

County of Lane Commissioner Regular Meeting Minutes

144 S. Lane, Dighton, Kansas 67839

March 16, 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., Arlene Doll, Mike Martindale, Gary Crowley, Patricia Sharp, Bryan Kough, Debra Panzner, Von Johnston and Cindy Landgraf joined the meeting.

At 9:00 a.m. Kiley Beach called the Solid Waste Advisory Board meeting to order. Gary Crowley presented the Solid Waste Management Plan, a five-year update.

Billie Barnett Jr., Emergency Manager/Fire Chief, presented a list of activities happening within the County in the next few months, COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Resolution and discussed schools closing. There have been and will be several webinars issued pertaining to COVID-19. Arlene Doll stated there has been talk about shutting down daycares. Several calls for food boxes have been taken and requests for toilet paper. USD 482 will still be providing a sack lunch since schools have been closed; Doll will be giving information for the press release today. Test kits have been ordered for COVID-19; four million kits were distributed throughout Kansas. There have not been any cases of COVID-19 in Lane County. Precautions will be taken, and PPE provided to first responders. Barnett has an inventory list of all equipment and supplies in Lane County. Please use your best judgement; stay at home if sick and work from home if you can. Tom Bennett stated for Departments to take care of their own area. As direction comes in, they will keep the public informed. Patricia Sharp presented precautions she has taken in the Treasurer's Office.

Diana Paris moved to approve the updated Solid Waste Management Plan; Tom Bennett seconded. Motion carried.

Gary Crowley, Recycling Center, stated all cardboard has been sent off and waiting on other recyclables to be picked up.

Mike Martindale, Public Works Director, discussed Lane County roads and presented a bid from Huber Sand; \$19.72 per ton for 24 tons. This material will be used in the Federal Fund Exchange program, the County's portion will be lower than it has been in previous years. Martindale presented the 2019 annual mining report. Steven Redburn has been hired and three employees will be taking the driver's test for their CDL in Colby. Discussion of road materials, Dodge Road and 2021 budgets, was held.

At 9:28 a.m. Dr. Kelly Arnberger, USD 482 Superintendent, joined the meeting. There will be a grab and go lunch for the school kids during the next three days. USD 482 has partnered with the Lions Club to prepare a booster for Wednesday's lunch for those who need it. Donations are being accepted through the Lions Club. The goal in the district will be a daily check of the heating and cooling, other than that the school will be closed. Updates will be provided to the public on the website and social media.

Bryan Kough, Sheriff, reported one inmate in Ford County, three in Finney County, two in Scott County and one in Ness County. Deputies and dispatchers attended training last week so there will be some overtime. The 911 system as been upgraded, eventually they will combine all radios to one headset. Currently the Sheriff's office is taking measures to protect the employees and patrons. A questionnaire has been put in place for those who call in. If any illness has been or is in a household, deputies will not enter.

Diana Paris requested the UV machine be used in every office the County occupies.

Von Johnston, Noxious Weed, stated the prairie dog season is over and presented his daily log. He will be doing follow-up checks on prairie dog towns. There have been several calls on treating musk thistle, discussion was held on increased rates.

Cindy Landgraf, Interim Co-EMS Director, relayed a questionnaire on Friday to dispatch for calls received. The Lane County Hospital is on lock down and have placed a call into them concerning their procedures. Fit testing for N95s will be done at the EMS meeting next week. There is no new update on the KRAF grant.

Bryan Kough presented the questions dispatch will be asking those who call in.

Discussion of materials taken at the Landfill was held.

At 9:45 a.m. Diana Paris moved to recess into executive session to discuss employee performance pursuant to the nonelected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b) (1) for twenty-five minutes, Tom Bennett seconded. Motion carried. At 10:10 a.m. session resumed with no action taken. Those attending the session were: Tom Bennett, Kiley Beach, Diana Paris and Cindy Landgraf.

At 10:13 a.m. Diana Paris moved to recess into executive session to discuss 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 10:23 a.m. session resumed with no action taken. Those attending the session were: Tom Bennett, Kiley Beach, Diana Paris and William LeMaster.

At 10:23 a.m. Diana Paris moved to recess into executive session to discuss employee performance pursuant to the nonelected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b) (1) for ten minutes, Tom Bennett seconded. Motion carried. Cindy Landgraf and William LeMaster joined from 10:28 a.m. to 10:33 a.m. At 10:33 a.m. session resumed with no action taken. Those attending the session were: Tom Bennett, Kiley Beach and Diana Paris.

Stephanie Terhune, Clerk, reported no bids have been received for the building West of the Health Department. KCCA has postponed their conference; Commission will not be attending. Penco Engineering will be attending April 6th meeting and Terhune presented revenue vs. sales for prairie dog treatment.

Diana Paris moved to participate in NWLEPG for 2021; Tom Bennett seconded. Motion carried.

Commission reviewed County valuations and Cemetery District annual report.

At 11:02 a.m. Dale Pike, County Attorney, joined the meeting. Discussion of the Cemetery District's annual report was held. Pike will be sending a letter to the district to receive the correct format for the annual report.

At 11:06 a.m. Bryan Kough re-joined the meeting.

Discussion was held on medical bills for an incident that affected three Counties. Kough still wants to keep a good relationship between Counties but be able to resolve these issues. Inmate medical bills will be paid out of the General fund rather than the Sheriff's budget per statute K.S.A. 19-444. Discussion of reclamation bonds and utility permit fees was held. Commission would like Pike to create a public reclamation bond by June 1st.

Diana Paris moved to increase utility construction permit fees: crossing to trench \$1,000 and crossing to bore \$500; Tom Bennett seconded. Motion carried.

Commission discussed the mural hanging in the Courtroom, 4H Building events and COVID-19.

At 12:03 p.m. the meeting recessed for lunch. At 1:00 p.m. session resumed with Kiley Beach, Tom Bennett, Diana Paris and Stephanie Terhune in attendance.

Diana Paris moved to create a press release stating Commission advises the public to not attend gatherings of more than 50 people at this time. We will keep the public informed of changes as they come in. PLEASE familiarize yourself with the guidelines set by CDC and KDHE; Tom Bennett seconded. Motion carried.

Commission discussed Lane County precautions for each department.

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

State Farm had requested to use the Annex building; Commission will not allow.

Tom Bennett moved to approve March 2, 2020 minutes; Diana Paris seconded. Motion carried.

Commission discussed Courthouse front door locks, grandstands and Courthouse repairs.

There being no further business Diana Paris moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:41 p.m.; Tom Bennett seconded. Motion carried. The next Commissioner's meeting will be held March 23, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Claims March 16, 2020

GENERAL FUND		\$26,750.19
NOXIOUS WEED		\$97.13
HEALTH		\$1,235.37
WESTERN PYRAMID		\$2,600.00
PUBLIC WORKS		\$4,047.80
AMBULANCE		\$1,561.25
COUNTY ATTORNEY		\$427.77
EMERGENCY MGT		\$466.32
SHERIFF		\$1,586.54
RURAL FIRE DIST. 1		\$1,847.14
LANE COUNTY 911		\$99.63
SPECIAL ROAD & BRIDGE		\$9,880.65
TOTAL		\$50,599.79

ATTEST:

Stephanie M. Terhune, County Clerk

Kiley B. Beach, Chairperson