

**County of Lane Commissioner Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**144 S. Lane, Dighton, Kansas 67839**  
**April 1, 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.

Arlene Doll, Health Department, presented upcoming events and two freezer bids to be submitted to the State of Kansas. The State of Kansas will reimburse the Health Department for expense. The WIC computer is not working properly and will need to purchase a new one. WIC will also reimburse the Health Department for the expense. Kiley Beach requested Doll receive a bid from S&T as well. American Red Cross will be hosting a shelter fundamentals class at the Lane County Fairgrounds on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Doll presented a bid for panic buttons from JR Audio and County Health rankings and roadmaps for Lane County. Discussion was held on clients and vehicle for the Health Department.

Mike Martindale, Public Works Director, purchased a dump truck in the amount of \$17,600, on Purplewave; he will be picking it up on Thursday. Martindale presented a bid from Huber Sand for Road 60 at \$16.84 per ton for 2,400 tons. A discussion of tree trimming and County roads was held.

Nicole Rowe, EMS Director, presented April's employee schedule and stated a potential employee will be picking up an application today. There were six transfers and five emergency calls for the month of March. April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Rowe will be hosting a CPR/Stop the bleed class for seniors at USD 482 Dighton, USD 468 Healy will discuss and get back with Rowe. One of the computers at EMS will need to be replaced due to discontinued software.

Von Johnston, Noxious Weed Director, will have a Kansas Department of Agriculture inspection this afternoon. There is no new update on the sprayer.

Billie Barnett Jr., Emergency Manager, had a meeting yesterday in Leoti to develop a task force for Greeley, Wichita, Scott and Lane Counties. The fire repeaters have been installed and Truck 65 has a recall on it from Dodge and will be repaired this week. The tornado siren's batteries have been changed out and is working properly, thank you to the City of Dighton for purchasing new batteries. New Fire Fighters have been hired and are in the middle of taking their NIMS classes. Barnett updated Commission on upcoming events.

Bryan Kough, Sheriff, stated his Tahoe is currently at R Brothers being repaired from the storms last year. Greg Newland will be the new Head Dispatcher effective today, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Commission questioned the \$500.00 legal fees on Kough's credit card, Kough stated it was from past legal counsel and is paying it off on a monthly basis. Kiley Beach requested more patrol on Highways when school is let out, if possible. Kough reported four inmates housed for Lane County.

Gary Crowley, Recycling Center, discussed attending the WORKS conference and possible changes in the future. Grants are available for equipment, education and outreach programs. Paris would like to apply for a grant to place another bin for cardboard at the Recycling Center. Earth Day is April 22<sup>nd</sup> and there will be a clean up at Lake Scott State Park from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. Discussion was held on Recycling Center equipment.

At 9:49 a.m. Dan Sharp and Tyler Sharp joined the meeting to observe.

At 9:55 a.m. Jeff Schmalzried, representing Lane County Feeders, joined the meeting. Schmalzried stated Lane County Feeders pays \$192,000 in property taxes, employs 45 employees and generates 2.5 million

dollars in payroll. Road 230 has extensive use on it from Lane County Feeders and so far in 2019; 300 loads of cattle have come in, 690 loads of cattle have gone out, 540 loads of distillers and 760 loads of dry corn transported. Traffic on Road 230 increases during harvest time as well. Schmalzried discussed the history and future expansion of Lane County Feeders. Lane County Feeders would like the County to pave a mile and a half of Road 230 from Highway 23. Penco will be in the area this summer and quoted a price of \$562,500 to pave the road. Other feedlots Scott Foote owns in different Counties have the roads paved as well, with the exception of Sheridan County. Lane County Feeders are open to payment options and a possible cost-share agreement. Schmalzried is not expecting an answer today but would like Commission to consider the request.

Kiley Beach moved to approve March 18, 2019 minutes, Diana Paris seconded. Motion carried.

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

Stephanie Terhune, Clerk, presented the SonicWALL bid from Nex-Tech for Courthouse firewall protection and retirement appreciation gift suggestions. A discussion was held on County budgets and the Lane County Fairgrounds.

