Officer, discussed the SEKMCHD and the services they offer. Johnson stated that Linn County could contract with SEKMCHD instead of hiring a new Health Dept. Administrator.

The Commission and Counselor discussed the options on the Saker's Towing CUP. Rick James moved to continue the CUP discussion to next week's Commission meeting. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 10:05 AM the Rick James moved to recess until 10:31 AM, to tour the construction site. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Counselor, and Clerk then went to the construction site to tour the Justice Center project.

The Clerk presented copies of a report from the Health Dept. We have now had 1213 positive cases of COVID-19 in Linn County, 90 are still active, and we have had 17 deaths.

Jessica Hightower presented information on last week's Comprehensive Plan Meeting. Hightower passed out packets that included a new Public Survey concerning the Comprehensive Plan.

The Clerk presented bids for the roof repair at the La Cygne Senior Center. Bids received were: Rockin' H Construction, \$6,350.00; and McCool Roofing, \$8,405.57. Jim Johnson moved to accept the low bid from Rockin' H Construction in the amount of \$6,350.00. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 10:50 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss trade secrets, pursuant to the trade secrets exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(4), concerning a potential new business, for 20 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 15 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 11:30 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Jessica Hightower attended the executive session.

At 10:56 AM Jessica Hightower left the executive session and Morgan Northcutt entered.

At 11:26 AM Morgan Northcutt left the executive session.

At 11:30 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

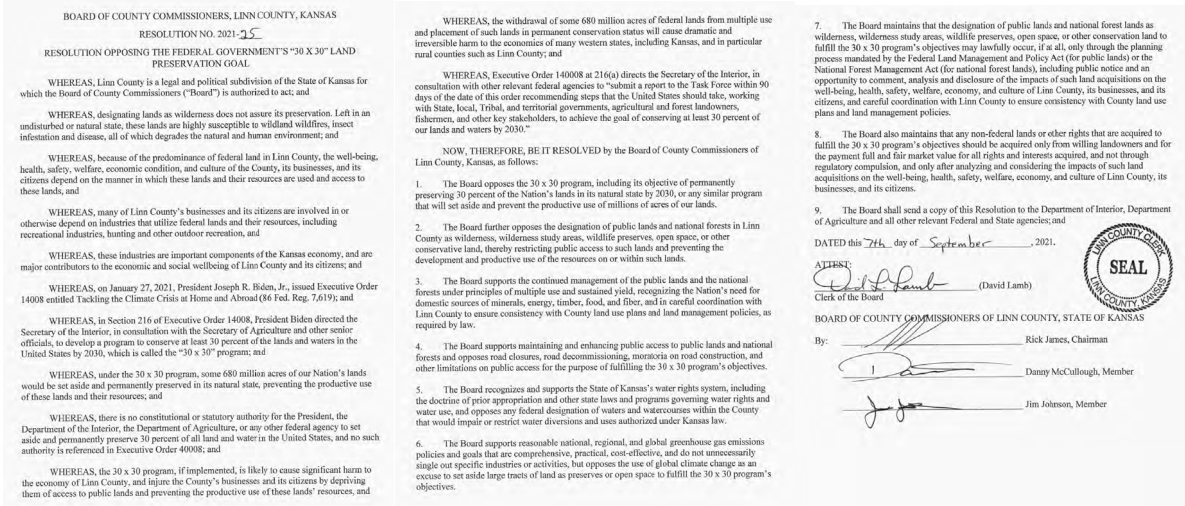
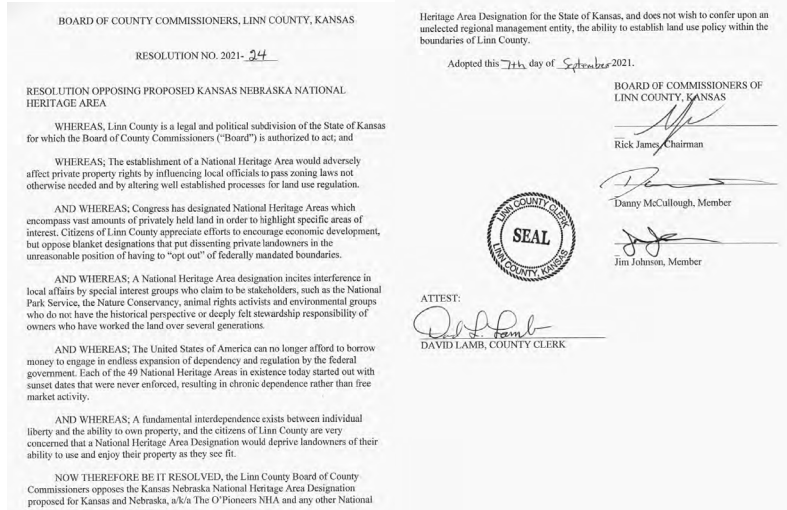
At 11:31 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 20 minutes for legal advice from the County Counselor which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, pursuant to the consultation with attorney exception listed in K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2), concerning obtaining legal advice from the County Counselor. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 11:51 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 11:51 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

The Clerk discussed a bid to repair the floors in the downstairs bathrooms and hallway in the Courthouse. Danny Nation had reached out to five contractors to get bids on the project, but only on contractor submitted a bid. The Commission would like more information about the bid specs. and bidding process before making a decision. The Clerk will meet with Shaun West and Danny Nation to obtain additional information and report back to the Commission.

Danny McCullough moved to promote Amber Minchew from a part time LPN position to a full time (grant funded) LPN position with the County Health Dept. at a wage of \$20.0945 per hour (Range 12, Step D). Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Gary Thompson presented two resolutions opposing National Heritage Areas and the Federal Government's "30 X 30" Land Preservation Goal. Jim Johnson moved to adopt Resolution #2021-24 and Resolution #2021-25 as presented. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following are copies of Resolution #2021-24 and Resolution #2021-25:



Jessy Willard asked about getting a question on the ballot concerning a mill levy for a Nursing Home. Rick James stated that the Commission is not in favor of a County Nursing Home and not interested in anything other than Jessy Willard carrying a petition for a Hospital District and they do not want to discuss it any further.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, September 13, 2021. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Attest:

Commission Chair

County Clerk

September 13, 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. Gary Thompson 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 \$314,772.34: General, \$129,940.55; Employee Benefit, \$109,787.82; Appraiser, \$11,892.94; Rural Fire, \$6,417.26; Road and Bridge, \$39,631.50; Law Enforcement Trust, \$336.91; County Health Dept., \$13,159.67; and Elderly, \$3,605.69. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 14 prisoners in house and 5 farmed out to other Counties.

Jeff Boyd, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week.

The Clerk and Commission discussed the Annual Service Agreement with Cepheid for our testing platform for Rapid PCR Tests in the amount of \$4,470.00. The Commission decided to table the issue for now.

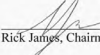
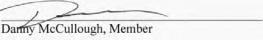
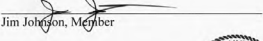
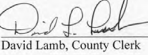

Rick James moved to appoint Paul Porter to the Planning & Zoning Commission to replace Tate West. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Shaun West presented a Permit to Bury telephone cable requested by People's Telecommunications located on 2300 Road near Kansas Highway 7. Danny McCullough moved to approve Burial Permit #BP2021-06 as presented, contingent on approval by the Road & Bridge Foreman. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

West then asked for approval to request proposals for the Bi-Annual Bridge Inspections. Danny McCullough moved to allow West to request proposals for the Bi-Annual Bridge Inspections. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Rick James moved to increase Johnny Taylor's wages to \$15.2484 (Range 8, Step H), due to his CDL status and increased duties. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Gary Thompson presented Resolution #2021-26, authorizing the installation of a stop sign at the Nickel Road, K7 Highway intersection. Rick James moved to adopt Resolution #2021-26 as presented. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of Resolution #2021-26:

<p style="text-align: center;">RESOLUTION NO. 2021-26</p> <p>A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF A STOP SIGN ON NICKEL ROAD IN LINN COUNTY, KANSAS</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Linn County, Kansas, pursuant to KSA 8-2002, has the authority to regulate traffic on all streets, roads and highways within its jurisdiction; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners have determined, after due consideration and study, and on the basis of the recommendation of law enforcement officials, that it would enhance public safety to place a stop sign on Nickel Road in Linn County, at that road's intersection with Kansas Highway 7, South of Mound City, Kansas;</p> <p>NOW THEREFORE, it is the Finding and Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Linn County, Kansas, that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In order to enhance public safety within the County, a Stop Sign shall be placed on Nickel Road, at the point of its intersection with Kansas Highway 7 South of Mound City, Kansas, to stop traffic entering from Nickel Road onto Kansas Highway 7.</li> <li>2. Linn County traffic control personnel are hereby directed to immediately install said Stop Sign at said location, following the installation standards laid out in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices or the Kansas Handbook of Traffic Control Guidance for Low-Volume Rural Roads, said installation to occur no later than 10 days from the date of the approval of this Resolution.</li> <li>3. This Resolution shall become effective upon the posting of said sign.</li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Resolution shall be published once in the official county newspaper.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RESOLVED THIS 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS LINN COUNTY, KANSAS</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Rick James, Chairman</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Danny McCullough, Member</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Jim Johnson, Member</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> David Lamb, County Clerk</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>
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At 9:33 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 30 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 10:03 AM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Burton Harding attended the executive session.

At 9:49 AM Burton Harding left the executive session and Shaun West entered.

At 9:59 AM Shaun West left the executive session.

At 10:03 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Shaun West discussed purchasing a trailer for the Road & Bridge Dept., to be used mainly for hauling culverts. West has located a trailer we could purchase for \$5,750.00. The Commission asked if it was really needed since there is a trailer at the South Shop that would work for hauling culverts.

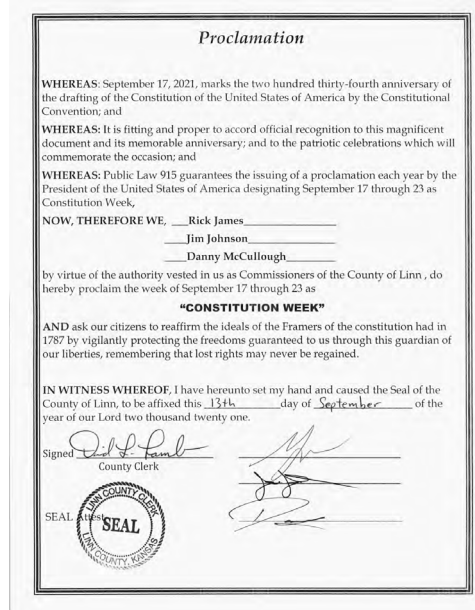
Roger Sims, Publisher of the Linn County Journal discussed his online paper with the Commission.

