

County of Lane Commissioner Regular Meeting Minutes
144 S. Lane, Dighton, Kansas 67839
April 17, 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, and Stephanie Terhune-County Clerk.

At 9:01 a.m. Max Meschberger-Regional Director and Lisa Southern-Executive Director of Compass Behavioral joined the meeting to present upcoming changes and 2024 budget request. Meschberger explained services provided and recent events that Compass has been involved in with the County.

Discussion was held on the independent contractor counselor agreement with Caitlin Jermark, Mental Alchemy LLC. Cynthia Landgraf explained the 1033 organization.

Billie Barnett Jr., Emergency Manager/Fire Chief, presented a bid of \$6,634.99 to purchase a drone out of the Schriock Legacy Fund. The drone can be useful in many situations first responders are involved in; the Undersheriff submitted a letter of support for the drone. Commission agreed for Barnett to make the purchase, no motion needed since the expense is under the threshold for the Schriock Legacy Fund. Three employees will be taking a class to learn how to operate the drone. There were two fires this weekend, tomorrow's weather calls for high winds and fire danger. Barnett is currently servicing fire trucks.

Cynthia Landgraf, EMS Director, reported all Ambulances have passed the state inspection. The KRAF grant was denied for a new Ambulance cot, the State stated they did not have enough funds to give out. Landgraf will reapply for the grant next year. An employee had an emergency surgery which is leaving the service shorthanded until they return.

Debra Panzner, Register of Deeds, has Brianna Barton learning how to use the scanner and is currently scanning in books to create electronic records.

Arlene Doll, Health Department, stated that Shelby Lute will be working evenings and weekends to help a senior care client until their caretaker is back; there will be some overtime involved. Schedule and employee changes will be happening in the next few weeks.

Mac Barnett Jr., Noxious Weed, has started to spray noxious weeds and has been helping Mike out for the past month. At the Noxious Weed conference there was a discussion about Directors becoming licensed drone users. Barnett presented a 2024 budget request; he will be purchasing additional chemicals soon and pricing is still higher than what it used to be.

Mike Martindale, Public Works Director, received the track loader and has employees working on a few projects. Tyler Hendrix turned in his two-week notice; the new employee has started and is doing well.

Cathy Salmans, Treasurer, presented investment reports and Hospital sales tax (\$23,710.85). Salmans has conversed with other offices and suggested changing the County office hours to 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. closed for lunch from 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Adjusting the hours would allow the public to do business prior to working hours and during the noon hour; the current hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. closed from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Cody Vincent moved to approve all County offices hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. closed from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. effective June 1st; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Cynthia Landgraf added that the Community meeting for uses and effects of Narcan will be held at Bible Fellowship Church Fellowship Hall May 9th at 7 p.m.

Commission discussed the agreement presented by Mental Alchemy LLC; Logan will contact Caitlyn for more information.

At 10:03 a.m. Donna Daly, Program Director for City on a Hill, explained the history of City on a Hill and moving the facility to Dighton. Daly presented the 2024 budget request and financial statement.

Logan Campbell moved to approve April 3, 2023 minutes; Cody Vincent seconded. Motion carried.

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

The AC unit guards are in place, but they are not attached yet; Logan will contact Russell Hoffman to help him set those. There is no new update on when MTM will be at the 4H building. Commission has contacted other contractors for estimates on the fairground building proposal and is awaiting a response.

At 10:28 a.m. Justin Dempsey, Next-Tech, explained the services Nex-Tech can provide Lane County to increase their cyber security. At 10:48 a.m. Sheryl Burke and Chelsey Willer, Nex-Tech, joined to discuss the cost of the project and additional IT services for the County.

Logan Campbell reached out to Economic Development on the tax incentive programs; Eco Devo will be adjusting the program rates. Rural housing is still an issue within Lane County; Commission is interested in utilizing the Neighborhood Revitalization Program or starting a program within the County. Campbell stated that the Community Foundation (Dighton Builds the Future) applied for a grant from the Patterson Foundation for a matching grant and received \$70,000 to help build a single-family dwelling. Discussion was held on housing within the County.

Stephanie Terhune, Clerk, presented a one-year maintenance renewal with Sirius and informed Commission that she received a petition from Dale Pike to verify signatures to sell Cereal Malt Beverages that Hemlataben Patel submitted to the City Office; Terhune sent her response to Dale Pike.

Logan Campbell moved to approve the Sirius maintenance agreement in the amount of \$3,211.00; Cody Vincent seconded. Motion carried.

Commission discussed the Lane County Sheriff's position.

There being no further business Cody Vincent moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m.; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried. The next Commissioner's meeting will be held May 1, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Claims April 17, 2023

GENERAL FUND		\$49,412.43
NOXIOUS WEED		\$67.40
HEALTH		\$2,907.41
WESTERN PYRAMID		\$3,000.00
PUBLIC WORKS		\$21,947.03
AMBULANCE		\$975.69
EMERGENCY MGT		\$235.09
COUNTY ATTORNEY		\$123.28
SHERIFF		\$285.08
RURAL FIRE DISTRICT		\$755.09
LANE COUNTY 911		\$100.73
SPECIAL ROAD & BRIDGE		\$13,089.35
EQUIPMENT RESERVE		\$2,078.96
SPECIAL MACHINERY		\$340,269.31
SCHRIOCK LEGACY		\$30.23
TOTAL		\$435,277.08

ATTEST:

Godfried (Bud) Newberry, Chairperson

Stephanie M. Terhune, County Clerk