

County of Lane Commissioner Regular Meeting Minutes
144 S. Lane, Dighton, Kansas 67839
March 20, 2023

Godfried (Bud) Newberry called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. in the Lane County Courthouse Commissioner's Room. Those attending were: Logan Campbell-Commissioner, Cody Vincent-Commissioner, Stephanie Terhune-County Clerk, and Bryan Kough-Sheriff.

Cody Vincent moved to approve the letters to First National Bank and First State Bank to update the signature cards adding Logan Campbell and removing Kiley Beach; Bud Newberry seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Heritage Hotel taxes. Mark Callender will be joining the meeting today at 10:30 a.m. for the airport grant. Stephanie Terhune presented 2022 end of year transfers from the General Fund to the Equipment Reserve fund. Commission reviewed the adds and abatements, 4H building door bid from MTM and 17.7 acres of Schriock ground. Cody Vincent presented a bid from Sharp Bros. Seed Company to drill Brome grass on the 17.7 acres.

Cody Vincent moved to approve the 2022 end of year transfer of \$385,905 from the General Fund to the Equipment Reserve Fund; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

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

Cody Vincent moved to approve MTM Siding & Glass Inc. bid to install a handicapped door opener at the 4H building in the amount of \$3,200; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Cody Vincent moved to approve the bid from Sharp Bros. Seed Company to purchase Brome seed and plant 17.7 acres of the Schriock ground in the amount of \$1,567.40; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Bryan Kough, Sheriff, reported one inmate in Scott County and two in Finney County. The 2014 Ford Explorer sold on Purplewave for \$4,600. The Dodge Durango will be going to JR Audio today. Discussion was held on jail facilities.

Cynthia Landgraf, EMS Director, stated that the EMR class has turned into an EMT class which moved it back a month. Landgraf presented the EIG agreement for those attending the EMT class.

Logan Campbell moved to apply for the EIG grant with the State of Kansas for three attendees for Lane County; Cody Vincent seconded. Motion carried.

Billie Barnett Jr., Emergency Manager/Fire Chief, is looking into a solar pump for the South water well. There will be a tabletop exercise in Scott City tomorrow. Barnett will start service work on the fire trucks.

Mike Martindale, Public Works Director, will be submitting the Federal Fund grant to the State of Kansas for \$33,116.40; the State will pay for 90% of the project. The City of Dighton requested the dumping fees be waived for the spring and fall clean up. The recycling center currently costs \$36,847.68 per year to run; the Landfill costs \$28,507.74 per year to run minus some cost of equipment for both areas. Discussion was held on the cost of expenses to run the Recycling Center and Landfill. Guy Fullmer will be cutting trees down on Bison Road, a culvert will need to be replace in the same area. Discussion was held on the project. Martindale is working on the 2024 budget and would like to increase wages for CDL drivers and mechanic, effective March 26th. Commission agreed if there is room in the budget for the increase. An application for employment has been picked up by an individual but has not been returned yet.

Cody Vincent moved to approve the request to exchange federal funds; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Cody Vincent moved to approve waiving the dumping fees for the City of Dighton's city-wide Spring and Fall clean up for 2023; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Stanley Bulinski, Recycling Center, reported that Sonoco closed their doors two weeks ago. Most of Western Kansas used Sonoco and they are looking for buyers. Bulinski has made several phone calls looking for a company that will take recyclable products. Discussion was held on options for buyers, storage of recycled products and previous coalitions that were created. Commission requested Bulinski look into a coalition and follow up with an option to do curbside pickup. Bulinski will be attending the Recycling conference April 18-20th.

Mac Barnett Jr., Noxious Weed, is finished with the prairie dog season. In 2022 3,500 pounds of bait was sold or used for treatment, so far this year he has sold or used 6,500 pounds. Barnett presented the management plan for 2023 to submit to the State of Kansas. Equipment is being prepped for the upcoming spray season, the State Highways will be limited due to construction.

Debra Panzner, Register of Deeds, has her scanner in and working on figuring it out.

Cody Vincent moved to approve the 2023 Management Plan; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Mac Barnett Jr. rejoined the meeting for questions pertaining to treatment of prairie dogs and when they can be treated.

Stephanie Terhune, Clerk, has received several complaints on the parking lot behind the Courthouse and requested if lines could be painted for parking spaces; Commission will allow.

At 10:21 a.m. Mark Callender presented options and amounts from Olsson for upgrades to the airport. Callender is willing to apply for the grant from KDOT for these upgrades. Discussion was held on the cost of the project. Campbell will look over the grant application and get back with Callender.

Logan Campbell moved allow Mark Callender to apply for \$1,500,000 airport grant from KDOT, maximum cost for Lane County will be \$225,000 if the grant is approved; Cody Vincent seconded. Motion carried.

Bud Newberry stated he has not received a bid from any contractor for the potential building at the fairgrounds. A building plan was presented that Mac Barnett Jr. had given to Commission. Discussion was held on the fairgrounds.

At 11:08 a.m. Dale Pike, County Attorney, presented a motion to set aside redemption and proceed to sale, against the Heritage Hotel due to an insufficient check Paul Horvath wrote the County for delinquent taxes. Discussion was held on the results of March 7th tax sale as well as the airport grant runway proposition from Olsson.

Cody Vincent moved to approve March 6, 2023 minutes; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

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

Stephanie Terhune updated Commission on KCAMP's Risk Assessment; Logan Campbell has been in contact with Justin Lewis on the AC unit cages that they have been waiting on since 2022.

Cody Vincent moved to request Justin Lewis to have all AC unit cages completed and delivered by 9:00 a.m. on March 21, 2023 or they will turn it over to the County Attorney to recover the downpayment of \$1,087 the County has paid; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Logan Campbell explained KNRC's position on the Lesser Prairie-chicken lawsuit and suggested they join the lawsuit to protect landowners.

Cody Vincent moved to vote yes for KNRC to engage as the plaintiff in the lawsuit; Bud Newberry seconded. Motion carried.

Stephanie Terhune discussed the County's IT security throughout all departments. Nex-tech will be teaching a cyber security class to all Department Heads on April 4th. Commissioners suggest the class be mandatory for all Department Heads to attend.

Discussion was held on the Community meeting to address housing, childcare etc. on March 21st at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business Cody Vincent moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:18 p.m.; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried. The next Commissioner's meeting will be held April 3, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Claims March 20, 2023

GENERAL FUND		\$7,568.35
NOXIOUS WEED		\$5,946.55
HEALTH		\$1,642.69
WESTERN PYRAMID		\$
PUBLIC WORKS		\$19,078.35
AMBULANCE		\$581.49
EMERGENCY MGT		\$294.02
COUNTY ATTORNEY		\$251.41
SHERIFF		\$6,710.32
RURAL FIRE DISTRICT		\$464.00
LANE COUNTY 911		\$100.73
SPECIAL ROAD & BRIDGE		\$6,765.54
ROD TECH FUND		\$3,566.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT		\$1,975.20
TOTAL		\$53,944.65

ATTEST:

Godfried (Bud) Newberry, Chairperson

Stephanie M. Terhune, County Clerk