The Clerk reported that we have now had 1345 positive cases of COVID-19 in Linn County, over 100 are still active, and we have had 19 deaths.

Danny McCullough stated the City of Pleasanton is planning on annexing the area where the proposed towing lot would be. Gary Thompson explained the process for a CUP and the options the Commission would have. Shaun West discussed the findings and conditions approved by the Planning Commission for the Saker's Towing CUP. Danny McCullough moved to send the CUP back to the Planning Commission with instructions to add the following condition: All wrecked or incomplete vehicles must be stored inside a building. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 10:46 AM the Chair asked for public comment. Greg Schick discussed what happened at the Pleasanton City Council Meeting concerning the proposed CUP for Saker's Towing. Schick stated that he does not believe an involuntary annexation should be legal.

Renee Slinkard presented information on Constitution Week. Jim Johnson moved to pass a Proclamation proclaiming September 17<sup>th</sup> through September 23<sup>rd</sup> as Constitution Week in Linn County. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of the Proclamation:



At 10:57 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 11:07 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Morgan Northcutt attended the executive session.

At 11:07 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 11:08 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 5 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 11:18 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Morgan Northcutt attended the executive session.

At 11:13 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 11:16 AM the Commission met with Shaun West and the Public Works Foremen to discuss possible restructuring of the Noxious Weed Director position. The Commission is considering having the Noxious Weed Director be in charge of the mowers and possible the Sign Dept.

With nothing further on the agenda Danny McCullough moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, September 20, 2021. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Commission Chair

Attest:

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County Clerk

September 20, 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; Morgan Northcutt, Deputy Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Rick James led the Pledge of Allegiance. Gary Thompson 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.

Bill Matlock, River City Construction, gave an update on the building project. The jail cells have been delivered and have been placed inside the building. Rick James asked about the way the steel has been bolted together. Matlock stated that we will get a report from the third-party inspector. The Commission and Matlock also discussed an issue where the concrete was patched. Matlock stated that the patch will be as good or better than the rest of the concrete. The Commission asked Matlock to have another walk through at the October 12<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting.

The Sheriff reported the prisoner count. There are currently 15 prisoners in house and 4 farmed out to other Counties.

Gary Thompson discussed the letters we sent to the School Superintendents requesting funding for patrol cars. Thompson explained that the funding would be the equivalent of the cost of a car, but the cars are assigned by the Sheriff. It does not mean that each SRO would get a new car. Rick James discussed how the SRO program was started and stated that the only time the schools contributed financially to the program was when the program started.

Louis Aloï, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week. Aloï also discussed ongoing negotiations with Bourbon County EMS for mutual aid. Aloï then asked about replacing the carpet at Station 1 (Pleasanton). The Commission asked Shaun West to look at the floor in Station 1.

Robin Spencer presented copies of a report from the Health Dept. We have now had 1391 positive cases of COVID-19 in Linn County, approximately 80 are still active, and we have had 20 deaths. The Commission and Spencer discussed testing that is being done by the Health Dept.

The Clerk gave the Commission printed copies of the Fire Calls for the past two weeks.

Jessica Hightower discussed progress on the Comprehensive Plan. Hightower stated that we have had a good response to the survey. The next meeting will be September 28<sup>th</sup>. Hightower asked the Commission to appoint Rocky Beltz (District 2) and Tisha Coleman At-Large) to the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Comprehensive Plan. Danny McCullough moved to appoint Rocky Beltz and Tisha Coleman to the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Comprehensive Plan. The motion died for lack of a second.

Hightower then discussed Airport Committee meetings and stated that she would like to issue an RFP for projects at the airport. Hightower also discussed testing for water in our fuel tank at the airport. Jim Johnson moved to approve and sign a letter appointing Dave Fisher as the Airport Information Coordinator and Gary Troth as the Alternate Airport Information Coordinator. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Hightower also discussed the benefits we receive from the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission.

Rick James moved to approve River City Construction's Application for Payment #12 in the amount of \$2,246,904.45. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-1. (Jim Johnson voted no.) (Payment #12 is included in this week's Claims.)

Rick James moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$2,515,190.78: General, \$222,030.95; Appraiser, \$1,428.94; Reappraisal, \$1,539.94; Rural Fire, \$6,030.23; Road and Bridge, \$35,255.61; County Health Dept., \$1,661.91; Capital Improvement (Construction), \$2,246,904.45; and Elderly, \$338.75. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-1. (Jim Johnson voted no.)

Shaun West reported that Carl Wieberg has taken and passed the General Test for Noxious Weeds and asked to increase Wieberg's wages to \$15.2899 per hour (Range 7, Step R). The Commission stated that we should wait until he passes the Right-of-Way Test before increasing his salary. West then asked to hire Johnny Taylor as the Noxious Weed Director at a wage of \$18.1665 (Range 11, Step A). Danny McCullough moved to hire Taylor as requested, with the understanding that he will complete the required testing and licensure at the earliest possible time given the available testing schedule. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Al Doan gave the Commission an estimate to convert our Transfer Station to a walking floor system. Doan stated that it would cost around \$300,000.00 for the equipment and we would need to make other adjustments to our Transfer Station. Doan then presented bids for a new compactor. The cost of a 3-yard compactor is \$20,307.00 and the cost of a 2-yard compactor is \$14,092.00. The Commission did not take any action on Doan's request.

Shaun West presented CUP #21-02 requested by Dave's Towing to permit the operation of a Tow Lot for automobile storage lot in the "A" Agricultural Zone. The CUP was approved by the Planning Commission by unanimous vote with the following findings:

- 1) The proposed use conforms to the character of the neighborhood.
- 2) The proposed use is similar to uses nearby.
- 3) The property is suitable for the proposed use.
- 4) The proposed use will not detrimentally affect nearby properties.
- 5) Staff recommends approval of the application.
- 6) The use conforms to sections of the adopted Comprehensive Plan.

and subject to the following conditions:

- 1) All wrecked or incomplete vehicles must be stored inside a building
- 2) No junk will be loaded outside the fence.
- 3) No burning on the property.

- 4) The property will be kept in a presentable manner and mowing will be kept up.
- 5) Security lighting shall be focused on the tow lot.
- 6) Will have gravel throughout the lot.
- 7) A 40'x60' minimum building will be started in the next 6 months.
- 8) Building will be built on the eastside of the fenced in lot.
- 9) The CUP permit is for 5 years and shall be renewed by the governing body having authority at that time.

After reviewing the findings and conditions of the Planning Commission, Rick James moved to approve CUP #21-02, adopt the findings of the Planning and Zoning Commission, and adopt Resolution #2021-28. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of Resolution #2021-28:

**Before the Board of County Commissioners**  
Linn County, Kansas  
**Resolution # 2021-28**  
A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT #CUP 21-02 (Dave's Towing) TO PERMIT THE OPERATION OF AN AUTOMOTIVE STORAGE LOT IN THE "A" AGRICULTURAL ZONE

WHEREAS, Linn County, Kansas is a county municipal government with the authority to adopt zoning Regulations and create zoning district boundaries as provided in K.S.A. 12-753; and,

WHEREAS, Linn County did adopt countywide zoning regulations on June 22, 1981; and,

WHEREAS, the Linn County Planning Commission did hold a public hearing on August 10<sup>th</sup> 2021 and continued to September 14<sup>th</sup> 2021 to consider said Conditional Use Permit for the operation of a Tow Lot for automobile storage in the Agricultural Zone; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission after review and consideration of all plan, reports and testimonies did, by unanimous vote, recommend approval of said Conditional Use Permit based on the following findings:

- 1) The proposed use conforms to the character of the neighborhood.
- 2) The proposed use is similar to uses nearby.
- 3) The property is suitable for the proposed use.
- 4) The proposed use will not detrimentally affect nearby properties.
- 5) Staff recommends approval of the application.
- 6) The use conforms to sections of the adopted Comprehensive Plan and Section 13.04 of zoning regulations.

and is subject to the following condition(s):

- 1) All wrecked or incomplete vehicles must be stored inside a building
- 2) No junk will be loaded, or moved, outside the fence.
- 3) No burning on the property.
- 4) The property will be kept in a presentable manner and mowing will be kept up.
- 5) Security lighting shall be focused on the tow lot.
- 6) Will have gravel throughout the lot.
- 7) A 40'x60' minimum building will be started in the next 6 months.
- 8) Building will be built on the eastside of the fenced in lot.
- 9) The CUP permit is for 5 years and shall be renewed by the governing body having authority at that time.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Linn County, after review of the recommendation of the Planning Commission together with all public comment finds to issue said Conditional Use Permit as recommended by the Planning Commission on property described in Section 1:

SECTION 1: Conditional Use Permit #21-02 is hereby issued on the following described property: 3.5 Acres located in the SE 3/4 of Section 30, Township 21, Range 25, in Linn County, Kansas.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Linn County Board of County Commissioners this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.

  
 Attest:  
  
 Clerk

  
 Chairman  
  
 Rick James  
 Member

Shaun West then presented an invoice and pictures for the roofing project on the La Cygne Senior Center/Ambulance Station project. West informed the Commission that a Freightliner at the north shop needs a rear end replaced for \$5,305.33. Rick James moved to approve the requested repairs in the amount of \$5,305.33. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. West also asked to replace an open position at the County Park. The Commission stated that they would rather hire a part time position for the winter.

Gary Thompson presented Resolution #2021-27 authorizing installation of speed limit signs and enforcement of a 35 mile per hour speed limit on Nickel Road, south of Mound City; and rescinding Resolution #2021-26. Rick James moved to adopt Resolution #2021-27 as presented. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of Resolution #2021-27:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-27

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF A SPEED LIMIT SIGNS ON NICKEL ROAD IN LINN COUNTY, KANSAS, AND AUTHORIZING THE ENFORCEMENT OF A 35 MILE PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Linn County, Kansas, pursuant to KSA 8-2002, has the authority to regulate traffic on all streets, roads and highways within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners have determined, after due consideration and study, and on the basis of the recommendation of law enforcement and traffic officials, that it would enhance public safety to establish a speed limit of 35 miles per hour on Nickel Road in Linn County, between the south City Limit of Mound City and Kansas Highway 7, and to place speed limit signs in appropriate locations to give notice of said speed limits;

NOW THEREFORE, it is the Finding and Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Linn County, Kansas, that:

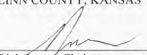
1. In order to enhance public safety within the County, a speed limit of 35 miles per hour is hereby established on Nickel Road in Linn County, beginning at the south City Limit of Mound City and continuing to the intersection of Nickel Road with Kansas Highway 7.
2. Speed Limit signs shall be placed on Nickel Road, at appropriate locations on the described segment of the road, to give notice of the speed limit herein established and for use in the enforcement thereof.
3. Linn County traffic control personnel are hereby directed to immediately install said Speed Limit Signs at said appropriate locations, following the installation standards laid out in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices or the Kansas Handbook of Traffic Control Guidance for Low-Volume Rural Roads, said installation to


occur no later than 10 days from the date of the approval of this Resolution.


