

**County of Lane Commissioner Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**144 S. Lane, Dighton, Kansas 67839**  
**May 18, 2020**

Kiley Beach called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Lane County Courthouse Commissioner's Room. Those attending were: Diana Paris-Commissioner, Thomas (Tom) Bennett and Stephanie Terhune-County Clerk.

At 9:00 a.m. Chris Lund, City on a Hill, presented 2021 budget request.

At 9:09 a.m. Cody Vincent and Cortnie Price joined the meeting. Price explained the need for groundwork in the arena so it can be utilized for events. Discussion was held on equipment use in the arena and future events. Commission will allow for the ground to be worked so it can be used for all events, but cannot use the County's equipment as it is needed on the roads.

Debra Panzner, Acting Register of Deeds, stated pipeline easements are coming in. Panzner has been allowing researchers into her office as long as they follow the guidelines set by CDC and KDHE.

Cynthia Landgraf, EMS Director, will be having a dinner around June 1<sup>st</sup> for the employees to celebrate EMS week. Landgraf has been applying for grant funds from several entities to help purchase two monitors for the Ambulances and is waiting to hear back from them. To help reduce expenses, Landgraf had a meeting with the Hospital to eliminate certain medicines that are not necessary to carry. Revenue rates have not increased for two years, Landgraf would like to increase rates by 5% and to start charging a small fee to cover private funded events when requested.

Mike Martindale, Public Works Director, will have Huber Sand hauling material to Dodge Road on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Employees have been blading and elevating other County roads as well as putting in culverts. Discussion was held on a complaint made from a resident.

Billie Barnett Jr., Emergency Manager/Fire Chief, presented Resolution 2020-03 COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and has been taking continuing education classes online. Two fire grants have been eliminated possibly due to funds being used toward COVID-19. Fire truck 22 is back in service and Chad Rupp has been working on light maintenance on all trucks. Barnett thanked Mike Martindale for the load of dirt for the Healy Cemetery. Curtains for the wash bay at the fire station have arrived and will need to be installed.

Diana Paris moved to approve Resolution 2020-03 COVID-19 Public Health Emergency; Tom Bennett seconded. Motion carried.

Kiley Beach received a request from the Recreation board if they could have a load of millings for the ball field. Mike Martindale stated he should have enough and that the Recycling Center has been completed.

Bryan Kough, Sheriff, reported ten inmates. He is also working on grant applications and waiting to hear back from them. Hours have been adjusted to eliminate some overtime. Dispatch will continue to take electricity calls for the City of Dighton until the call center is up and running.

Commissioners questioned status of PPE inventory. Billie Barnett Jr. said the inventory is sufficient for all departments who need it. They did not get the grant to purchase a N95 Fit test so full price will be split between departments. Discussion of County Fair activities was held.

Von Johnston, Noxious Weed, presented his daily log. Michael Cabbage has been spraying roadsides while Johnston is taking care of musk thistle and pastures. Additional chemical was received this morning.

Patricia Sharp, Treasurer, stated Driver License services have not been open to the public yet; she will start opening but only by appointment and only for Lane County residents. Most taxpayers have paid their taxes but those who are now delinquent have been delinquent in the past. There has been legislation introduced pertaining to taxes and interest; Sharp is unsure of what will be passed.

At 10:00 Marline Rupp, District Court, joined the meeting and requested to see if it would be possible for Belinda Martindale to disinfect the Courtroom at least once a day, Commission did not see a problem with that. Rupp is unsure of the next phase of opening or how often hearings will be. Discussion of PPE and cleaning of the Courtroom was held.

Commission visited the Courtroom. Discussion was held on EMS fee increase and event charges.

At 10:12 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 five minutes, Tom Bennett seconded. Motion carried. At 10:17 a.m. session resumed with no action taken. Those attending the session were: Tom Bennett, Kiley Beach, Diana Paris, and Belinda Martindale.

