

County of Lane Commissioner Regular Meeting Minutes
144 S. Lane, Dighton, Kansas 67839
January 21, 2020

Kiley Beach called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Lane County Courthouse Commissioner's Room. Those attending were: Thomas (Tom) Bennett-Commissioner, Diana Paris-Commissioner and Stephanie Terhune-County Clerk.

Billie Barnett Jr., Emergency Manager, has been servicing vehicles and heaters at the Fire Stations. The radio communication class will be held tomorrow night. The PrairieWolf Fire Brush unit has been delivered and some fire fighters have been trained on how to run it.

Bryan Kough, Sheriff, has three inmates housed in Finney County and one in Scott County. Kough will be contacting Dale Pike about possible blueprints for an impound lot and the requirements to create one. The K9 unit has been purchased from the forfeiture account (\$11,000) and the other \$3,100 Kough will be applying for through grant programs.

Arlene Doll, Health Department, presented upcoming events and stated the Health Fair was a success. March 12th Compass Behavioral will be hosting a training, "Preventing Suicide in Farmers" and would like to see representation from Lane County. April 15-17th will be the Statewide exercise and rural water testing is due to the Health Department by tomorrow. CDC has been encouraging the public to get their flu vaccinations as soon as possible.

Von Johnston, Noxious Weed, presented his daily log and Highway spraying permit. Johnston asked for permission to order half a pallet of Rozol and half a pallet of Kaput prairie dog bait. There is no new update on the overspray claim.

Tom Bennett moved to approve the purchase of half a pallet of Rozol and half a pallet of Kaput prairie dog bait, Diana Paris seconded. Motion carried.

Nicole Rowe, EMS Director, presented end-of-year calls for 2019. There are currently 12 calls so far for 2020. Rowe presented February schedule and stated Road Runner has fixed the windshield in Ambulance 1157. S&T Communications has been contacted to move E-dispatch away from the window and Kinney Glass will be coming to adjust the station's door as it is not closing properly. Commission requested Rowe to contact Belinda Martindale to adjust the door instead of having Kinney Glass come out. Rowe presented final copy of the Operational Protocols for EMS.

Mike Martindale, Public Works Director, has received a few more applicants for the Assistant Director position and will be interviewing one on Friday, Kiley Beach stated he will be attending the interview. Martindale will also be hiring a part-time employee to work until summer. Employees are out checking roads and signs as well as preparing for winter storms. Martindale will have sand hauled to other roads that need it in addition to finishing up Road 240.

Kelly DesLauriers, Appraiser, presented two bids to send out real estate valuations by March 1st. DesLauriers will be finishing up hearings and out setting values. Discussion was held on new Legislature bills being introduced.

Diana Paris moved to approve the bid from Master's Touch LLC in the estimated amount of \$2,146; Tom Bennett seconded. Motion carried.

Debra Panzner, Acting Register of Deeds, stated there was a fire at Sedgwick County Courthouse and will be re-evaluating their disaster plan. Panzner has purchased another hard drive to scan in documents to retain an electric file of records.

Patricia Sharp, Treasurer, presented a check to be place back onto the books.

Tom Bennett moved to approve placing a check back onto the books in the amount of \$16.95; Diana Paris seconded. Motion carried.

Gary Crowley, Recycling Center, presented a check for aluminum from Colby Salvage Metal Co. in the amount of \$251.25. A load of cardboard has also been shipped out. March 31st through April 2nd Crowley will be attending the WORKS conference in Topeka. The Solid Waste Advisory board will need to be updated by March 31st.

At 9:40 a.m. Cortney Atwell joined the meeting. Atwell explained he had inherited land in Lane County and one quarter of ground tax amount is \$1,031 for CRP. Ten years ago, the same quarter of ground taxes cost \$229; compared to the current taxes on the land it is a 450% increase in ten years. Atwell understands small increases, but this is excessive. Discussion of ag values was held. Commission requested what the quarter of land beside his is valued at and how much it has increased; Atwell will get the information to show them.