4. This Resolution shall become effective upon the posting of said sign. The Resolution shall be published once in the official county newspaper.
5. Resolution 2021-26 is hereby repealed.


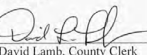
RESOLVED THIS 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LINN COUNTY, KANSAS

  
 Rick James, Chairman

  
 Danny McCullough, Member

  
 Jim Johnson, Member

  
 ATTEST:  
  
 David Lamb, County Clerk

At 11:16 AM the Chair asked for public comment. None was given.

At 11:17 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 50 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; for 10 minutes to discuss trade secrets, pursuant to the trade secrets exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(4), concerning a potential business in the County; and for 15 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 12:32 PM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Counselor, and Robin Spencer attended the executive session.

At 12:20 PM Robin Spencer left the executive session.

At 12:21 PM Jessica Hightower entered the executive session.

At 12:27 PM Jessica Hightower left the executive session and Shaun West entered.

At 12:32 PM the executive session ended. As a result of the executive session, Rick James moved to support the current structure of the Health Dept. and to interview to replace Tisha Coleman's position. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 12:36 PM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 35 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 1:21 PM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Counselor, and Shaun West attended the executive session.

At 12:51 PM Shaun West left the executive session.

At 1:21 PM the executive session ended. As a result of the executive session, Danny McCullough moved to appoint Mike White to the Planning & Zoning Commission and Tisha Coleman as an at-large member to the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Comprehensive Plan. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk discussed the annual Christmas/Longevity Awards Lunch with the Commission. The date was tentatively set for December 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>. The Clerk will look into places to hold the lunch and will look for catering options.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, September 27, 2021. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Commission Chair

Attest:

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County Clerk

September 27, 2021

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:06 AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Linn County Courthouse Annex, Mound City, Kansas. Those present were Rick James, Chair; Jim Johnson, Vice-Chair; David Lamb, County Clerk; Morgan Northcutt, Deputy 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 2-0.

Jim Johnson moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$332,191.33: General, \$129,302.26; Employee Benefit, \$131,935.19; Appraiser, \$13,273.08; Rural Fire, \$3,134.89; Road and Bridge, \$39,447.87; Law Enforcement Trust, \$422.70; County Health Dept., \$12,354.52; and Elderly, \$2,320.82. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

At 9:09 AM Danny McCullough arrived at the Commission meeting.

The Clerk reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 18 prisoners in house and 4 farmed out to other Counties.

The Clerk also presented copies of the weekly Fire Report from Doug Barlet.

Bill Matlock, River City Construction, gave an update on the building project.

Louis Aloï, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week. Aloï also introduced Virgil Swanson, new Supervisor/Paramedic for AMR.

Shaun West asked to hire Dennis Hardy Jr., Levi Whisenhunt, and Kevin Lewis as Equipment Operators at a wage of \$15.6173 per hour (Range 8, Step K) due to their Class A CDL status. Rick James moved to hire Hardy, Whisenhunt, and Lewis as requested, pending pre-employment testing. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

West then presented requests from the City of Pleasanton to close portions for 1050 Road for a 5K race Saturday morning and portions of Scott Road for a rodeo Saturday evening. Danny McCullough moved to temporarily close the roads around Pleasanton as requested on October 2<sup>nd</sup> for General Pleasanton Days. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

West and the Commission then discussed the parking area around the Courthouse Annex. We need to remove one of the storage units before the concrete can be poured. West also discussed the recycling grant that was previously approved for recycle trailers. After reviewing the bids, West discovered that our cost would be \$10,501.16.

West then stated that the City of Pleasanton would like to have a waiver of dumping fees for their City Cleanup Day. West also presented information on advertising at the County Park.

Jim Johnson moved to sign an amendment to the Work for Hire Agreement with Jessica Hightower. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jessica Hightower asked for an official appointment as Airport Manager, so she can sign notices about the airport. Rick James moved to appoint Jessica Hightower as the Airport Manager for the Linn County Airport. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 9:32 AM the Chair asked for public comment.

At 9:33 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 20 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 25 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 10:18 AM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Counselor, and Shaun West attended the executive session.

At 9:45 AM Shaun West left the executive session.

At 10:18 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Jim Johnson discussed the press release from the Sheriff last week stating that we were trying to defund his programs. Commissioner Johnson also stated that we increased the Sheriff's budget \$745,668.00 over last year's actual expenses (approximately \$2,000.00 per day), we were not defunding any of his programs. The Commission stated that we have not had any response from the School Superintendents since we sent the letters asking for SRO funding. Danny McCullough stated that they do care about the SRO program and were not trying to defund it.

At 10:23 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 62 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 11:25 AM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Deputy Clerk attended the executive session.

At 11:25 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.



Shaun West presented information on the 3 to 5 year needs for the landfill. West then discussed quotes for propane for County buildings for the year. The Commission asked West to check with Gary Thompson about the need for bids before discussing propane prices. The Commission also informed West that they were not interested in pursuing the recycling grant due to the higher cost to the County.

At 11:38 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 45 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 conduct interviews for the Health Department Director position. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 12:23 PM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Deputy Clerk, and applicants for the Health Department Director position attended the executive session.

At 12:23 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Jessica Hightower informed the Commission that we have had 558 completed surveys on our Comprehensive Plan. Hightower has a meeting scheduled tomorrow to compile the results of the survey.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, October 4, 2021. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Commission Chair

Attest:

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County Clerk

October 4, 2021

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:03 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.

Rick James moved to reschedule the next Regular Commission Meeting to Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM due to the Columbus Day Holiday. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jim Johnson moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$260,135.04: General, \$100,963.07; Appraiser, \$1,002.90; Rural Fire, \$2,559.08; Road and Bridge, \$60,751.58; 911 Telephone Tax, \$1,452.63; County Health Dept., \$3,687.82; SPARK/CARES Act, \$41,140.15; Elderly, \$48,239.84; and Sewer District #1, \$337.97. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk reported the prisoner count. There are currently 19 prisoners in house and 6 farmed out to other Counties.

The Clerk presented an Agreement for Administrative Consulting Services for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) with the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission. Under this agreement, SEKRPC will provide administrative services for the ARPA funds for a 5% fee, payable in 5 yearly payments of \$18,847.00. Jim Johnson moved to approve the agreement as presented. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Bill Matlock, River City Construction, gave an update on the building project.

Doug Barlet gave the Commission printed copies of the Fire Calls for the past week. The Commission and Barlet discussed the status of the painting project for the Fire Stations.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week. Anderson also presented a written report for the month of September.

The Commission discussed the Senior Meals program and options for a location in Pleasanton. The Commission and Counselor also discussed the proposals for funding the SRO programs.

Shaun West discussed the bids for propane. West recommends accepting the low bid from MFA Oil Company for \$1.55 per gallon. Rick James moved to accept the bid from MFA Oil Company for 10,000 gallons of propane at a rate of \$1.55 per gallon. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. West then presented a request for a temporary closure of Scott Road between 1050 Road and 1000 Road on October 7<sup>th</sup> for a Cross Country meet. The Commission agreed to temporarily close the road. West informed the Commission that an item was disposed of from the storage shed that should have been saved.

At 9:54 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session until 10:05 AM 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 10:05 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 10:05 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Kristy Schmitz gave an update on the Register of Deeds Office and discussed other issues in the Courthouse. Schmitz then discussed the filing cabinet that was disposed of that should have been saved. Schmitz stated that if the communication was better between departments, that wouldn't have happened.

Jennifer Leach, Peoples Telecommunications, addressed the Commission concerning fiber internet in the County. Jim McAtee discussed the County permits that are required for a 5 ½ mile project of laying fiber in the County. Peoples would like to receive some ARPA funding to help with their project. They are also looking into extending their internet service to Parker. Rick James moved to grant a Project Permit for line burials to Peoples Telecommunications with no fees due at this time. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Lacey Earnest, USD 346 Nurse, discussed the Testing Guidelines Order with the Commission. USD 346 wants to start following the County testing program instead of following the KDHE testing program.

Gary Thompson presented a new lease for the building we are using for the County Attorney's office, due to new ownership. Danny McCullough moved to sign the lease agreement as presented. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Johnny Taylor discussed his Noxious Weed Director position with the Commission. The Commission discussed what they expect from Taylor and the Noxious Weed Dept.

At 11:00 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 20 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 11:30 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Deputy Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 11:30 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 11:31 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session 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 11:41 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 11:41 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to go look at the old County Attorney Building and then to adjourn until 9:00 AM Tuesday, October 12, 2021. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Commission Chair

Attest:

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County Clerk

October 12, 2021

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:02 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. Gary Thompson 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.

Rick James moved to cancel the October 18<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting due to lack of a quorum because the Commissioners are attending the annual KAC meeting. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Clerk asked the Commission if they would be willing to approve the Claims Register for next week by email. Jim Johnson moved to allow the Clerk to get approval by email for next week's Claims Register. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Clerk will send copies of the Claims Register to the Commission, Counselor, and Newspaper when it is prepared later this week.

Jim Johnson moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$478,566.57: General, \$130,812.01; Employee Benefits, \$272,305.56; Appraiser, \$11,142.70; Rural Fire, \$6,396.62; Road and Bridge, \$43,114.21; County Health Dept., \$11,277.62; and Elderly, \$3,517.85. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Rick James moved to approve River City Construction's Application for Payment #13 in the amount of \$1,282,574.86. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. (Payment #13 will be included in next week's Claims.)

The Clerk presented copies of the prisoner count. There are currently 13 prisoners in house and 6 farmed out to other Counties.

Warren Moody, River City Construction, gave an update on the building project. The Commission and Moody discussed various decisions that need to be made soon.

Doug Barlet gave the Commission printed copies of the Fire Calls for the past two weeks. The Commission then opened 3 bids for the Fire Station paint project. Bids received were: Always Faithful Painting, \$43,050.00; Pemberton Construction, \$52,000.00; and Insko Industries, \$37,465.00. Doug Barlet will review the bids and make a recommendation.

Jeff Boyd, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week.

Jessica Hightower updated the Commission on the Comprehensive Plan Committee. Hightower reported that the request went out for a business plan for the airport. Hightower also reported that we have received our ARPA funds.

