

**County of Lane Commissioner Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**144 S. Lane, Dighton, Kansas 67839**  
**July 17, 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, 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, Arlene Doll-Health Department, and Cathy Salmans-Treasurer. Cody Vincent-Commissioner absent.

Mike Martindale, Public Works Director, has employees cleaning out a cattle guard up North. Mowers are out before they start blading the roads.

Debra Panzner, Register of Deeds, has nothing to report at this time.

Arlene Doll, Health Department, will be receiving a 5-year workforce grant in the amount of \$55,098.98 that will compensate salaries for the next four years. Doll will apply before the August 15<sup>th</sup> deadline; first payout will be December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mac Barnett Jr., Noxious Weed Director, has completed spraying and is helping Martindale out as needed. Barnett will be attending conference Tuesday and Wednesday.

Cynthia Landgraf, EMS Director, had a KBEMS meeting introducing the new version of the reporting system; training will be this week as September 1<sup>st</sup>, it will be live. The Healthcare Foundation approved a grant for EMS to purchase an ELK device for Ambulance to use. Landgraf presented 2023 rate changes including a 5% increase for fees. Discussion was held on treatment without transportation and lift assistance. Landgraf will see if these options are a billable service and will get back with Commission.

Logan Campbell moved to approve the 5% increase for Ambulance rates effective August 1, 2023; Bud Newberry seconded. Motion carried.

Cathy Salmans, Treasurer, presented hospital sales tax (\$39,084.22) and investment reports.

Billie Barnett Jr., Emergency Manager/Fire Chief, has four employees at the Salina drone training this week. Bill McLeish finished up at the Schriock ground last week. Barnett is waiting for grazing bids to be opened.

Logan Campbell moved to approve July 3, 2023 minutes; Bud Newberry seconded. Motion carried.

At 9:25 a.m. Joy Peck and Debbie Hagans updated Commission on the upcoming fair. The tent has been rented this year and will get with Lane-Scott Electric about purchasing one; Bud will contact the rental company to see if they are interested in selling one of their tents. Peck has received feedback on two nights of rodeo and would like to introduce grandstand acts back. The contract for the 2023 rodeo was signed prior to approval from Fair board. The arena light project has been completed. Discussion was held on the tin fence around the fairgrounds, events, and fairground bathrooms.

Mike Martindale had an interview with a potential employee and presented wage comparisons and job descriptions for the area. Commission will address when all members of the board are present.

Discussion was held on Logan Campbell's conversation with Antonio Rodriguez on Saturday pertaining to his future employment with Lane County.

At 10:21 a.m. Antonio Rodriguez joined the meeting. The Lane County Republican Party appointed Rodriguez to replace Bryan Kough. The reason he is here is to discuss his salary. Rodriguez explained his work history and experience. He originally requested \$72,000 per year salary but would like to propose an alternative of \$35,000 per year, no benefits, working Friday through Monday and staying employed where he is currently working, until elected. If he is elected, starting in 2025 Rodriguez requested \$62,000 per year and increase salary as time goes. Rodriguez explained the grant opportunities Lane County is currently missing out on to help supplement the budget and would like to apply for those.

At 10:46 a.m. Logan Campbell 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 twenty minutes, Bud Newberry seconded. Motion carried. At 11:06 a.m. session resumed with no action taken. Those attending the session were: Logan Campbell, Bud Newberry, and Stephanie Terhune.

At 11:06 a.m. Antonio Rodriguez and Dale Pike joined the meeting.

Discussion was held on Rodriguez proposal, grants, and plans for the Sheriff's Department to eliminate excess spending.

Logan Campbell moved to accept Antonio Rodriguez's proposal for \$35,000 per year as Lane County Sheriff, waiving benefits until elected term begins in 2025; Bud Newberry seconded. Motion carried.

Dale Pike, County Attorney, presented a certificate of redemption for a property and the .28 acres was sold this morning in the tax sale. Discussion was held on appointment of Sheriff Rodriguez and changes he will be making.

At 11:28 a.m. Jared Dowell and Mike Martindale joined the meeting. Dowell explained the bid he presented and the specs of the building.

Logan Campbell moved to approve the claims as listed; Bud Newberry seconded. Motion carried.

Commission discussed IT agreements and is still waiting on a second bid. Commission requested to receive a quote from EMC since KCAMP insurance premiums will be increasing in 2024.

Commission received one proposal to graze the Schriock ground from Jerald Reiman.

Logan Campbell moved to approve Jerald Reiman's bid of \$26.25 per acre for the 2023 season as described; Bud Newberry seconded. Motion carried.

Bud Newberry moved to approve the adds and abatements; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Stephanie Terhune, Clerk, stated the silent auction raised \$190.50 and presented the FSA Farm and tract detail listing for the Schriock ground.

Logan Campbell moved to donate the silent auction proceeds to the Lane County Museum; Bud Newberry seconded. Motion carried.

Bud Newberry moved to approve the Farm and Tract detail listing from the FSA; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

There being no further business Logan Campbell moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m.; Bud Newberry seconded. Motion carried. The next Commissioner's meeting will be held August 7, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Claims July 17, 2023

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| GENERAL FUND        |  | \$61,041.32 |
| NOXIOUS WEED        |  | \$101.31    |
| HEALTH              |  | \$845.13    |
| PUBLIC WORKS        |  | \$9,071.30  |
| AMBULANCE           |  | \$1,338.20  |
| EMERGENCY MGT       |  | \$161.95    |
| COUNTY ATTORNEY     |  | \$129.63    |
| SHERIFF             |  | \$1,754.55  |
| RURAL FIRE DISTRICT |  | \$1,110.68  |
| LANE COUNTY 911     |  | \$100.73    |
| SCHRIOCK LEGACY     |  | \$27.10     |
| CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT |  | \$312.31    |
| SHERIFF SEIZURE     |  | \$834.00    |
| FIRE EQUIP RESERVE  |  | \$4,445.00  |
| TOTAL               |  | \$81,273.21 |

ATTEST:

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Godfried (Bud) Newberry, Chairperson

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Stephanie M. Terhune, County Clerk