

**County of Lane Commissioner Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**144 S. Lane, Dighton, Kansas 67839**  
**February 6, 2023**

Godfried (Bud) Newberry called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Lane County Courthouse Commissioner's Room. Those attending were: Logan Campbell-Commissioner, and Stephanie Terhune-County Clerk. Cody Vincent absent.

Mike Martindale, Public Works Director, has been looking for a used Track loader but having difficulties finding a decent option; CAT and John Deere are the only two companies that make them. Commission authorized Martindale to obtain bids. Employees are out blading roads.

At 9:06 a.m. Caitlyn Jermark, Mental Alchemy, joined the meeting to explain the services she could provide for the County. Commission would like to use local services as much as possible if it is feasible. Emergency services will have a meeting with Jermark to utilize Mental Alchemy. Discussion was held on services offered by Compass Behavioral; Arlene Doll will request a list of what they do provide.

At 9:08 a.m. Cody Vincent, Commissioner, joined the meeting.

Mac Barnett Jr., Noxious Weed, has been helping Mike Martindale, finalizing annual reports, and treating some prairie dogs. Barnett contacted other Noxious Weed Directors to see what fees they charge for treatment; fees have increased due to the rising costs. Fees will currently stay the same for Lane County but will be revisited in 2024.

Debra Panzner, Register of Deeds, has been researching prices on a larger scanner for books. The microfilm stored in the salt mines need rescanned and it will cost more to hire out the project. The Clerk's office would also be able to utilize the scanner for permanent documents. Discussion was held on electronic options to view documents online.

Billie Barnett Jr., Emergency Management/Fire Chief, received a Hyper sight HS160R infrared camera from Homeland Security for fire truck 61; it will be permanently mounted this week. There will be an eight-hour fire class this Saturday for Fire Fighters at the Annex building, the Schriock Legacy fund will be supporting the class. City Hall will be hosting an active shooter training next Thursday that he will be attending with Sheriff Bryan Kough and Kansas Highway Patrol. Discussion was held on the ongoing cost of certifying SCBA tanks.

Zach Orr, Sergeant, reported three inmates in Finney Co. and one in Scott Co. The Dodge Durango was picked up last week; decals are in the process of being made and it is on JR Audio's list for equipment installation.

Arlene Doll, Health Department, will have a mandatory tabletop exercise at the LEPC meeting February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Aubrey Budd has been hired as contract labor to fill in for Shelby Lute and Alicia Jones. Jones has started her CNA classes and received a scholarship for the program through the Lane County Healthcare Foundation. There are a few flu vaccinations left that will be sent back to the manufacturer. The free COVID vaccine funding will be closing at the end of April 2023.

Cynthia Landgraf, EMS Director, had a state inspection and received no deficiencies. Unit 1157 is back in service, and the tank was replaced under warranty. An informational meeting on EMS will be held on Wednesday to recruit employees. Tyler and Hanna Sharp have resigned from the EMS Department.

Kelly DesLauriers, Appraiser, stated values will be sent out March 1<sup>st</sup> for real estate and residents have thirty days to contact the Appraiser's office to set up a hearing. Values will be increasing about ten

percent across the board. Marlee Hudson is back to work from maternity leave. Personal property renditions are due on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Golden Belt would like to bid Lane County to service them in any IT related issues. Discussion was held on Lane County's IT services, mill levy, budgets and values.

Commission reviewed information pertaining to the Heritage Hotel's placement in the tax sale.

Cody Vincent moved to approve January 17, 2023 minutes; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Cody Vincent moved to approve the claims as listed; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

At 9:55 a.m. Paul Horvath, Heritage Hotel owner, joined the meeting. Commission stated that they will not be able to change the tax amount owed nor be able to answer questions Horvath may have. Bud Newberry explained how the tax sale process works and that there has been a court judgement filed against his property. Horvath requested a break down of the accounting against the property; Commission suggested he see the Treasurer's office or contact Dale Pike as he is willing to sit down with him by appointment. Discussion was held on how much taxes and utilities are owed against the Heritage Hotel.

Commission reviewed Cheyenne Township, Dighton Township, Lane County Cemetery District and Improvement district annual reports.

Cody Vincent moved to approve Cheyenne Township, Dighton Township, Lane County Cemetery District, and Lane County Improvement District annual reports for 2022.

At 10:19 a.m. Lacey Noterman, Katie Riffle, Chelsey Shapland, Justin Shapland, Joy Peck, Eric Steffens, and Seth Shapland joined the meeting. Discussion was held on the building proposal from 4H to replace the hog shed/sheep shed with a building that would house both. Commission will not support a decision without knowing how much will be spent; bids will be obtained for total expenses by April 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be a spring show on May 21<sup>st</sup> out at the fairgrounds.

Commission discussed the building proposal. There is no new update on the 4H Building handicap door. Commission reviewed Southwest Kansas Highway Official Association annual meeting agenda, investment reports and hospital sales tax (\$25,384.32), KNRC dues and Schriock land to be bid on. Tom Larson contacted Bud Newberry in reference to the Industrial Park. Discussion was held on covenants on the land and will be addressed at the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Cody Vincent moved to approve the adds and abatements; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Logan Campbell moved to pay KNRC annual dues in the amount of \$5,000; Cody Vincent seconded. Motion carried.

Stephanie Terhune, Clerk, presented a bid from Lane-Scott Electric to replace the lights in the Courtroom. Discussion was held on Glassman fixing the District Court office heater. The tax sale date as been set to March 7, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Cody Vincent moved to approve the Lane-Scott Electric bid in the amount of \$1,369.08; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

There being no further business Cody Vincent moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:42 a.m.; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried. The next Commissioner's meeting will be held February 21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Claims February 6, 2023

GENERAL FUND		\$24,974.01
NOXIOUS WEED		\$388.02
HEALTH		\$7,545.13
WESTERN PYRAMID		\$40.01
PUBLIC WORKS		\$8,042.51
AMBULANCE		\$1,912.81
EMERGENCY MGT		\$2,320.22
COUNTY ATTORNEY		\$399.89
SHERIFF		\$10,539.64
RURAL FIRE DISTRICT		\$1,840.43
LANE COUNTY 911		\$112.76
SPECIAL ROAD & BRIDGE		\$1,466.18
FIRE DONATIONS		\$948.70
LYNN SCHRIOCK LEGACY		\$750.70
ARPA FUNDS		\$120,071.70
JANUARY PAYROLL		\$210,955.44
TOTAL		\$392,308.15

ATTEST:

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Godfried (Bud) Newberry, Chairperson

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Stephanie M. Terhune, County Clerk