Doug Barlet has reviewed the painting bids and recommends accepting the low bid from Insko Industries in the amount of \$37,465.00. Jim Johnson moved to accept the painting bid from Insko Industries in the amount of \$37,465.00. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Rick James moved to allow Doug Barlet to sign the contract with Insko Industries. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Shaun West informed the Commission that he did not receive any bids for the demolition of the storage building. Rick James suggested that we might be able to use the storage building and quit using the old La Cygne Fire Station for storage. Rick James moved to approve paying up to \$4,000.00 for a survey and fees for moving a portion of a road. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. West also updated the Commission on other Public Works projects.

The Commission discussed a request from the City of La Cygne and Jimmy Thompson for reduced dumping fees on a structure that was already torn down. The request was not received until after the work had been done and the debris had been hauled to the landfill.

At 9:49 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 5 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; for 15 minutes to discuss trade secrets, pursuant to the trade secrets exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(4), concerning a potential business; and for 5 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 10:14 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Chris Martin attended the executive session.

At 9:56 AM Chris Martin left the executive session and Jessica Hightower entered.

At 10:09 AM Jessica Hightower left the executive session.

At 10:14 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 10:16 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 10:26 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and County Appraiser Kathy Bridges attended the executive session.

At 10:26 AM the executive session ended. As a result of the executive session, Danny McCullough moved to transfer Jason Parker to the Appraiser's Office at a wage of \$15.9951 per hour (Range 8, Step N), effective immediately. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Bridges then reported that Dustin Schuler has been taking classes to be a Certified Appraiser, he has passed some classes already. Bridges also reported on other issues and projects her office is working on. Bridges also informed the Commission that she will be sworn in as President of the Kansas County Appraiser's Association (KCAA) at the KAC conference next week.

Danny McCullough moved to deny the reduced dumping fee request from the City of La Cygne and Jimmy Thompson. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 10:36 AM the Rick James moved to recess until 11:00 AM, to tour the construction site. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission and Counselor then went to the construction site to tour the Justice Center project.

The Commission returned at 11:15 AM.

At 11:17 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 45 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 12:02 PM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Shaun West attended the executive session.

At 11:34 AM Bobby Young entered the executive session.

At 11:42 AM Bobby Young and Gary Thompson left the executive session and Morgan Northcutt entered.

At 12:02 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 12:03 PM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 20 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 12:23 PM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Morgan Northcutt, and Shaun West attended the executive session.

At 12:13 PM Shaun West left the executive session.

At 12:23 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 12:25 PM Commission McCullough left the Commission meeting.

At 12:30 PM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 30 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 conduct interviews for the Health Department Director position. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 1:00 PM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The Commission, Deputy Clerk, and applicants for the Health Department Director position attended the executive session.

At 1:00 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 1:16 PM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 1:26 PM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Deputy Clerk attended the executive session.

At 1:26 PM the executive session ended. As a result of the executive session, Jim Johnson moved to temporarily increase Amanda Snyder's wages to \$16.3376 per hour (Range 9, Step G), effective October 3, 2021. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. (The increase is due to Snyder assuming some of the administrative duties at the Health Dept. until a new Health Dept. Director is hired.)

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, October 25, 2021. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Commission Chair

Attest:

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County Clerk

October 25, 2021

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:02 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. Gary Thompson opened the meeting with prayer.

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

Jim Johnson moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$345,227.47: General, \$123,182.24; Employee Benefits, \$159,046.50; Appraiser, \$10,611.27; Rural Fire, \$3,223.71; Road and Bridge, \$41,053.20; County Health Dept., \$5,902.60; and Elderly, \$2,207.95; and the following pays/special pays, totaling \$13,499.06: Employee Benefits, \$13,499.06. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. (The Commission also signed the October 18<sup>th</sup> Claims Register in the amount of \$1,461,559.80 that was approved by email last week.)

Jim Johnson moved to approve add/abate/refund order: #2020-206. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk presented copies of the prisoner count. There are currently 15 prisoners in house and 9 farmed out to other Counties.

Bill Matlock, River City Construction, gave an update on the building project.

Doug Barlet gave the Commission printed copies of the Fire Calls for the past two weeks.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week. Anderson also reported that the new Supervisor SUV is at AMR's headquarters and should be in service soon.

Rick James moved to hire Melissa Lancaster as the Health Department Administrator/Public Health Officer at a salary of \$58,705.00 per year (Exempt Employee, Range 16, Step H). Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

County Clerk David Lamb presented the Treasurer's Interest Report, Delinquent Tax Report, and Tax Settlement. 2021 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Interest was \$10,608.27, 2021 YTD Interest is \$32,437.53. Delinquent Real Estate taxes as of September 30, 2021 are \$1,047,818.53, Delinquent Personal Property taxes as of September 30, 2021 are \$32,669.55.

Shaun West reported that his employee evaluations are done. West stated that he has a request from the City of Pleasanton and a property owner to lower the speed limit on a portion of Thomas Road south of Pleasanton. We will need to have a traffic study done by our on-call engineers before changing the speed limit. Jeremy Willard explained the need to replace the motor in Unit 210 (dump truck). We can get a motor from Cummins for \$29,792.00, but we would have to install it. For a complete install including warranty, we received the following bids: Freightliner, \$40,386.47; Cummins, \$47,577.94; and Custom Truck, \$59,181.27. The Commission asked West to check on an extended warranty before making a decision. West also asked to advertise for a part-time Marina Clerk at a range of \$10.60 to \$12.93 per hour. The Commission agreed to allow West to advertise the position.

Jessica Hightower discussed the fuel order at the airport and other projects she is working on.

At 9:55 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 30 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 10:25 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Shaun West attended the executive session.

At 10:10 AM Shaun West left the executive session.

At 10:25 AM the executive session ended. As a result of the executive session, Rick James moved to accept an offer from Angela Smith to purchase, tear down, and clean up the storage building behind the Annex for \$1,000.00. The project must be completed by November 8, 2021 and Smith must sign an agreement and liability waiver. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Rick James moved to purchase an engine and installation for Unit 210 from Olathe Freightliner in the amount of \$40,386.47. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. West will also check on an extended warranty for the new engine.

At 10:35 AM Rick James moved to recess until 11:00 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Eric Vodel and John Terry, KwiKom Communications, discussed ARPA funding and internet service for the west side of Linn County. Vodel gave a brief history of their company and their plans for the future. KwiKom would like to receive around \$300,000.00 in ARPA funding for a project in Linn County.

Taylor Hogue, SEKRPC and Jessica Hightower discussed ARPA funds with the Commission. Hogue explained that the ARPA funds received are the County's funds and it is at the County's discretion as to how the funds are used. Hogue gave examples of how the County could score the applications for funding that are submitted. Hogue also explained what the funds can be used for and the services she will provide.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, November 1, 2021. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Commission Chair

Attest:

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County Clerk

November 1, 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 \$150,313.77: General, \$87,796.95; Appraiser, \$309.69; Reappraisal, \$2,229.66; Rural Fire, \$1,732.01; Road and Bridge, \$54,500.47; County Health Dept., \$835.91; and Elderly, \$2,909.08. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk presented copies of the prisoner count. There are currently 16 prisoners in house and 8 farmed out to other Counties.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week.

Shaun West updated the Commission on current Public Works projects and presented a Farm Lease Agreement with Sherrie Clifton. Rick James moved to approve the Farm Lease Agreement. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. West then presented Burial Permits requested by Craw-Kan near State Line Road. Rick James moved to approve Burial Permit #BP2021-07 as presented. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. West informed the Commission that Olathe Freightliner is contacting the manufacturer about an extended warranty on our truck that is being repaired.

Doug Barlet gave the Commission printed copies of the Fire Calls for the past week. Barlet informed the Commission of two incidents involving our fire trucks in the past two weeks.

Rick James moved to approve Change Order #10 in the amount of \$108,904.53 on the Justice Center project. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Bobby Young presented the following Conditional Use Permits, Zoning Change, and Zoning Exception: CUP #21-03 requested by Mid-States Materials, LLC to permit the operation of a quarry w/asphalt and concrete plant in the "A" Agriculture Zone. CUP #21-03 was approved by the Planning Commission by a unanimous vote with the following findings:

- 1) The proposed use conforms to the character of the neighborhood.
- 2) The proposed use is similar to uses nearby.
- 3) The property is suitable for the proposed use.
- 4) The proposed use will not detrimentally affect nearby properties.
- 5) Staff recommends approval of the application.
- 6) The use conforms to sections of the adopted Comprehensive Plan.
- 7) There have been no registered complaints.

and the following conditions:

- 1) Continued compliance with all County, State, and Federal Regulations.
- 2) CUP approved for a 10-year period.

After reviewing the findings and conditions of the Planning Commission, Rick James moved to adopt the findings of the Planning Commission, approve CUP #21-03, and adopt Resolution #2021-30. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.;

CUP #21-04 requested by Mid-States Materials, LLC to permit the operation of a quarry in the "A" Agriculture Zone. CUP #21-04 was approved by the Planning Commission by a unanimous vote with the following findings:

- 1) The proposed use conforms to the character of the neighborhood.
- 2) The proposed use is similar to uses nearby.
- 3) The property is suitable for the proposed use.
- 4) The proposed use will not detrimentally affect nearby properties.
- 5) Staff recommends approval of the application.
- 6) The use conforms to sections of the adopted Comprehensive Plan.
- 7) There have been no registered complaints.

and the following conditions:

- 1) Continued compliance with all County, State, and Federal Regulations.
- 2) CUP approved for a 10-year period.

After reviewing the findings and conditions of the Planning Commission, Rick James moved to adopt the findings of the Planning Commission, approve CUP #21-04, and adopt Resolution #2021-31. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.;

Re-zoning Case #Z21-02 requested by Greg Grant to approve rezoning a 10.32 acre tract in Section 8, Township 21s, Range 24e, from "A" Agriculture to "AR" Agriculture/Residential. The Planning Commission approved Re-zoning Case #Z21-02 by a unanimous vote with the following findings:

- 1) The proposed change conforms to the character of the neighborhood.
- 2) The proposed use conforms to the uses and zoning classes nearby.
- 3) The proposed change will not negatively affect nearby properties.
- 4) The proposed change conforms to the adopted Comprehensive Plan.
- 5) Current grain bins remain with the original owner of remaining property.
- 6) A shared easement on current driveway/ingress/egress.