At 10:22 a.m. Ruby Martin, Lane County Library, joined the meeting to appoint Kim Wilkens on the Library Board and to request the use of the Community Room for the 2019 Summer Food Program.

Diana Paris moved to appoint Kim Wilkens to the Library Board and approve the 2019 Summer Food Program to be held in the Community Room, Kiley Beach seconded. Motion carried.

Diana Paris moved to approve Lane County's retirement appreciation gifts, Kiley Beach seconded. Motion carried.

At 10:27 a.m. Charlie Rupp joined the meeting to observe.

Commission discussed County vehicles and equipment to be placed on Purplewave Inc. Discussion was held on Lane County Feeder's proposal. Tom Bennett presented an amended APAC contract increasing the amount of acres used from 8 to 9.5 acres.

At 10:32 a.m. Annita Lorimor joined the meeting to observe.

Diana Paris moved to approve the amended APAC contract, Kiley Beach seconded. Motion carried.

At 10:50 a.m. Kelly DesLauriers, Appraiser, joined the meeting and reported she received the 2018 ratio study and Lane County is at 95%. To be in compliance with the State of Kansas a County needs to be within 90 and 110%. In 2017 Lane County was out of compliance in commercial and had an appraisal company re-inspect and value a few commercial properties.

At 10:54 a.m. Dale Pike, County Attorney, joined the meeting and discussed the farm lease agreement with Triple R Enterprises. Greg Greenwald could not be here today, Pike requested him to attend a meeting to update Commission on what he has completed to maintain the prairie dog population on his property. Pike presented the statute exempting the Cemetery Board from the Tax Lid and stated delinquency tax letters have been sent out for property taxes. The Diamond View property only has special assessment taxes on it and is still in the Lane County Senior Living Foundation's name. A discussion of County legal matters was held. There is no new update on the Healy Oil Fuel tax. Bennett discussed Lane County Feeder's request.

At 11:15 a.m. Commission moved their meeting to the Third floor County Courtroom to accommodate attendees. Those attending were: Tom Bennett, Kiley Beach, Diana Paris, Stephanie Terhune, Kelly DesLauriers, Dale Pike, Charlie Rupp, Annita Lorimor, Tyler Sharp, Dan Sharp, Ed Wiltse, Amber Zimmerman, Kiesha Zimmerman, Ruben Zimmerman, Jerald Riemann, Doyle Capra, Duane McClure, TJ Penka, Trenn Davis, Austin Bretz, Moe Linden, Yvonne Kraus, Al Cook, Hoss Kazerooni, Emilie Schmalzried, Corinne Herndon, Joyce Hineman, Carolyn Roth and Maria Coker.

Several members attending expressed their concerns on increasing valuations and higher taxes to be paid on commercial, residential, agricultural land and personal property. County patrons encouraged Commission to reevaluate budget spending and valuations.

Kelly DesLauriers introduced herself and explained the ratio value to be compliant with the State of Kansas. DesLauriers explained that she values property at Fair Market Value based on open market sales in Lane County.

There being no further business Diana Paris moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:06 p.m., Kiley Beach seconded. Motion carried. The next Commissioner's meeting will be held April 15, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Claims April 1, 2019

GENERAL FUND		\$13,513.99
NOXIOUS WEED		\$434.05
HEALTH		\$10,877.37
WESTERN PYRMD GRNT		\$40.01
PUBLIC WORKS		\$12,021.43
AMBULANCE		\$3,767.43
COUNTY ATTORNEY		\$326.12
EMERGENCY MGT		\$808.32
SHERIFF		\$5,766.97
LANE COUNTY 911		\$1,261.50
RURAL FIRE DIST. 1		\$1,822.31
RURAL FIRE DONATIONS		\$574.20
PAYROLL		\$208,013.95
TOTAL		\$259,227.65

ATTEST:

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Stephanie M. Terhune, County Clerk

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Thomas J. Bennett, Chairperson