

County of Lane Commissioner Regular Meeting Minutes
144 S. Lane, Dighton, Kansas 67839
August 21, 2023

Godfried (Bud) Newberry called the budget meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. in the Lane County Courthouse Commissioner's Room. Those attending were: Logan Campbell-Commissioner, Cody Vincent-Commissioner, Stephanie Terhune-County Clerk, Hailey Knoll, Mac Barnett Jr., Mike Martindale, Billie Barnett Jr., Arlene Doll, Cynthia Landgraf and Yvonne Kraus.

Yvonne Kraus stated she is concerned about tax increases due to the Revenue Neutral Rate that was sent out. Commission explained it depends on the levy as well as your appraisal. Property within the City of Dighton limits are at a higher tax rate than those living in the County. Discussion was held on the KIA Sheriff vehicles being purchased that are not police grade vehicles.

At 9:19 a.m. the budget hearing closed.

Cody Vincent moved to approve Resolution 2023-02 to levy a property tax rate exceeding the revenue neutral rate; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Cody Vincent moved to approve Lane County's 2024 budget; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Cynthia Landgraf, EMS Director, reported the power load system has been installed in Unit 1117 and there is a buyer for the inferno cot. Asalea Boone will be hired at full-time statue but unsure of when that will be. Bill Fortune, Kasey Jacobs, and herself teach CPR but since it is not in Landgraf's job description she requests to receive an hourly rate in addition to her regular salary, the Commission agreed. The new Ambulance is scheduled to be delivered next summer.

Mac Barnett Jr., Noxious Weed, has been helping Mike Martindale on roads and is purchasing chemical as needed. Chemical prices are projected to increase at the first of the year.

Billie Barnett Jr., Emergency Manager/Fire Chief, reported the 800-radio system went down last weekend and the Sheriff vehicles are not equipped with VHF radios for backup, but he was able to distribute handheld radios. The South tower cannot cover the entire county for communications, a second repeater for the North tower is needed. Barnett presented a bid of around \$30,000 from VLS Communications but will request a detailed written bid. Service was down from Saturday until Monday afternoon. Barnett is working on Truck 23 and chainsaws that need repaired. Last week there was a fire within City limits caused by a roofing company's generator and materials.

Arlene Doll, Health Department, stated the RSV vaccine is out and was suggested to give it out with the flu vaccinations. RSV is for those who are 65+ and will cost over \$250.00 per dose. The flu vaccination will be shipped out at the end of next week. Doll attended the WPRG meeting last Thursday and informed them she will no longer be the fiscal agent when the new grant year begins (July 2024). Nicole Vance would like to offer massage services to the community and will be using the Annex building, starting the week of August 28th and donating back a percentage of what she brings in. A new senior care aid started working part-time for the Health department. Doll is interested in the 2022 KIA from the Sheriff's Department to use for her full-time senior care employee.

Hailey Knoll, Undersheriff, presented trade-in values for both KIAs, Chevy Tahoe, and the Ford Explorer. The Health Department spoke for the 2022 KIA and the Commissioner will utilize the 2023 KIA for employees to use going to and from training/conferences etc. Discussion was held on county vehicles and the presented Axon bundle contract including the tasers, body cameras, and in-car camera system; Knoll would like to continue discussion at the next Commissioner meeting.

Billie Barnett Jr. added September 10th the Fire fighters will be using the Courthouse stairs for the 9/11 stair climb.

Mike Martindale, Public Works Director, had Craig Collins ask him to waive landfill fees for the city-wide clean up. Martindale also requested the Recycling Center be closed for the time that Stanley Bulinski will not be here since he will be short staffed; Commission agreed to close the Recycling Center for a two-week period. Stripe and Seal offered to give a free estimate to seal the Airport runway, Commission would like a quote. Discussion was held on starting wages for Public Works employees.

Logan Campbell moved to approve waiving the landfill fees for the city-wide cleanup; Bud Newberry seconded. Motion carried with two yay and one nay.

Commissioners discussed wage increase requests from EMS and Public Works Department. KCAMP is hosting a Cyber security training course available to all members. Commission is still waiting for a second quote for County-wide insurance coverage from EMC.

At 11:02 a.m. Dale Pike, County Attorney, presented inter-agency joint venture agreements that were issued when the County and City owned the Pharmacy building. Discussion was held on the proposal from Casey Venters on the grocery store building.

At 11:22 a.m. Cody Vincent moved to recess into executive session to discuss security matters pursuant to the attorney-client privileged communication exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) for ten minutes, Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried. At 11:32 a.m. session resumed with no action taken. Those attending the session were: Logan Campbell, Bud Newberry, Cody Vincent, Stephanie Terhune, and Dale Pike.

Discussion was held on agreements between the City and County with the Pharmacy building and the grocery store proposal from Casey Venters.

Logan Campbell moved to have a special meeting on August 28th at 6 p.m. at the Event Center; Cody Vincent seconded. Motion carried.

Logan Campbell spoke with Jared Dowell on the fairground proposal for a new building to replace the round top.

Logan Campbell moved to approve Elite Steel Inc. estimate for a 20x120 single slope roof at the fairgrounds in the amount of \$105,500; Bud Newberry seconded. Motion carried.

Cody Vincent moved to approve August 7, 2023 minutes as corrected; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Cody Vincent moved to approve August 15, 2023 minutes; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

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

Stephanie Terhune, Clerk, presented the Kimble Mapping contract from Kelly DesLauriers.

Cody Vincent moved to approve the Kimble Mapping agreement in the amount of \$8,900; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Healy Recreation donated the small tent they have to the Lane County Fair; it is in need of some minor repairs. Bud Newberry tried to contact the tent company the Fair rented from and has not heard back from them. Lane-Scott Electric showed interest in having a permanent structure at the fairgrounds instead of renting out the large tents. The matter has been tabled until the next Commissioner meeting.

There being no further business Cody Vincent moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 a.m.; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried. The next Commissioner's meeting will be held August 28, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Claims August 21, 2023

GENERAL FUND		\$15,485.16
NOXIOUS WEED		\$7,688.18
HEALTH		\$3,831.01
WESTERN PYRAMID		\$
PUBLIC WORKS		\$19,832.75
AMBULANCE		\$2,104.91
ROD TECH FUND		\$200.00
EMERGENCY MGT		\$1,405.03
SHERIFF		\$3,818.53
LANE COUNTY 911		\$3,350.73
RURAL FIRE		\$1,643.44
SCHRIOCK LEGACY		\$28.85
SPECIAL ROAD & BRIDGE		\$2,825.63
AMBULANCE DONATIONS		\$2,113.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT		\$17,997.92
TOTAL		\$82,325.14

ATTEST:

Godfried (Bud) Newberry, Chairperson

Stephanie M. Terhune, County Clerk