After reviewing the findings of the Planning Commission, Rick James moved to approve Zoning Change Case #Z21-02, adopt the findings of the Planning Commission, and adopt Resolution #2021-29. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Zoning Exception Case #E21-02 requested by John & Julia Smith/Falon & John Peek due to medical hardship for a 6 acre tract located in Section 18, Township 21, Range 25. The Planning Commission approve the exception by a unanimous vote with the following findings:

- 1) The applicant shall clearly state the hardship or reason of necessity for requesting the Exception.
- 2) The Exception may be permitted for a period of up to three (3) years and may be renewed for successive three (3) year periods; provided, however, that at such time as the hardship or reason of necessity shall cease to exist, the Exception shall become null and void and said manufactured home shall be forthwith removed.
- 3) The manufactured home shall be maintained in a safe and sanitary condition and shall comply with the Linn County Sanitation Code and all other applicable adopted codes and procedures of Linn County.

After reviewing the findings of the Planning Commission, Jim Johnson moved to approve Zoning Exception #E21-02 as presented. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following are copies of Resolution #2021-30, Resolution #2021-31, and Resolution #2021-29:

**Before the Board of County Commissioners  
Linn County, Kansas  
Resolution # 2021-30  
A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT #CUP 21-03 (Mid-States Materials, LLC) TO PERMIT THE OPERATION OF A QUARRY WITH ASPHALT AND CONCRETE PLANT IN THE "A" AGRICULTURE ZONE.**

WHEREAS, Linn County, Kansas is a county municipal government with the authority to adopt zoning regulations and create zoning district boundaries as provided in K.S.A. 12-753; and

WHEREAS, Linn County did adopt countywide zoning regulations on June 22, 1981; and

WHEREAS, the Linn County Planning Commission did, on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, publish a notice of a public hearing to consider Conditional Use Permit #CUP 21-03, pursuant to K.S.A. 12-757(b); and

WHEREAS, the Linn County Planning Commission did hold a public hearing on October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to consider said Conditional Use Permit for the continued operation of a Quarry with Asphalt and Concrete Plant in the Agricultural Zone; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission after review and consideration of all plans, reports and testimonies did, by unanimous vote, recommend approval of said Conditional Use Permit based on the following findings:

- 1) The proposed use conforms to the character of the neighborhood.
- 2) The proposed use is similar to uses nearby.
- 3) The property is suitable for the proposed use.
- 4) The proposed use will not detrimentally affect nearby properties.
- 5) Staff recommends approval of the application.
- 6) The use conforms to sections of the adopted Comprehensive Plan.
- 7) There have been no registered complaints.


and subject to the following condition:

- 1) Continued compliance with all County, State, and Federal regulations.
- 2) CUP approved for a 10-year period.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Linn County, after review of the recommendation of the Planning Commission together with all public comment finds to issue said Conditional Use Permit as recommended by the Planning Commission on property described in Section 1:

SECTION 1: Conditional Use Permit #21-03 is hereby issued on the following described property: 138.0 ACRES, SW4, EX S 311.14' OF W 280' & EX S 204 E2 SW4 LESS RD ROW of Section 20, Township 19, Range 25 all in Linn County, Kansas.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Linn County Board of County Commissioners this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2021.

  
Chairman  
Vice-Chairman  
Member  
Attest:  
Clerk

**Before the Board of County Commissioners  
Linn County, Kansas  
Resolution # 2021-31  
A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT #CUP 21-04 (Mid-States Materials, LLC) TO PERMIT THE OPERATION OF A QUARRY IN THE "A" AGRICULTURE ZONE.**

WHEREAS, Linn County, Kansas is a county municipal government with the authority to adopt zoning regulations and create zoning district boundaries as provided in K.S.A. 12-753; and

WHEREAS, Linn County did adopt countywide zoning regulations on June 22, 1981; and

WHEREAS, the Linn County Planning Commission did, on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, publish a notice of a public hearing to consider Conditional Use Permit #CUP 21-04, pursuant to K.S.A. 12-757(b); and

WHEREAS, the Linn County Planning Commission did hold a public hearing on October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to consider said Conditional Use Permit for the continued operation of a Quarry with Asphalt and Concrete Plant in the Agricultural Zone; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission after review and consideration of all plans, reports and testimonies did, by unanimous vote, recommend approval of said Conditional Use Permit based on the following findings:

- 1) The proposed use conforms to the character of the neighborhood.
- 2) The proposed use is similar to uses nearby.
- 3) The property is suitable for the proposed use.
- 4) The proposed use will not detrimentally affect nearby properties.
- 5) Staff recommends approval of the application.
- 6) The use conforms to sections of the adopted Comprehensive Plan.
- 7) There have been no registered complaints.


and subject to the following condition:

- 1) Continued compliance with all County, State, and Federal regulations.
- 2) CUP approved for a 10-year period.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Linn County, after review of the recommendation of the Planning Commission together with all public comment finds to issue said Conditional Use Permit as recommended by the Planning Commission on property described in Section 1:

SECTION 1: Conditional Use Permit #21-04 is hereby issued on the following described property: 237.9 ACRES, E2 SEC EX N 1005' OF E 1800' LESS RD of Section 19, Township 19, Range 25 all in Linn County, Kansas.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Linn County Board of County Commissioners this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2021.

  
Chairman  
Vice-Chairman  
Member  
Attest:  
Clerk

**Before the Board of County Commissioners  
Linn County, Kansas  
Resolution # 2021-29  
A RESOLUTION APPROVING A REZONING FROM THE A - AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO THE A/R AGRICULTURAL/RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT CASE #21-02 (Fields)**

WHEREAS, Linn County, Kansas is a county municipal government with the authority to adopt zoning regulations and create zoning district boundaries as provided in K.S.A. 12-753; and

WHEREAS, Linn County did adopt countywide zoning regulations on June 22, 1981; and

WHEREAS, the Linn County Planning Commission did, on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021, publish a notice of a public hearing to consider rezoning application #21-02(Fields), pursuant to K.S.A. 12-757(b); and

WHEREAS, the Linn County Planning Commission did hold a public hearing on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to consider said rezoning; and

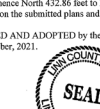
WHEREAS, the Planning Commission after review and consideration of all plans, reports and testimonies did, by unanimous vote, recommend approval of said rezoning based on the following findings:

- 1) The proposed change conforms to the character of the neighborhood.
- 2) The proposed use conforms to the uses and zoning class nearby.
- 3) The proposed change will not negatively affect nearby properties.
- 4) The proposed change conforms to the adopted Comprehensive Plan.
- 5) Current grain bins remain with original owner of remaining property.
- 6) A shared easement on current driveway/ingress/egress.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Linn County, after review of the recommendation of the Planning Commission together with all public comment finds to adopt the findings of the Planning Commission and pass this resolution changing zoning from the A-Agricultural District to the A/R, Agriculture/Residential on property described in Section 1:

SECTION 1: 10.32 Acres, located in the NE Corner of the NW4 of Section 08, Township 21s, Range 24s, Linn County, Kansas, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the NE Corner of Section 08, Township 21s, Range 24s Linn County, Kansas thence E 179.66 feet center Co. Rd. 1095; Thence Southerly along center Co. Rd. 1095, 462.65 feet; Thence West 948.09 feet; Thence North 432.86 feet to North line of Section 08; Thence East 920.28 feet to POB, as shown on the submitted plans and documents.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Linn County Board of County Commissioners this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2021.

  
Chairman  
Vice-Chairman  
Member  
Attest:  
Clerk

At 9:37 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 5 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 15 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 9:57 AM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Shaun West attended the executive session.

At 9:47 Shaun West left the executive session and Jessica Hightower entered.

At 9:57 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 10:00 AM Rick James moved to recess for 20 minutes. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commission met with Jessica Hightower and the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Comprehensive Plan. Hightower distributed a draft of the Linn County Comprehensive Plan Community Vision, Values, and Goals and introduced Jennifer Reinhardt, IBTS. Reinhardt gave an update on the Comprehensive Plan to the Commission. Reinhardt also discussed the next steps in developing our plan.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, November 8, 2021. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Commission Chair

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November 8, 2021

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:01 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. Gary Thompson 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 \$345,300.58: General, \$128,827.93; Employee Benefits, \$142,699.65; Appraiser, \$11,632.41; Rural Fire, \$6,129.40; Road and Bridge, \$44,580.88; 911 Telephone Tax, \$1,454.51; County Health Dept., \$6,193.63; Elderly, \$3,716.26; and Sewer District #1, \$65.91; and the following pays/special pays, totaling \$40,509.41: Road & Bridge, \$40,509.41. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Rick James moved to appoint Doris McElreath as the Scott Township Treasurer. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Danny McCullough moved to approve the Sheriff's Monthly Fee Report for October 2021 in the amount of \$5,110.00. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commission reviewed the YTD Park Report for October 2021. The Commission also reviewed the Levy Sheet for the County with the new Tax Levy Rates.

Bill Matlock, River City Construction, gave an update on the building project.

Rick James moved to approve River City Construction's Application for Payment #14 in the amount of \$1,171,309.78. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. (Payment #14 will be included in next week's Claims.)

Health Dept. Administrator Melissa Lancaster updated the Commission on the County Health Dept. Lancaster reported that vaccines for children 5 to 11 years old have been approved.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week. Anderson presented a printed copy of last month's calls and response times. Anderson also reported that the new supervisor vehicle is here.

Jessica Hightower reported that she is doing another "Shop Local" promotion. Hightower also discussed spill prevention for our fuel tanks. She acquired a template from KDHE to use for our plans, so we can develop the plans in-house instead of paying a company to develop the plans for us.

The Commission discussed the old Station 950 in La Cygne. Rick James is in favor of giving the building to the Rural Water District. Rick James moved to give Rural Water District #1 a Quit Claim Deed to the property. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Shaun West presented information on a road and intersection with potential line of sight issues at K31 Highway and 350 Road. West and Commissioner Johnson will meet with the State Highway Dept. to correct the issue. The Commission also reviewed an issue on Lane Road and County Road 554. Jim Johnson moved to allow the Road Dept. to work on private property to clear the line of sight at Lane Road and County Road 554. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Danny McCullough moved to authorize Jim Johnson to negotiate with the State to correct the line of sight issues at 350 Road and K31 Highway. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

West presented a copy of the lease extension with Everygy for the County Park. The extension will cover us until the end of the year, Everygy is still working on the new lease that will take effect next year. West then asked for permission to apply for an 80/20 grant for a wheel chair accessible mini-van for the Transportation Dept. The minivan would cost approximately \$60,000.00. Rick James moved to allow West to apply for the grant for a minivan. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

West then presented two requests for waiver/reduction of dumping fees. Rick James moved to approve the request for reduced dumping fees requested by the City of Pleasanton located at 20479 E 1000 Rd. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Danny McCullough moved to approve the request for reduced dumping fees requested by the City of Parker located at 222 W Taft St. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 10:00 AM Rick James moved to recess until 10:10 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Larry Sharp, KCAMP, presented information on Risk Management Services used by Linn County. Sharp also explained the coverages provided by KCAMP.

