

**County of Lane Commissioner Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**144 S. Lane, Dighton, Kansas 67839**  
**July 3, 2023**

Godfried (Bud) Newberry called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Lane County Courthouse Commissioner's Room. Those attending were: Logan Campbell-Commissioner, Cody Vincent-Commissioner, Stephanie Terhune-County Clerk, Billie Barnett Jr.-Emergency Manager/Fire Chief, Cynthia Landgraf-EMS Director, Mike Martindale-Public Works, Mac Barnett Jr.-Noxious Weed, Debra Panzner-Register of Deeds, and Travis Montgomery-Undersheriff.

Mike Martindale, Public Works Director, has placed help wanted ads online. The State Department has increased their starting wages \$2.00 per hour higher than what the County has advertised; Martindale will put together a comparison for the next meeting. Discussion of County roads was held.

Billie Barnett Jr., Emergency Manager/Fire Chief, stated Clark County is in charge of BERT (Bi-functional Emergency Response Transport) and is available to Counties. The Schriock ground has been bailed but will need to be grazed, Barnett will place an ad in the Dighton Herald.

Cynthia Landgraf, EMS Director, reported the EMT class will be completed by the end of July and then the attendees will need to pass State and National tests. Landgraf will be attending the KBEMS meeting next week to learn about the new version of reporting software.

Debra Panzner, Register of Deeds, presented a wind turbine lease agreement example from another County, discussion was held on wind turbine farms.

Mac Barnett Jr., Noxious Weed Director, has completed spraying the ditches and has 30-40 miles left to spot spray. Barnett will be attending the mid-year summer conference in Colby July 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>.

Travis Montgomery, Undersheriff, reported three inmates in jail.

Bud Newberry requested all County employees use the parking lots provided instead of parking on the street by the Christian Church.

At 9:17 a.m. Cody Vincent moved to recess into executive session to discuss employee performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) for fifteen minutes, Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried. At 9:32 a.m. session resumed with no action taken. Those attending the session were: Logan Campbell, Bud Newberry, Cody Vincent, and Cynthia Landgraf.

Cody Vincent moved to increase current and starting wages for EMTs only, to \$15.50 per hour effective July 16, 2023; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Commission discussed EMS wages and surrounding Counties wages for comparison.

At 9:45 a.m. Commission called Kelly DesLauriers, Appraiser. Shakespeare Oil counter offered from the 30% given for a 40% decline instead of the original 50%; tax dollar amount around \$12,000 for 2022. Commission will support the decision DesLauriers makes.

Cody Vincent met with Chelsey Shapland on the walk-in door on the Morton building; it will need to be adjusted. KCAMP Risk assessment has been completed as well as the handicap door at the 4H Building. Discussion was held on the fairground project and proposals received for the round top, tax incentive programs, IT services, and WPRG. Commission reviewed a CMB license for Fossil Creek Ranch, Southwest Kansas Agency on Aging board appointment and KCAMP quarterly report.

Cody Vincent moved to approve the CMB license for Fossil Creek Ranch; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Cody Vincent moved to re-appoint William Fortune to the Southwest Kansas Agency on Aging board for another term; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Commission reviewed adds and abatements and discussed the Attorney's building tree trimming needs.

Cody Vincent moved to approve the adds and abatements; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Logan Campbell moved to approve June 19<sup>th</sup> and June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 minutes; Cody Vincent seconded. Motion carried.

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

Logan Campbell moved to accept the proposal from Gene Wilkens to remove the round top building at no cost to the County after the 2023 Fair; Cody Vincent seconded. Motion carried.

Commission discussed project options for the fairgrounds and bids received from Elite Steel Inc.

At 10:55 a.m. Dale Pike, County Attorney, thanked Stephanie Terhune for catching a phishing scam that was associated with the Attorney's office. Discussion was held on the tree trimming request and removal. Guy Fullmer will be contacted with trimming the trees/removal of one tree and Von Borell to cost share the expense. The tax sale is still scheduled for this month.

At 11:07 a.m. Bud Newberry, Logan Campbell, Cody Vincent, and Stephanie Terhune visited the fairgrounds. Commissioners discussed projects for the fairgrounds. Mike Martindale re-joined the meeting at 11:49 a.m.

There being no further business Logan Campbell moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:59 a.m.; Cody Vincent seconded. Motion carried. The next Commissioner's meeting will be held July 17, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Claims July 3, 2023

GENERAL FUND		\$12,482.40
NOXIOUS WEED		\$31,966.24
HEALTH		\$4,061.41
WESTERN PYRAMID		\$4,046.14
PUBLIC WORKS		\$2,540.59
AMBULANCE		\$1,326.94
EMERGENCY MGT		\$596.23
COUNTY ATTORNEY		\$838.96
SHERIFF		\$5,830.20
RURAL FIRE DISTRICT		\$683.54
LANE COUNTY 911		\$517.81
SPECIAL ROAD & BRIDGE		\$7,481.96
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT		\$3,200.00
SPECIAL DRUG/ALCOHOL		\$54.20
JUNE PAYROLL		\$195,762.77
TOTAL		\$271,389.39

ATTEST:

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Godfried (Bud) Newberry, Chairperson

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Stephanie M. Terhune, County Clerk