

County of Lane Commissioner Regular Meeting Minutes
144 S. Lane, Dighton, Kansas 67839
February 19, 2019

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

At 9:00 a.m. Diana Paris moved to recess into executive session to discuss ongoing litigation pursuant to the attorney-client privileged communication exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) for ten minutes, Kiley Beach seconded. Motion carried. At 9:10 a.m. session resumed with no action taken. Those attending the session were: Tom Bennett, Kiley Beach, Diana Paris and Jacob Cunningham by phone call.

Von Johnston, Noxious Weed, presented Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) bureau of maintenance County agreement to treat noxious weeds.

Diana Paris moved to approve the KDOT bureau of maintenance County agreement to treat noxious weeds, Kiley Beach seconded. Motion carried.

Stephanie Terhune, Clerk, presented KWORCC's 2019 inspection of the Courthouse and Public Works. Tom Bennett signed off on the inspection.

Mike Martindale, Public Works Director, reported there are no current tenants at the fairgrounds and is waiting on the ground to dry to fix a water leak. One CAT motor grader is still being worked on. Martindale contacted a salesman at Foley who will be looking into finding a low hour used 140H CAT motor grader. According to his equipment schedule, this will be the year to purchase a motor grader. A discussion of County roads was held. Last week Martindale hauled crushed concrete from the Landfill to place on Road 130. He will be hauling material to Road 60 when it dries.

Billie Barnett Jr., Emergency Manager, stated there will be a functional exercise at USD 482 at the end of March. The fire radio repeater on the East VHF tower malfunctioned, the system is non-repairable and will need to be updated, and Commission agreed Equipment Reserve will pay for the upgrade. Barnett's computer was installed yesterday. He will be attending a cyber security training with Stephanie Terhune at the end of April. The LEPC meeting is tomorrow at the Annex building, Nicole Rowe's Stop the Bleed class is February 27th and a severe weather spotting class is on March 7th in the Community Room. The City of Dighton Council agreed to pay for half of the refill station for the SCBA unit.

Diana Paris moved to approve paying for half of the refill station for the SCBA unit in the amount of \$12,689, Kiley Beach seconded. Motion carried.

Nicole Rowe, EMS Director, presented current billing rates for Lane County and rates from EMS Billing. Commission requested to see what surrounding counties charge for Ambulance services. The Phillips monitor battery has been on back order for over a year, this problem is nationwide. Rowe will be looking into possibly purchasing a new Phillips monitor with help from the KRAF grant. Rowe presented four bids on different types of vehicles to replace the Dodge Durango. Commission would like to keep looking. Advertisement for help wanted in EMS has been posted on the KEMSA website and on the Lane County EMS Facebook page.

Kelly DesLauriers, Appraiser, discussed Board of Tax Appeals (BOTA) tax hearing with Richie Exploration. DesLauriers will be driving around the County during weekends to set values, which will be sent out on March 15th. All payment under protest hearings went well and has adjusted values as needed.

Diana Paris moved to hire Mike Montoya to represent Lane County in the tax hearing between BOTA and Richie Exploration, Kiley Beach seconded. Motion carried.

Kiley Beach moved to approve the adds and abatements, Diana Paris seconded. Motion carried.

Diana Paris moved to approve the claims as listed, Kiley Beach seconded. Motion carried.

Diana Paris has been in contact with KCAMP about the grandstand roof and bleachers. Discussion was held on an EMS Director vehicle and camping rates at the fairgrounds.

Diana Paris moved to approve February 4, 2019 minutes, Kiley Beach seconded. Motion carried.

Diana Paris moved to change the camping rates at the fairgrounds to \$20.00 per day or \$500.00 per month, Kiley Beach seconded. Motion carried.

At 11:14 a.m. Dale Pike, County Attorney, joined the meeting and discussed the farm lease bids and tax sale demand letters. Commission directed Pike to send out demand letters prior to a tax foreclosure sale. There is no new update on Healy Oil fuel tax.

County Commissioners opened bids concerning agriculture ground owned by the county and managed by the county. Mary Majors pasture ground was leased to Bush & Sons land and cattle at \$20.00 per acre due to the current tenant denying right of first refusal at that price. The cultivated ground, poor farm, was leased to Jerald Riemann at \$36.00 per acre and \$34.00 per acre, no other bids were received by the county.

Diana Paris moved to approve all leases and renew contracts, Kiley Beach seconded. Motion carried.

Commission agreed to reopen bids for the following described cultivated dry land farm tracts due to no bids received: 118.1 acres located in the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Fifteen (15), Township Seventeen (17) South of Range Twenty-Seven (27) in Lane County. Bids will be accepted until March 15th, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

There being no further business Diana Paris moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m., Kiley Beach seconded. Motion carried. The next Commissioner's meeting will be held March 4, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Claims February 19, 2019

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| GENERAL FUND | \$62,672.05 |
| NOXIOUS WEED | \$173.83 |
| HEALTH | \$1,548.56 |
| WESTERN PYRMD GRNT | \$ |
| PUBLIC WORKS | \$14,649.52 |
| AMBULANCE | \$1,124.66 |
| COUNTY ATTORNEY | \$323.60 |
| EMERGENCY MGT | \$317.64 |
| SHERIFF | \$2,065.80 |
| LANE COUNTY 911 | \$51.32 |
| RURAL FIRE DIST. 1 | \$971.70 |
| EQUIPMENT RESERVE | \$ |
| FIRE EQUIPMEN RESERVE | \$33,194.49 |
| PAYROLL | \$ |
| TOTAL | \$117,093.17 |

ATTEST:

Stephanie M. Terhune, County Clerk

Thomas J. Bennett, Chairperson