At 10:36 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 25 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 25 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 11:26 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Melissa Lancaster attended the executive session.

At 10:52 AM Melissa Lancaster left the executive session and Shaun West entered.

At 11:10 AM Shaun West left the executive session and Morgan Northcutt entered.

At 11:26 AM the executive session ended. As a result of the executive session, Shaun West then asked for the following salary changes, due to qualifications of the employees: Donnie Snyder, \$15.6173 per hour (Range 8, Step K); Rodney Honn, \$15.6173 per hour (Range 8, Step K); and Donald Fish \$15.8682 per hour (Range 8, Step M). Rick James moved to approve the salary increases as requested. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Also, as a result of the executive session, Rick James moved to enter into a contract with BG Consultants in the amount of \$57,500.00 for design services for the Hell's Bend bridge. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Rick James then moved to authorize Shaun West to sign the contract with BG Consultants. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Dave Berglund, Planning Commission Chair, and Charlene Sims, Planning Commission, discussed the Comprehensive Plan project with the Commission. Berglund stated that he feels like the Planning Commission has been left out of the process. Sims stated that the Citizen's Committee has done a good job, but she also feels that the Planning Commission needs to be more involved, and the Planning Commission members need to be sent to training on procedures of Planning Commissions and their responsibilities. Jessica Hightower stated that Jennifer Reinhardt from IBTS is on the agenda to meet with the Planning Commission in December. Rick James suggested that at the next Planning Commission meeting, the Planning Commission should select a member to represent them on the Comp Plan Committee.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, November 15, 2021. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Commission Chair

Attest:

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County Clerk

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

November 22, 2021

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:01 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. Gary Thompson 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 \$324,426.69: General, \$135,526.50; Employee Benefits, \$121,730.18; Appraiser, \$11,906.46; Rural Fire, \$4,488.03; Road and Bridge, \$40,377.88; County Health Dept., \$7,861.21; and Elderly, \$2,536.43. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Rick James moved to sign the November 2, 2021 General Election Abstract that was reviewed last week. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Missy Lancaster asked to hire Danielle Casey as a Full Time RN/Public Health Nurse at a wage of \$25.9963 per hour (Range 14, Step Q). Rick James moved to hire Casey as requested. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Lancaster also informed the Commission that the Cepheid testing machine is due for an Annual Maintenance Agreement in the amount of \$4,999.00. The Commission asked for a report on the number of tests performed during the past year.

Doug Barlet informed the Commission that two of our Fire Stations have been painted, but they will need to wait until warmer weather to paint the other two. Barlet then asked for approval of the following new pay rates for Firefighters:

Officers	\$35.00 per call, \$11.67 per hour after 3 hours
Firefighters	\$30.00 per call, \$10.00 per hour after 3 hours
Training Pay	Hourly rate for each Firefighter/Officer attending training

Jim Johnson moved to approve the new pay scale for the Fire Department effective immediately and the Training Pay effective January 1, 2022. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Barlet then discussed the software that is used by the Fire Dept. that is being discontinued next year. Barlet would like to purchase new FireWorks software in the amount of \$6,695.00 per year plus a setup and training fee of \$1,990.00. Barlet also informed the Commission that the Fire Board voted to build a 40 x 40 storage building behind the La Cygne Fire Station to replace the storage that we lost with the old La Cygne Fire Station. The Chair informed Barlet that he is not in favor of building a new storage facility.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week.

The Clerk reported the prisoner count. There are currently 16 prisoners in house and 6 farmed out to other Counties.

Jessica Hightower asked to appoint Jennifer Leach as a District #3 Economic Development Board Member. Jim Johnson moved to appoint Jennifer Leach to the Economic Development Board. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Hightower then discussed an Economic Development Training Course for herself, Board Members, and Commissioners for \$15.00 per person.

Chris Martin discussed a proposed change order for the Justice Center project concerning computer wiring/cameras. The additional cost for these items would be \$20,721.70. Rick James moved to approve Change Order Request 20-107-8 in the amount of \$20,721.70 from Apple Electric. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Martin then discussed the need for a new 2" conduit from the Courthouse and the Justice Center for the fiber optic connection. Martin will get estimates by next week's meeting.

Shaun West presented a recommendation for our bridge inspections. West recommends hiring Kaw Valley Engineering in the amount of \$11,721.50. Danny McCullough moved to approve the bridge inspections with Kaw Valley Engineering in the amount of \$11,721.50. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. West also discussed load ratings on bridges, six of our bridges will have new load ratings.

West and the Commission discussed issues with the floor at the Parker Senior Center. West will check into flooring options. West then informed the Commission that Freightliner will honor their original bid on the dump truck motor. West also stated that we received a referral savings from our PubWorks software.

West then asked to hire Rhonda Hunt as a Part-Time Marina Clerk at a wage of \$10.2954 per hour (Range 3, Step G). Jim Johnson moved to hire Hunt as requested. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Morgan Northcutt discussed the Employee Luncheon with the Commission.

At 10:44 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 20 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 11:04 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 11:04 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Jim Johnson discussed the SRO program and payment from the School Districts. So far, the County has had no response from the School Districts. The Counselor will prepare a letter to send to the School Districts.

The Commission also discussed septic tank and inspection issues with Bobby Young.

The Commission then discussed future plans for the Annex and old Courthouse. Jim Johnson moved to keep the existing Courthouse Annex and to use the area west of the Annex for parking. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, November 29, 2021. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Commission Chair

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County Clerk

November 29, 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 \$1,158,274.55: General, \$82,615.49; Appraiser, \$995.11; Rural Fire, \$3,153.24; Road and Bridge, \$765,742.51; County Health Dept., \$1,089.67; Debt Service, \$303,015.63; and Elderly, \$1,662.90. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jim Johnson moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$24,756.14: Employee Benefits, \$24,756.14. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk reported the prisoner count. There are currently 20 prisoners in house and 5 farmed out to other Counties.

Bill Matlock, River City Construction, gave an update on the building project.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week.

Melissa Lancaster reported that the Health Dept. has done 533 COVID tests this year. Lancaster and the Commission then discussed the maintenance agreement for the Cepheid testing machine. Rick James moved to enter into the annual maintenance agreement for the Cepheid testing machine in the amount of \$4,999.00. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Lancaster then discussed two grants that the Health Dept. received recently. Lancaster also presented a proposed dress code policy for the Health Dept. The Commission asked Lancaster to give the policy to Gary Thompson for review.

Doug Barlet reported on the fire calls for the past week. Barlet also presented information on the Fireworks software. The Commission asked if we could get someone certified to conduct annual fire extinguisher inspections. Danny McCullough moved to authorize Barlet to commit to the Fireworks software and to try and get a five year contract. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jim Johnson moved to enter into an agreement with the landowner and the State to clear line of sight issues at the intersection K31 Highway and 350 Road. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 9:49 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 20 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 15 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 10:24 AM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Melissa Lancaster attended the executive session.

At 9:59 AM Melissa Lancaster left the executive session and Burton Harding entered.

At 10:12 AM Burton Harding left the executive session and Shaun West entered.

At 10:22 AM Shaun West left the executive session.

At 10:24 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Shaun West presented the following applications for burial permits: Burial Permit # BP2021-08 requested by Miami County Rural Water District #3 located at 2400 Road and Hadsall Road; and Burial Permit #BP2021-09 requested by Heartland Electric located at E 1150 Road and Leasure Road. Jim Johnson moved to approve both burial permits as presented. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. West also reported on other issues the Public Works Dept. is handling.

Jessica Hightower discussed a Network Kansas program that we are partnering with.

At 10:40 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 20 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 11:10 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 11:10 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 11:11 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 5 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 11:16 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 11:16 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Rick James moved to approve the 2022 Salary Schedule and Pay Adjustments as presented by the County Clerk. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, December 6, 2021. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Attest:

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Commission Chair

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County Clerk

December 6, 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. Gary Thompson 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 \$318,935.17: General, \$141,931.84; Employee Benefits, \$106,931.60; Appraiser, \$11,603.70; Rural Fire, \$4,824.86; Road and Bridge, \$43,146.34; County Health Dept., \$7,303.08; Elderly, \$3,128.51; and Sewer District #1, \$65.24; and the following pays/special pays, totaling \$14,409.41: Employee Benefits, \$14,409.41. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commission reviewed the YTD Park Report for November 2021.

The Clerk reported the prisoner count. There are currently 19 prisoners in house and 5 farmed out to other Counties.

Jim Johnson discussed a trucking bill that was in last week's Claims. The bill was for an MRAP vehicle that was received by the Sheriff's Office. The vehicle did not cost the County, the bill was for shipping only. The Commission stated that they would like to hear from the Sheriff on why we need this vehicle. The Commission is concerned about the maintenance and insurance costs on the vehicle.

Doug Barlet presented a written copy of the fire calls for the past week and the year-to-date calls. Barlet also asked to hire Rodney Nickelson as a Firefighter for Station 910 (Mound City). Jim Johnson moved to hire Rodney Nickelson as a Probationary Firefighter. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Melissa Lancaster reported that COVID cases are rising in the County. The Commission asked Lancaster to track how many of our positive tests are vaccinated versus unvaccinated.

Warren Moody, River City Construction, gave an update on the building project.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week. AMR Capt. Virgil Swanson gave a demonstration of the new automatic compression device.

At 9:43 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 30 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. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 10:13 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Doug Barlet attended the executive session.

At 9:53 AM Doug Barlet left the executive session and Melissa Lancaster entered.

At 10:06 AM Melissa Lancaster left the executive session and Morgan Northcutt entered.