At 10:17 a.m. Joy Peck, Nancy Johnston and Madison Johnston joined the meeting. Peck and Johnston explained all the repairs and changes that are needed at the 4H building. Peck would like the building to be taken care of so it can continue to be presentable to the public.

Commission discussed security protocols at the Courthouse and County offices.

At 10:49 a.m. Diana Paris moved to recess into executive session to discuss an employee performance pursuant to the nonelected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b) (1) for ten minutes, Tom Bennett seconded. Motion carried. At 10:59 a.m. session resumed with no action taken. Those attending the session were: Tom Bennett, Kiley Beach and Diana Paris.

Commission discussed statistics report for Commission boundary lines.

At 11:07 a.m. Dale Pike, County Attorney, joined the meeting and presented Resolution 2020-01; a Resolution revoking the Resolution establishing the separate department of Lane County Communications. Pike will edit the letter to Greg Greenwald pertaining to the prairie dog issue. Discussion was held on changing the by-laws for Economic Development and pasture/farm lease from Lynn Schriock's Estate.

Diana Paris moved to approve Resolution 2020-01, revoking the Resolution establishing the separate department of Lane County Communications; Tom Bennett seconded. Motion carried.

At 11:31 a.m. Diana Paris moved to recess into executive session to discuss an employee performance pursuant to the nonelected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b) (1) for ten minutes, Tom Bennett seconded. Motion carried. At 11:41 a.m. session resumed with no action taken. Those attending the session were: Tom Bennett, Kiley Beach, Diana Paris and Dale Pike.

Commission reviewed White Rock Township, Alamota Township and Improvement District annual reports. Commission questioned why Alamota Township officers are receiving \$800.00 per year per person since it is 40% of their expenditures.

Diana Paris moved to approve White Rock Township, Alamota Township and Improvement District annual reports; Tom Bennett seconded. Motion carried.

Commission reviewed adds and abatements, KWORCC open claims, snow and ice policy, PTO “cash out” policy, NWLEPG request and Paris stated Mesa Painting will be here tomorrow to start painting. Discussion was held on the requested 4H building repairs, Courthouse repairs, KDOT Agreement and elected official starting wages.

Diana Paris moved to approve the addition to the PTO policy to include “cash out” requests; Tom Bennett seconded. Motion carried.

Diana Paris moved to approve the NWLEPG request of \$502.13 for new rural water testing lab equipment; Tom Bennett seconded. Motion carried.

Diana Paris moved to approve adds and abatements; Tom Bennett seconded. Motion carried.

Diana Paris moved to approve the KDOT Agreement for the cost share program pavement replacement; Tom Bennett seconded. Motion carried.

Tom Bennett moved to approve the claims as listed; Diana Paris seconded. Motion carried.

Diana Paris moved to approve January 6, 2020 minutes; Tom Bennett seconded. Motion carried.

There being no further business Diana Paris moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:56 a.m., Tom Bennett seconded. Motion carried. The next Commissioner’s meeting will be held February 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Claims January 21, 2020

GENERAL FUND		\$86,893.18
NOXIOUS WEED		\$177.86
HEALTH		\$1554.18
WESTERN PYRAMID		\$
PUBLIC WORKS		\$16,794.36
AMBULANCE		\$2,054.11
COUNTY ATTORNEY		\$688.10
EMERGENCY MGT		\$486.24
SHERIFF		\$11,810.36
RURAL FIRE DIST. 1		\$676.72
LANE COUNTY 911		\$98.24
SPECIAL ROAD & BRIDGE		\$4,410.63
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT		\$200,000.00
EQUIPMENT RESERVE		\$206,000.00
SHERIFF SEIZURE FORFEITURE		\$11,000.00
TOTAL		\$542,643.98

ATTEST:

Stephanie M. Terhune, County Clerk

Kiley B. Beach, Chairperson