At 10:30 a.m. Marcia Gabel, Jennifer Whipple and Mike Ruggiero, Lane County Hospital, joined the meeting via conference call. Ruggiero presented 2021 budget request, 2020 first quarter financials and 2019 audit. Gabel reported the Hospital has applied for the Payroll Protection Program Loan and was approved but is unsure if the loan can be forgiven. Gabel has been applying for funding as needed.

Commission called Joy Peck and discussed the 2020 County Fair. Peck is unsure if they will be having a fair this year or not. Commission stated the fair board will need to make the final decision and if they do decide to have a fair this year the County supports them but will not be able to provide PPE or enforcement of guidelines set. Peck will keep Commission informed.

At 11:07 a.m. Dale Pike, County Attorney, reported no new update on the Cemetery District's annual report. He has not been able to get in contact with Chelle Anderson as she has been out of the office. A Cemetery board member stated the audit will begin when the City of Dighton starts theirs. Pike has contacted a landowner beside Greg Greenwald's property and stated he had built a fence and has been treating the area for prairie dogs. Pike will contact Greenwald to confirm.

At 11:15 a.m. Diana Paris moved to recess into executive session to discuss potential liability pursuant to the attorney-client privilege communication exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b) (2) for twenty minutes, Tom Bennett seconded. Motion carried. At 11:35 a.m. session resumed with no action taken. Those attending the session were: Tom Bennett, Kiley Beach, Diana Paris, Stephanie Terhune and Dale Pike.

At 11:35 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 fifteen minutes, Tom Bennett seconded. Motion carried. At 11:50 a.m. session resumed with no action taken. Those attending the session were: Tom Bennett, Kiley Beach and Diana Paris.

At 11:55 a.m. Jonathan Herald, Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center, joined the meeting via conference call and presented 2021 budget request and reviewed 2019 activity. WKCAC had a total of sixteen cases in Lane County in 2019.

Stephanie Terhune, County Clerk, will be sending out advance ballot applications to all active Lane County voters. The Secretary of State's office will be giving all elections office COVID-19 limited funds to supplement the extra costs that may occur. Cabinets for the Community Room have been delivered and are waiting to be installed. Discussion of silent auction, Cereal Malt Beverage renewal, South West Kansas Association of Counties and City of Dighton Ordinance 692 was held.

Tom Bennett moved to approve a renewal cereal malt beverage license for Cathouse Recreation; Diana Paris seconded. Motion carried.

Diana Paris moved to withdraw from the Southwest Kansas Association of Counties; Tom Bennett seconded. Motion carried.

Commission discussed Saddle Club activities; Kiley Beach will contact Tala Shapland to make sure they follow guidelines set by KDHE and CDC. Commission has not received any quarterly financial reports from the Lane County Community Fund per agreement. Discussion was held on projects the Community Fund has looked into.

Diana Paris moved to approve the claims as listed; Tom Bennett seconded. Motion carried.

Tom Bennett moved to approve May 4, 2020 minutes as corrected; Diana Paris seconded. Motion carried.

Commission discussed the bleacher project at the grandstands.

There being no further business Diana Paris moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 a.m.; Tom Bennett seconded. Motion carried. The next Commissioner's meeting will be held June 1, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Claims May 18, 2020

GENERAL FUND		\$10,722.30
NOXIOUS WEED		\$8,603.80
HEALTH		\$355.82
WESTERN PYRAMID		\$2,634.08
PUBLIC WORKS		\$25,330.24
AMBULANCE		\$1,564.52
COUNTY ATTORNEY		\$340.12
EMERGENCY MGT		\$139.25
SHERIFF		\$3,518.36
RURAL FIRE DIST. 1		\$4,418.38
LANE COUNTY 911		\$99.63
SPECIAL ROAD & BRIDGE		\$13,548.60
TOTAL		\$71,275.10

ATTEST:

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Kiley B. Beach, Chairperson

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Stephanie M. Terhune, County Clerk