At 10:13 AM the executive session ended. As a result of the executive session, Rick James moved to increase Vicki Brown's wages to \$26.2043 per hour (Range 14, Step R), due to her Public Health experience. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Shaun West reported on current projects in the Public Works departments. Bobby Young presented a Grant of Easement associated with a lot split. Rick James moved to accept the Grant of Easement as presented, contingent upon all lateral lines being located on the correct property. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jessica Hightower informed the Commission that Brianna Laver has moved out of the County, but Elaine Jaeger is willing to be appointed to her spot on the Economic Development Committee. Danny McCullough moved to appoint Elaine Jaeger to the Economic Development Committee. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 10:41 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 20 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 11:01 AM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 11:01 AM the executive session ended. As a result of the executive session, Rick James moved to adopt Resolution #2021-33, extending the Moratorium on Wind Energy Production in Linn County. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Rick James moved to adopt Resolution #2021-32, canceling outstanding warrants over two years old. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following are copies of Resolution #2021-33 and Resolution #2021-32:



RESOLUTION NO. 2021-33

A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE MORATORIUM IMPLEMENTED BY RESOLUTION NO. 2019-04 AND EXTENDED BY RESOLUTION NO. 2020-17.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Linn County, Kansas, is charged with regulating land use within the County, and is empowered by the Constitution and Statute to do so; and

WHEREAS, there is growing interest in commercial Wind Energy Production in Linn County; and

WHEREAS, the regulation of Wind Energy Production falls within the land use regulation powers granted to the Governing Body of the County; and

WHEREAS, there is also significant growing opposition to Wind Energy Production in the County; and

WHEREAS, the County's current zoning regulations and current Comprehensive Plan do not address the issue of allowing or regulating Wind Energy Production; and

WHEREAS, the development and regulation of Wind Energy Production may impact property rights and land use in the County; and

WHEREAS, revisions to the County's zoning regulations and Comprehensive Plan are necessary for the County Planning and Zoning Board and the Governing Body to make reasonable and equitable decisions concerning the possible development of Wind Energy Production in the County; and

WHEREAS, in order to assure the quality and fairness of said revisions, the County Commission, the Planning and Zoning Board and County Zoning Staff need the opportunity to retain professional consultants experienced and knowledgeable regarding Comprehensive Plans, Zoning Regulations, and Wind Energy Production; and

WHEREAS, it may ultimately be advisable to conduct an advisory election or opinion polling in the County to ascertain the views of the citizens about Wind Energy Production; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission implemented a Moratorium on actions regarding Wind Energy Productions by the approval of Resolution No. 2019-04; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission extended said Moratorium by the approval of Resolution No. 2020-17; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission and staff continue at this time to work on the needed Revision of the Comprehensive Plan and related Zoning Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission continues to study the need and procedure for conducting an advisory election on the Wind Energy issue; and

WHEREAS, the Moratorium implemented by Resolution No. 2019-04 and extended by Resolution No. 2020-17 will expire on December 1, 2021, before the completion of the Comprehensive Plan revision and before an advisory election could be reasonably scheduled;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF LINN COUNTY, KANSAS:

1. The Moratorium on accepting, processing, approving or disapproving applications for zoning changes to allow, disallow, or otherwise regulate wind energy production in Linn County, Kansas, established by Resolution No. 2019-04 and extended by Resolution No. 2020-17, is hereby extended until terminated by a vote of the County Commission.
2. This Resolution shall be effective as of its approval and publication in the official newspaper of the County.

RESOLVED THIS 6th DAY OF December, 2021.

Rick James, Chairman, Linn County Commission

Jim Johnson, Commissioner

Danny McCullough, Commissioner

ATTEST:

David L. Lamb, County Clerk



BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LINN COUNTY, KANSAS

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-32

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LINN COUNTY, KANSAS:

That the Board of County Commissioners, being the governing body of Linn County, Kansas, hereby declared, pursuant to KSA 10-815 that all the County warrants listed below are hereby canceled and set aside upon the records of the County. Such records shall show the date of cancellation and shall recite that such warrant is unpaid but canceled by reason of this resolution.

The County Warrants to be canceled are:

GENERAL FUND		
01/14/2019	#128568	Dustin Hawkins \$ 20.00
02/11/2019	#128938	Karysa Johnson \$ 20.00
02/25/2019	#129117	Keith Barnett \$ 10.00
03/11/2019	#129281	Steve Tyler Cruz \$ 42.79
05/06/2019	#130082	Karysa Johnson \$ 11.09
05/20/2019	#130327	Grafix Shoppe \$ 501.79
05/20/2019	#130341	Karysa Johnson \$ 44.34
07/15/2019	#131222	Smartox \$ 137.57
07/29/2019	#131367	Jeffrey Konitzer \$ 21.60
09/23/2019	#132151	Chad Page \$ 35.52
09/27/2019	#132252	Tommy Nickel \$ 243.60
12/02/2019	#133114	General Spring of Kansas City \$ 403.95
12/16/2019	#133355	Smartox \$ 6.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		
01/04/2019	#128534	Security Benefits Group \$ 1,570.00
RURAL FIRE		
01/28/2019	#128822	Jeff Wisdom & Station #920 \$ 100.00
02/25/2019	#129169	Jeff Wisdom & Station #920 \$ 100.00
09/23/2019	#132174	Zach Gillis & Station #960 \$ 100.00
09/23/2019	#132179	Jeff Wisdom \$ 25.00
ROAD & BRIDGE		
04/20/2019	#129083	Mound City Food Fair \$ 20.04
07/01/2019	#131011	Cintas #459 & #430 \$ 135.08
08/02/2019	#131509	Coleman Hardware \$ 368.52

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THE 6th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021.

ATTEST:

David L. Lamb, County Clerk

Rick James, Chair

Jim Johnson, Vice-Chair

Danny McCullough, Member

Danny McCullough moved to approve the Furnishing, Fixtures, & Equipment order for the Justice Center in the amount of \$453,485.87. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-1. (Jim Johnson voted no.)

Jessica Hightower introduced Brenda Muncy from Linn Valley. Muncy would like to be on the Comprehensive Plan Committee. Rick James moved to appoint Brenda Muncy to the Comprehensive Plan Committee. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 11:09 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 20 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 11:29 AM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 11:29 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 11:30 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 20 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 11:29 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 11:40 AM the executive session ended. As a result of the executive session, Rick James moved to approve Change Order #11 on the Justice Center in the amount of \$17,508.84. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-1. Jim Johnson stated that this should have been anticipated by the design architect instead of coming through as a change order with additional expense.

Danny McCullough moved to approve the 2022 Lake Region Solid Waste Authority Budget in the amount of \$27,600.00 (\$4,600.00 from each County). Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, December 13, 2021. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commission Chair

Attest:

County Clerk

December 13, 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. Gary Thompson opened the meeting with prayer.

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

Jim Johnson moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$1,757,005.56: General, \$113,633.29; Appraiser, \$10,962.18; Rural Fire, \$6,325.60; Road and Bridge, \$82,176.02; Law Enforcement Trust, \$308.48; 911 Telephone Tax, \$204.40; County Health Dept., \$2,359.42; Capital Improvement (Construction), \$1,537,201.72; Elderly, \$3,774.45; and Sewer Dist. #1, \$60.00. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk reported the prisoner count. There are currently 17 prisoners in house and 5 farmed out to other Counties.

Warren Moody, River City Construction, gave an update on the building project. The Commission requested a walk through of the building on January 10<sup>th</sup>.

Missy Lancaster stated that COVID numbers are trending down for the past week.

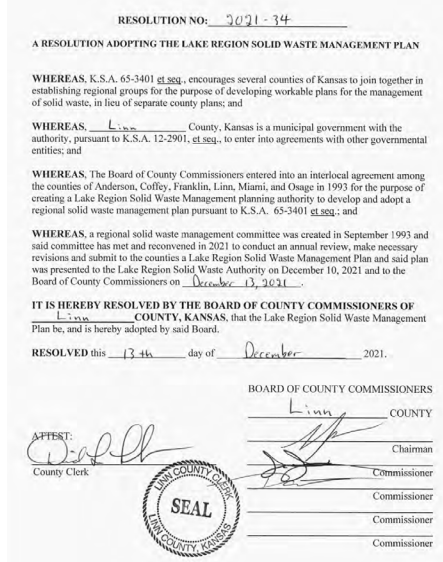
Gary Thompson discussed an issue with our flu vaccine. Our flu vaccine supply got too cold on October 18<sup>th</sup>, so the vaccine may not be as effective as it should be. We are going to send letters to people who received that vaccine advising them that they can come to the Health Dept. for a new flu shot.

Doug Barlet reported on the fire calls for the past week. Barlet also discussed the weather for the week. The Commission asked Barlet about a trailer that was recently purchased for the Fire Dept. in the amount of \$4,854.60. Barlet explained that the trailer was purchased from a local vendor and was within Barlet's \$5,000.00 spending limit.

Chris Martin reported on the backup tower project. Martin also discussed the bids from Apple Electric and Heartland Midwest for the fiber excavation and boring for the Justice Center project. Rick James moved to approve the bid from Heartland Midwest for the boring only in the amount of \$7,250.00. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week. Anderson reported that they will move into the new station in La Cygne on Wednesday.

Shaun West discussed the Botkin Road bridge project. Jim Johnson moved to authorize West to proceed with the bids for the Botkin Bridge project. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. West then discussed the Queens Road project near the river. West also presented information on the leach water runoff at the Transfer Station. Rick James moved to authorize Pfeifferkorn Engineering to do a viability study on the leach water project. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. West then presented a resolution from the Lake Region Solid Waste Authority for the Lake Region Solid Waste Management Plan. Rick James moved to adopt Resolution #2021-34 as presented. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of Resolution #2021-34:



West and the Commission discussed the holiday schedule for the landfill. Some of the contract trash haulers would like to have the landfill open for a few hours on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Gary Thompson presented a proposed ID Plaque for the new Justice Center. Thompson also presented a letter concerning maintenance of roads within lake developments.

At 10:14 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 25 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 25 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 11:04 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Shaun West attended the executive session.

At 10:41 AM Shaun West left the executive session.

At 11:04 AM the executive session ended. As a result of the executive session, Rick James moved to authorize Shaun West to inform KDOT that we will need to use a consulting engineer for the Hell's Bend Bridge project and we will use our matching funds for that part of the project. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Shaun West informed the Commission that after discussion with Al Doan, our Landfill/Transfer Station will be open from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Kathy Bridges presented information on the Real Estate Appraisal/Sales Ratio Study for 2020. Bridges explained the requirements that the Appraiser's office must meet. In 2020 and 2021 our Appraiser's office did not meet all the requirements of the Property Valuation Division of the Kansas Dept. of Revenue. Mike Dallman, PVD Field Staff Supervisor, discussed the results of our Ratio Study and Compliance Review.

Jessica Hightower and Taylor Houge, SEKRPC, met with the Commission concerning the ARPA funds.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, December 20, 2021. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Commission Chair

Attest:

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County Clerk

December 20, 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; 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 2-0.

Jim Johnson moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$794,593.11: General, \$436,030.03; Employee Benefits, \$120,286.47; Appraiser, \$12,483.89; Rural Fire, \$28,095.93; Road and Bridge, \$54,583.05; 911 Telephone Tax, \$1,455.02; County Health Dept., \$7,857.61; Special Alcohol, \$1,400.00; Fair Association, \$129,000.00; and Elderly, \$3,401.11. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

The Clerk reported the prisoner count. There are currently 18 prisoners in house and 5 farmed out to other Counties.

