

County of Lane Commissioner Special Meeting Minutes

144 S. Lane, Dighton, Kansas 67839

March 23, 2020

Kiley Beach called the meeting to order at 8:56 a.m. in the Lane County Courthouse Commissioner's Room. Those attending were: Thomas (Tom) Bennett-Commissioner, Diana Paris-Commissioner, Stephanie Terhune-County Clerk, Billie Barnett Jr. and Arlene Doll.

Arlene Doll, Health Department, stated there will be limited Senior Care for clients on a case by case basis. Daycares have been calling with concerns, they are not planning on closing at this time. Doll will be meeting with Lane County Hospital to review guidelines for testing patients. Lane County Hospital is not wanting to test patients; this is very common in small hospitals due to Long Term Care. Discussion was held on Lane County Hospital and PPE. Lane County has not received any test kits for COVID-19, Finney County and Scott County have received kits. The Food Bank supplies are stocked and there are community members willing to donate when needed.

Billie Barnett Jr., Emergency Manager/Fire Chief, had a fire call last night. One Deputy and one fire fighter were exposed to a symptomatic person; both are now self-isolated. Discussion was held on KDHE guidelines. Barnett, Arlene Doll and Stephanie Terhune had a meeting with two City Council members and Craig Collins last Friday to give guidance and to create a united front. The City of Dighton has closed City Hall to the public. Restaurants in Lane County are following KDHEs guidelines except for the Bowling Alley.

Commission asked if there is any action they will need to take today. Barnett stated COVID-19 cases are increasing daily and will have to wait and see what transpires. Discussion of the Emergency Declaration for County's and guidelines for local businesses was held. Barnett will look into purchasing a decontamination machine. There was a fire at Cat House and a generous donation of \$2,000 was given for the response. There are Small Business loans available on kansascommerce.gov; Doll will have Crystal Hoffman post the information on the Economic Development Facebook page.

At 9:41 a.m. Tom Bennett 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 sixty minutes, Diana Paris seconded. Motion carried. At 10:41 a.m. session resumed with no action taken. Those attending the session were: Tom Bennett, Kiley Beach, Diana Paris and Cindy Landgraf.

At 10:42 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 fifty minutes, Tom Bennett seconded. Motion carried. Stephanie Terhune joined the meeting from 11:00 a.m. to 11:03 a.m. Cindy Landgraf joined the meeting from 11:06 a.m. to 11:21 a.m. At 11:32 a.m. session resumed with no action taken. Those attending the session were: Tom Bennett, Kiley Beach and Diana Paris.

Commission offered Cindy Landgraf the position of EMS Director; Cindy will get back with Commission on her decision.

Diana Paris contacted Fire Alarm Specialist to give a bid on locks for the front doors of the Courthouse. Commission decided to leave the mural in the Courtroom as is.

Diana Paris moved to keep County Offices closed until April 6th and revisit the situation at the next regular meeting; Tom Bennett seconded. Motion carried.

Diana Paris moved to mandate Direct Deposit for all County employees by April 20th; Kiley Beach seconded. Motion carried.

Commission discussed County employees and oil values and price per barrel.

Tom Bennett moved to approve March 16th and March 18, 2020 minutes as corrected; Diana Paris seconded. Motion carried.

There being no further business Diana Paris moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:08 p.m.; Tom Bennett seconded. Motion carried. The next Commissioner's meeting will be held April 6, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

Stephanie M. Terhune, County Clerk

Kiley B. Beach, Chairperson