

County of Lane Commissioner Regular Meeting Minutes
144 S. Lane, Dighton, Kansas 67839
June 17, 2019

Thomas (Tom) Bennett called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. in the Lane County Courthouse Commissioner's Room. Those attending were: Kiley Beach-Commissioner, Diana Paris-Commissioner and Stephanie Terhune-County Clerk.

Austin Bretz joined the meeting representing the City of Dighton Council. Bretz stated the City will fulfill the Law Enforcement contract until the end of the year but is looking at cutting the contract by ten percent for the 2020 budget year.

Anita Lorimor joined the meeting to observe.

Mike Martindale, Public Works Director, stated Huber Sand will be hauling material to Road 60 starting Tuesday, he will not be able to get to the road until after harvest. Martindale asked Commission how to handle crops that have been planted up to the road on South Dodge Road. Commission agreed to have employees mow it because crops should not be planted up to the road due to the County's right-of-way. A discussion of County roads and equipment repairs was held. Martindale presented two bids from Foley for a CAT motor grader. Martindale would like to trade in the John Deere motor grader and eventually look into certified rebuilding of a motor grader that can be done instead of purchasing new equipment, Commission agreed. Employees have been working overtime during the week and weekends to catch up on repairing roads and mowing. Billie Barnett Jr. requested a mower to mow the South well, Martindale does have one available to use.

Von Johnston, Noxious Weed, reported musk thistle is out of hand this year and is looking into biological controls to help maintain it. A discussion on Noxious Weed complaints was held, all complaints have been addressed. Johnston is out spraying road ditches with the help of Michael Cabbage.

Billie Barnett Jr., Emergency Manager, has received the SCBA unit for the Dighton Fire Station and it has been installed. Purplewave auction items have all been paid for, he is waiting for new owners to pick up the vehicles. The Fire Department will have a structure fire training on Wednesday. Barnett will be attending a functional exercise as an evaluator on June 28th in Dodge City.

Nicole Rowe, EMS Director, is still working on the EMT class, she is also wanting to do an EMR class. Rowe plans to drop cell phone payments for the Ambulance and only pay for hotspot. Rowe presented a transfer sheet to use if there was ever a transfer that had been denied as well as the Lane County EMS 2019 Run Triage Form.

Arlene Doll, Health Department, presented upcoming events. The new refrigerator has been received and is being monitored prior to use. Last week Doll and Crystal Hoffman attended the immunization conference and received, for the second year in a row, a Certificate of Recognition award for having a 98% immunization rate for childhood vaccines in Lane County. The Senior Care Program through the Health Department is at full capacity and there are potential clients needing assistance. Doll will place a help wanted ad in the paper. The Lane County Health Fair will be July 8th-12th.

Keith Dickey joined the meeting to converse with Von Johnston.

Diana Paris moved to approve the adds and abatements, Kiley Beach seconded. Motion carried.

Kiley Beach moved to approve June 3, 2019 minutes as corrected, Diana Paris seconded. Motion carried.

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

Kiley Beach moved to approve the Kimble Mapping Maintenance Agreement, Diana Paris seconded. Motion carried.

Stephanie Terhune, Clerk, stated valuations have been sent out to all entities and the painting and repair ad for the Courthouse has been placed in the newspaper for two weeks. Diana Paris will be meeting with potential bidders tomorrow.

At 10:00 a.m. Dennis Selfridge, Marcia Gable and Mike Ruggiero-Interim CEO, joined the meeting to present the 2020 budget request, 2018 audited financials and explain the facility assessment for the Lane County Hospital. The Hospital Board would like Commission to review the assessment and consider supporting their proposals.

Mike Martindale rejoined the meeting to update the Commission on the Foley CAT motor graders.

At 10:58 a.m. Mark Callender, Denise Callender, Dennis Selfridge and Dale Pike joined the meeting. Selfridge declared he is opposed for the Commission to put the airport up for sale and explained his reasoning. Mark Callender stated there has been grant monies collected from the State of Kansas to pay for past purchases for the airport and hopes that the State does not ask for those funds back if the airport is not County owned. Bennett does not see the State of Kansas requesting grant monies back. Mark Callender and Dennis Selfridge gave examples of how the airport has been a great asset to the community in a time of need. Callender suggested creating rules and regulations for the airport. Callender and Selfridge appreciates the opportunity to purchase the land their hangers are built on. A discussion was held on the future of the airport.

At 11:29 a.m. Dale Pike, County Attorney, explained the newspaper ad for the special Commissioner meeting on July 16th at 9:00 a.m. for the selling of the airport ground underneath the airplane hangars. A discussion was held on the airport ground and nuisance properties within the County.

At 11:38 a.m. Diana Paris moved to recess into executive session to discuss an investigation for a possible lawsuit against the Lane County Cemetery District No. 1 pursuant to the attorney-client privileged communication exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) for twenty-five minutes, Kiley Beach seconded. Motion carried. At 12:03 p.m. session resumed with no action taken. Those attending the session were: Tom Bennett, Kiley Beach, Diana Paris and Dale Pike.

Patricia Sharp, Treasurer, contacted the County's software program company, Thomson & Reuters, for a price quote of \$7,000 for the escrow program. Sharp suggested to have Michael Schwanke from KWCH come to Lane County and talk about what you say to the media, Billie Barnett Jr. suggested to see if surrounding Counties would be interested as well. Sharp presented checks to be placed back onto the books.

Diana Paris moved to approve checks to be placed back onto the books, Kiley Beach seconded. Motion carried.

Tom Bennett presented two bids for a roping chute from Cody Vincent; NRS \$1,950 and Rural King \$1,707.99. Vincent also had requested if Dean Thomas could place a flag pole out at the fairgrounds. Commission requested a bid prior to work. Stephanie Terhune presented the Law Enforcement Contract from the City of Dighton. A discussion of the contract was held as well as building repairs on the Economic Development building.

Diana Paris moved to approve the bid from RNS for a roping chute in the amount of \$1,950.00, Kiley Beach seconded. Motion carried.

There being no further business Diana Paris moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:32 p.m., Kiley Beach seconded. Motion carried. The next Commissioner's meeting will be held July 1, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Claims June 17, 2019

GENERAL FUND		\$18,756.31
NOXIOUS WEED		\$569.81
HEALTH		\$8,684.49
WESTERN PYRMD GRNT		\$
PUBLIC WORKS		\$24,289.90
AMBULANCE		\$547.27
COUNTY ATTORNEY		\$2,666.53
EMERGENCY MGT		\$664.37
SHERIFF		\$3,268.10
LANE COUNTY 911		\$147.24
RURAL FIRE DIST. 1		\$1,247.02
SPECIAL ROAD & BRIDGE		\$17,649.18
TOTAL		\$78,490.22

ATTEST:

Stephanie M. Terhune, County Clerk

Thomas J. Bennett, Chairperson