Jim Johnson moved to approve add/abate/refund orders: #2021-1 through #2021-20, and #2021-22 through #2021-74. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Warren Moody, River City Construction, gave an update on the building project.

At 9:06 AM Commissioner McCullough arrived.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week.

Jessica Hightower reported on the December Shop Local drawing. Hightower also reported on a meeting with Chris Martin and Taylor Hogue last week concerning the Broadband RFP.

Shaun West reported that we have contracted for pest control for six months. After that, we should be able to handle it in house. West reported on current Public Works' projects. West reported that the compactor repairs that were done last week should keep our Transfer Station compactor running for a while.

Chris Martin discussed a Change Order concerning the fiber optic portion of the building project. Martin then gave a presentation on the County-wide radio system.

At 9:55 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 30 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 25 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 10:50 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 10:29 AM Shaun West and Morgan Northcutt entered the executive session.

At 10:45 AM Shaun West and Morgan Northcutt left the executive session.

At 10:50 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

The Clerk presented the following requests for year-end Purchase Orders and Transfers:

		Purchase Orders & Transfers			
Fund	PO #	Amount	Description	Transfer To	Amount Description
001	General-Treasurer	2021-01	\$6,000.00 US Postal Service - Postage		
001	General-Election	2021-02	\$1,000.00 US Postal Service - Postage		
100	Employee Benefits	2021-03	\$300,000.00 Linn Co. Treas. Ben. Trust - Health Ins. Claims		
001	General-Clerk	2021-04	\$2,075.00 Navrat's Office Chairs		
001	General-DistCourt	2021-05	\$3,000.00 R.Fisher-ContractAttny		
001	General-DistCourt	2021-06	\$3,000.00 J.Donomey-ContractAttny		
001	General-DistCourt	2021-07	\$3,000.00 G.Hartley-ContractAttny		
001	General-DistCourt	2021-08	\$5,000.00 C.Holmes-Scanning&MicroFilm		
106	Rural Fire	2021-09	\$19,483.00 INSCO Industries-Painting		
001	General-DistCourt			110 Equip.Res.	\$20,000.00 Office Equipment
001	General-Sheriff			110 Equip.Res.	\$25,000.00 Patrol Car Uplifts
001	General-EcoDev			110 Equip.Res.	\$10,000.00 IndustrialParkInvestments
001	General-Airport			110 Equip.Res.	\$25,000.00 AirportCourtesyCar(Airport is over Budget)
150	Elderly			110 Equip.Res.	\$5,000.00 Camera for Trans. Vans
107	Road & Bridge			112 Spec.R&B	\$80,000.00 Benkin Bridge
107	Road & Bridge			112 Spec.R&B	\$200,000.00 Hell's Bend Bridge
107	Road & Bridge			114 Spec.Mach.	\$200,000.00 Road & Bridge Equipment
106	Rural Fire			121 Special Fire	\$180,000.00 Future Equip. Purchase
103	Appraiser			104 Reappraisal	\$15,000.00 Vehicle
		\$342,558.00			\$768,000.00

After reviewing the list, Rick James moved to approve the Year-End Purchase Orders (\$342,558.00) and Transfers (\$743,000.00) as presented, except for Airport Courtesy Car Transfer. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, December 27, 2021. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Commission Chair

Attest:

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County Clerk

December 27, 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; 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 2-0.

At 9:03 AM Commissioner McCullough arrived.

The Counselor explained the policy concerning the administration of the 911 system. Chris Martin explained the process that was used to evaluate and purchase new software for the 911 system.

Jim Johnson moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$884,719.67: General, \$113,640.11; Appraiser, \$15,092.49; Rural Fire, \$199,707.50; Road and Bridge, \$489,648.77; Law Enforcement Trust, \$2,794.00; 911 Telephone Tax, \$39,697.00; County Health Dept., \$247.86; SPARK/CARES Act (ARPA Funds), \$18,846.00; and Elderly, \$5,045.94. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. (\$745,000.00 of the total is for transfers to reserve funds.)

The Clerk reported the prisoner count. There are currently 14 prisoners in house and 4 farmed out to other Counties.

The Clerk then presented Resolution #2021-35, declaring 2 Sheriff's vehicles surplus property. Jim Johnson moved to adopt Resolution #2021-35 as presented. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of Resolution #2021-35:



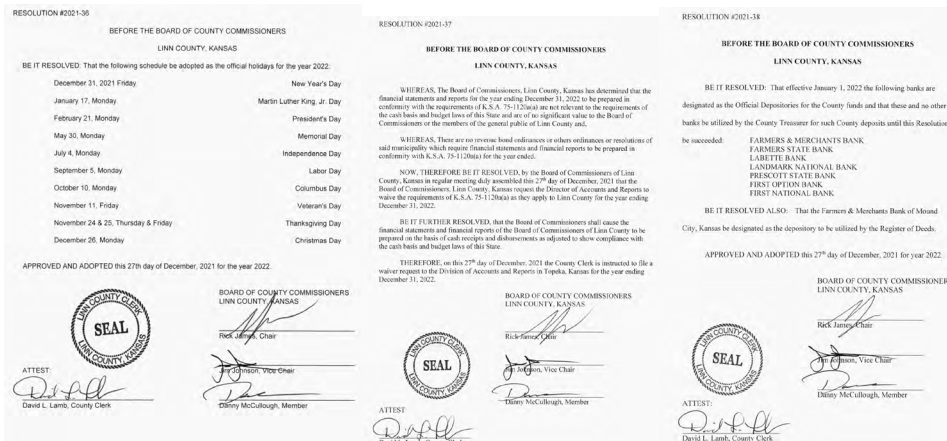
The Clerk presented the following Cereal Malt Beverage License Renewals: License #2022-1 for Xpress Fuel, LLC, Beverly Rhodes, Resident Agent, located at 21657 Valley Road, La Cygne, KS 66040; and License #2022-2 for On The Go Prescott, Moussa Sobaiti, Resident Agent, located at 21356 Kansas Highway 239, Prescott, KS 66767. Rick James moved to approve Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses #2022-1 and 2022-2 as presented. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Missy Lancaster reported that they have been busy with COVID testing. Lancaster and the Commission also discussed flu shots, COVID boosters, and numbers of positive tests.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week. Anderson reported that the old station in La Cygne has been cleaned up and transferred back to the Township.

Shaun West discussed a traffic study near Pleasanton on Tucker Road. West presented a cost summary of Road Dept. expenses for the year. West also reported that the John Deere at the landfill needs to be repaired, but it is under warranty, and there is a maintainer needing repair. West then discussed the need to dispose of used tires. We need to take 2 or 3 loads of tires to be recycled at a cost of \$4,000.00 per load. West also presented a proposed holiday schedule for the landfill for 2022. West discussed other issues that the Public Works departments are currently working on.

The Clerk then presented the following Year-End Resolutions: Resolution #2021-36, 2022 Holidays; Resolution #2021-37, 2022 GAAP Waiver; Resolution #2021-38, 2022 Official Depositories; Resolution #2021-39, 2022 Official Newspaper; Resolution #2021-40, 2022 Pay Date Schedule; and Resolution #2021-41, 2022 Salary Schedule. Rick James moved to adopt the six Resolutions as presented. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following are copies of the Resolutions:



RESOLUTION #2021-39

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LINN COUNTY, KANSAS

BE IT RESOLVED: That effective January 1, 2022 the "Linn County News" is designated as the official County newspaper for the year 2022.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of December, 2021 for the year 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LINN COUNTY, KANSAS

Rick James, Chair

Jessica Hightower, Vice Chair

Danny McCullough, Member



ATTEST:  
David L. Lamb, County Clerk

RESOLUTION #2021-42 BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LINN COUNTY, KANSAS

BE IT RESOLVED: That the following schedule be approved as the schedule of pay dates for the year 2022:

Table with columns: PAYROLL, VOUCHERS, MONTH, ACCOUNTS, VOUCHERS. Rows list months from January to December with corresponding dates for payroll and vouchers.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of December, 2021 for the year 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LINN COUNTY, KANSAS

Rick James, Chair

Jessica Hightower, Vice Chair

Danny McCullough, Member



ATTEST:  
David L. Lamb, County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-41

RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LINN COUNTY, KANSAS

Made this 27th day of December, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED: That the following wages be allowed for the year 2022:

Table listing various job titles and their corresponding salaries for 2022, such as County Commissioner, County Attorney, Sheriff, etc.

Table listing various job titles and their corresponding salaries for 2022, such as Mechanic, Equipment Operator, Health Dept, Sheriff's Office, etc.

\*County Treasurer salary includes 1% Election Officer salary but does not include Motor Vehicle salary.

At 9:35 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into an executive session for 15 minutes to discuss trade secrets, pursuant to the trade secrets exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(4), concerning a potential new business; 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 30 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 10:35 AM. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Jessica Hightower attended the executive session.

At 9:44 AM Jessica Hightower left the executive session and Shaun West and Morgan Northcutt entered.

At 9:51 AM Shaun West and Morgan Northcutt left the executive session.

At 10:35 AM the executive session ended. As a result of the executive session, Danny McCullough moved to hire Matthew Oberlechner as a Mechanic at a wage of \$17.4641 (Range 10, Step B). Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Shaun West informed the Commission that Bobby Young has given notice that he is resigning in May 2022. Rick James moved to advertise for Bobby Young's position. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Rick James moved to approve the following salary adjustments for the Road & Bridge Dept.: Brandon Whisenhunt, \$17.4641 per hour (Range 10, Step B); Franklin Leonard, \$17.8066 per hour (Range 10, Step E); Joseph Oldham, \$15.0924 per hour (Range 7, Step K); Roger Vaughn, \$14.8942 per hour (Range 8, Step C); Levi Whisenhunt, \$15.7058 per hour (Range 8, Step H); Kevin Lewis, \$15.7058 per hour (Range 8, Step H); and Dennis Hardy, \$15.7058 per hour (Range 8, Step H). Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Sheri Loveland presented the Year-End Park Report with additional income that had not been reported. The Commission and Loveland discussed the Park rates and other Park issues. The Commission would like to get internet service set up for the cabins. The Commission also advised Loveland and Shaun West to get bids for new mowers.

At 11:20 AM the Chair opened the Budget Amendment Hearing. No public comment was given. At 11:21 AM the Chair closed the Budget Amendment Hearing. Danny McCullough moved to adopt the Amended 2021 Health Dept. Budget as presented. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jim Johnson moved to approve add/abate/refund orders: #2021-75 through #2021-80. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk presented information on the various reserve funds that the County has.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, January 3, 2022. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Attest:

Commission Chair

County Clerk