

**County of Lane Commissioner Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**144 S. Lane, Dighton, Kansas 67839**  
**August 7, 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, Mike Martindale-Public Works, Mac Barnett Jr.-Noxious Weed, Debra Panzner-Register of Deeds, Arlene Doll-Health Department, Cathy Salmans-Treasurer, Kelly DesLauriers-Appraiser, Travis Montgomery, and AG Turner.

Billie Barnett Jr., Emergency Management, stated the waste oil heater, purchased in 2008, at the fire station has 11,539 hours on it and is needing to be replaced. Bart Baker Services submitted a bid to install a new heater and trade in the old one. There are no other waste oil heater representatives in Kansas. Barnett would like to bid on a forklift for the fire station max bid of \$4,000, Commission agreed. The property at 3001 N. Cottonwood, Healy received a complaint against it as it needs to be mowed; a letter will be sent to the owner. Fire Truck 23 will be placed on PurpleWave to be sold. The Emergency Management pick-up is still in Great Bend being repaired.

Bud Newberry moved to approve the estimate from Bart Baker Services, Inc. for a waste oil heater at the Dighton Fire Station in the amount of \$10,265.00 to be paid out of Fire Equipment Reserve; Cody Vincent seconded. Motion carried.

Cody Vincent moved to approve sending a nuisance property letter to 3001 N. Cottonwood, Healy; Bud Newberry seconded. Motion carried.

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

Mac Barnett Jr., Noxious Weed, has been helping on the roads and will be spending funds in the next few weeks to purchase chemicals. Barnett explained the cost-share chemical program the County has.

Mike Martindale, Public Works Director, received the water test report for the landfill from KDHE with no citations. One more dirt pile needs to be hauled for Andy Hineman and employees will be out blading roads until they run out of moisture and switch to mowers after that. Three people have picked up applications, but nothing has been returned yet. Cody Vincent requested two holes on North Dodge Road be filled.

Kelly DesLauriers, Appraiser, presented two bids on a laptop for her office from GBT and Nex-Tech. Brianna Barton's computer has been having issues and will be switching out computers until new are needed. DesLauriers is waiting on BOTA for the oil and gas determination. The Appraiser's office is fielding calls about the RNR notice that was sent out by the Clerk's office.

Logan Campbell moved to approve GBT bid for a laptop in the amount of \$1,644.28; Cody Vincent seconded. Motion carried.

Arlene Doll, Health Department, presented the signature page for the Workforce grant application. They have been busy with back-to-school immunizations and Pre-K/Kindergarten physicals. One senior care aid will be leaving September 21<sup>st</sup> and will not be returning. Clients will be moved around to accommodate this change.

Cathy Salmans, Treasurer, presented investment reports and Hospital Sale Tax (\$45,186.41). The delinquent tax list has been placed in the Dighton Herald this week.

Travis Montgomery submitted a letter to the Commissioners on K-9 Luna for her retirement from the Sheriff's Office and to live her life with his family. Montgomery would like to purchase Luna and her kennel.

Logan Campbell moved to approve the retirement of K-9-unit Luna from the Sheriff's Office and releasing her and her kennel to Travis Montgomery for the purchase price of \$1.00; Cody Vincent seconded. Motion carried.

Mike Martindale added that the old Track loader is currently being auctioned off on PurpleWave.

Stephanie Terhune, Clerk, reported the revenue/expenses for the rodeo for 2023, 2022, and 2021. Cody Vincent stated the rodeo board would like to move away from the Fair board. Discussion was held on the rodeo event in Lane County. Terhune presented requests from Sheriff Rodriguez to allow Nicole Rowe to have a credit card for department purchases and an addition to the handbook to have Sheriff Deputies be paid for their on-call hours. Terhune presented previous requests from Public Works and EMS to increase wages.

Logan Campbell moved to approve a credit card for Nicole Rowe with a limit of \$1,000; Cody Vincent seconded. Motion carried.

Logan Campbell moved to approve the addition to the handbook including Sheriff Deputies to be compensated for their on-call status at \$250.00 every pay period; Cody Vincent seconded. Motion carried.

Cody Vincent moved to deny the request for an increase to the EMS Director's salary as presented in a previous meeting; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

At 10:14 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 ten minutes, Cody Vincent seconded. Motion carried. At 10:24 a.m. session resumed with no action taken. Those attending the session were: Logan Campbell, Bud Newberry, Cody Vincent, and Stephanie Terhune.

Commission discussed lift assist/non-emergency calls and the fairground building project.

Cody Vincent moved to not charge for lift assists as well as non-emergency calls; Bud Newberry seconded. Motion carried.

At 10:31 a.m. Logan Campbell moved to recess into executive session to discuss possible litigation pursuant to the attorney-client privileged communication exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) for twenty minutes, Cody Vincent seconded. Motion carried. At 10:51 a.m. session resumed with no action taken. Those attending the session were: Logan Campbell, Bud Newberry, Cody Vincent, Stephanie Terhune, Dale Pike, Tony Rodriguez, and Hailey Knoll.

At 10:51 a.m. Cody Vincent moved to recess into executive session to discuss possible litigation pursuant to the attorney-client privileged communication exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) for ten minutes, Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried. At 11:01 a.m. session resumed with no action taken. Those attending the session were: Logan Campbell, Bud Newberry, Cody Vincent, Stephanie Terhune, Dale Pike, Tony Rodriguez, and Hailey Knoll.

Tony Rodriguez, Sheriff, stated he will be conducting a community-wide meeting in a few weeks to talk to the public and answer questions they may have.

At 11:05 a.m. Dale Pike, County Attorney, does not have anything to report at this time.

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

Logan Campbell moved to approve July 17, 2023 minutes as presented; Cody Vincent seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on this year's KAC meeting in Wichita and IT proposals from Leading Edge, Nex-Tech, and INAAalert.

Logan Campbell moved to approve the 30-day agreement with Leading Edge for the Sheriff's Department including hardware/service in the amount of \$650 per month and the 36-month agreement with INAAalert for the remainder of County entities in the amount of \$2,350.75 per month; Cody Vincent seconded. Motion carried.

Bud Newberry has been trying to get ahold of the tent company that was used this year for the fair to see if the County can purchase a tent. Newberry will visit the company and offer up to \$5,000 for the tent.

There being no further business Logan Campbell moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m.; Bud Newberry seconded. Motion carried. The next Commissioner's meeting will be held August 21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Claims August 7, 2023

GENERAL FUND		\$21,980.36
NOXIOUS WEED		\$603.02
HEALTH		\$640.61
WESTERN PYRAMID		\$3,040.01
PUBLIC WORKS		\$7,324.21
AMBULANCE		\$1,422.88
COUNTY ATTORNEY		\$467.49
EMERGENCY MGT		\$1,274.03
SHERIFF		\$8,271.87
LANE COUNTY 911		\$409.86
RURAL FIRE		\$3,484.25
SCHRIOCK LEGACY		\$11,640.46
SPECIAL ROAD & BRIDGE		\$16,287.31
FIRE DONATIONS		\$115.22
JULY PAYROLL		\$188,090.93
TOTAL		\$265,052.51

ATTEST:

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Godfried (Bud) Newberry, Chairperson

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Stephanie M. Terhune, County Clerk