

**County of Lane Commissioner Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**144 S. Lane, Dighton, Kansas 67839**  
**April 15, 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 twenty minutes, Kiley Beach seconded. Motion carried. At 9:20 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.

Ron and Shirley Suppes joined the meeting to discuss the South West County roads that are in need of repair. Commission will converse with Mike Martindale for options to repair the roads.

Greg Greenwald joined the meeting to give Commissioner's an update on his prairie dog control tactics. Greenwald reported 218 shooters on a 180 day continuous basis in 2018. He has also installed raptor perches on the South edge of his property, eagles and hawks have been nesting in those perches. Greenwald poisoned the South end with product he had left over but will be purchasing poisoned oats after the pallet is gone. He is unsure of how effective the poison was due to the snow this year. The fencing company is coming this week to put up a fence on the South edge and crop field edge with Hauschild. He will also be planting vegetation by the raptor perches. So far this year Greenwald is booked solid with hunters.

Von Johnston, Noxious Weed, presented his 2020 budget request.

Mike Martindale, Public Works Director, presented a utility construction permit request from Ritchie Exploration Inc. He will be placing a help wanted ad in the paper, Nextech Classifieds, Facebook and the Tri-County Advocate. Ron Suppes' road will need to be fixed and will be working on it this week. A discussion of options to fix the South West County roads was held.

Diana Paris moved to approve the utility construction permit request from Ritchie Exploration Inc. located on Road 70, ½ mile between Arapahoe and Bison for an underground salt water line, Kiley Beach seconded. Motion carried.

Gary Crowley, Recycling Center, stated the grant application is a minimum of a \$2,000 purchase. Diana Paris proposed looking into purchasing a recycling trailer. Crowley will look into what he can find that would work for overflow of recyclables.

Bryan Kough, Sheriff, stated April 25<sup>th</sup> will be the Bicycle Rodeo at the Dighton Grade School. Currently there are five prisoners being held.

Patricia Sharp, Treasurer, presented investment reports and an updated tax foreclosure proceedings for 2018.

Kelly DesLauriers, Appraiser, presented forms for Lane County Feeders to apply to the economic development program and explained the process. A discussion of Lane County Feeder's property taxes was held. Personal property valuations will be sent out May first. Today is the last day to have hearings with DesLauriers on property values. A discussion of the Dighton Herald's misleading newspaper article at the last Commissioner's meeting was held. DesLauriers offered to give a presentation that will be open

to the public to explain the valuation and budget processes. Commission agreed and commended DesLauriers on how she explained and handled the public's concerns of valuation.

At 10:16 a.m. Ron Musselwhite, representing the Lane County Senior Citizen Foundation, presented the 2020 budget request.

At 10:22 a.m. Bob Wetmore, Great Plains Development, presented 2019 service update and membership fee for 2019.

Diana Paris moved to approve the membership for 2019 with Great Plains Development in the amount of \$750.00, Kiley Beach seconded. Motion carried.

At 10:43 a.m. Chris Lund, City on a Hill, presented the 2018 statement of earnings and the 2020 budget request.

At 10:50 a.m. Joy Peck joined the meeting and presented upcoming fair events, needed repairs to the fairgrounds, 2020 budget request and her resignation effective October 1, 2019.

At 11:10 a.m. Dale Pike, County Attorney, discussed Greg Greenwald's update on prairie dog control. A discussion was held on County legal matters. Doyle Capra previously stated that the County has the Cemetery District's bylaws, Pike will be sending Capra a letter stating that the County does not have the bylaws and explain that it is a necessity to have them to be a taxing entity. Pike presented several statutes pertaining to the Cemetery District. A discussion was held concerning the tax sale; on May 15<sup>th</sup> a suit will be filed or a tax sale will be implemented. There is no new update on the Healy Oil Fuel Tax. Pike will look into if the County can charge someone requesting the County to find corner stones for surveying property lines.

At 12:00 p.m. session recessed for lunch. At 1:08 p.m. session resumed with Tom Bennett, Kiley Beach, Diana Paris and Stephanie Terhune attending.

At 1:08 p.m. Samantha Parish, representing the 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Community Corrections, presented the Community Corrections comprehensive plan for FY2020.

Kiley Beach moved to approve the adult comprehensive plan juvenile grant application, Diana Paris seconded. Motion carried.

Commission conversed with Steve Neeley concerning the trailer park fence, Neeley will be able to replace the boards but will not be able to paint them before the fair.

Johnathan Herald and Kelly Robins, Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center, presented updated information and the 2020 budget request.

Stephanie Terhune presented a letter from Decatur County giving notice to withdraw from the NWLEPG. S&T Communication's bid was presented to update the Courthouse's SonicWALL software. Terhune requested permission from Commissioners if she could use the County's credit card for a one time purchase of goods to be donated to the homeless shelters-the South West Kansas Clerk's Association would then reimburse Lane County. Commission will allow. Commission reviewed a voucher submitted from Dale Pike requesting permission to be paid out of his diversion fund. Terhune presented an Interlocal cooperative agreement for community corrections and juvenile services.

Diana Paris moved to approve S&T Communication's bid to update and replace the SonicWALL for the Courthouse in the amount of \$1,757.99, Kiley Beach seconded. Motion carried.

Diana Paris moved to approve the Interlocal cooperative agreement for community corrections and juvenile services, Kiley Beach seconded. Motion carried.

Diana Paris moved to approve Cheyenne Township's Annual reports 2013-2018, Kiley Beach seconded. Motion carried.

At 2:39 p.m. Lisa Southerland, Louise Ehmke and Max Meschberger with Compass Behavioral joined the meeting and presented the 2018 annual report and 2020 budget request.

Diana Paris discussed end of year transfers for 2018 and 2020 budgets. Tom Bennett had conversed with Scott County of their proposal from Royal Beef Feedyard. A discussion was held of Lane County Feeder's proposal and the equipment that will be placed on Purplewave.

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

Diana Paris moved to approve April 1, 2019 minutes, Kiley Beach seconded. Motion carried.

There being no further business Diana Paris moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:28 p.m., Kiley Beach seconded. Motion carried. The next Commissioner's meeting will be held May 6, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Claims April 15, 2019

GENERAL FUND		\$19,819.95
NOXIOUS WEED		\$6,831.69
HEALTH		\$2,701.06
WESTERN PYRMD GRNT		\$2,600.00
PUBLIC WORKS		\$13,520.88
AMBULANCE		\$1,125.15
COUNTY ATTORNEY		\$101.87
EMERGENCY MGT		\$482.61
SHERIFF		\$2,655.82
LANE COUNTY 911		\$98.24
RURAL FIRE DIST. 1		\$638.11
RURAL FIRE EQUIP RES		\$13,052.00
EQUIPMENT RESERVE		\$7,522.00
TOTAL		\$71,149.38

ATTEST:

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Stephanie M. Terhune, County Clerk

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Thomas J. Bennett, Chairperson