

County of Lane Commissioner Regular Meeting Minutes
144 S. Lane, Dighton, Kansas 67839
September 5, 2023

Godfried (Bud) Newberry called the budget 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, Mac Barnett Jr., Mike Martindale, Cathy Salmans, Antonio Rodriguez, Debra Panzner, Cynthia Landgraf, and Billie Barnett Jr.

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

Mac Barnett Jr., Noxious Weed, has purchased chemicals as shown in the claims and is helping Public Works out since they are shorthanded.

Cathy Salmans, Treasurer, presented two-year old checks, investment reports, and Hospital sales tax that is collected from community sales (\$27,217.47).

Cody Vincent moved to approve for the two-year old checks to be placed back onto the books; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Mike Martindale, Public Works Director, presented a bid from Stripe and Seal for the airport runway/taxi way (\$26,480.00) and road North of the track to the county shop (\$8,620.00). The crawler was sold on PurpleWave for \$17,000. Martindale calculated Lane County's pay/benefit package compared to other agencies in the Southwest District and determined to stay at the pay rate they are currently at. Employees have been out mowing in the County.

Billie Barnett Jr., Emergency Manager/Fire Chief, presented a bid from VLS on the 800 repeaters for the North tower and is waiting to hear from the grant he applied for. Barnett explained how having an additional tower will cover the entire county without communication disconnecting but does not know what will happen to the South tower since it is not owned by the County. Western Motors, Burtis Motors and Mel Hamilton submitted bids for a new Emergency Management vehicle. Antonio Rodrigues, Sheriff, added that he is interested in the Dodge Ram. Discussion was held on Emergency Management and Sheriff vehicle needs.

Logan Campbell moved to approve the VLS Communications Inc. bid of \$34,678.50 for communications at the North tower; Cody Vincent seconded. Motion carried.

At 9:28 a.m. Cody Vincent moved to recess into executive session to discuss employee performance pursuant to the nonelected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) for ten minutes, Bud Newberry seconded. Motion carried. At 9:38 a.m. session resumed with no action taken. Those attending the session were: Logan Campbell, Bud Newberry, Cody Vincent, and Cynthia Landgraf.

Logan Campbell moved to approve the rate increases for Paramedic and AEMT and they will not receive a rate increase at the beginning of 2024; Cody Vincent seconded. Motion carried.

At 9:39 a.m. Chanda Bush, Amusement Association, explained the repairs that are needed on the rides and is unsure what the cost will be since the work will be completed by board members. The Amusement board relies on ticket sales and community donations to cover expenses. A letter was sent out to the community for additional sponsorship for these repairs. Discussion was held on the Amusement board, donations, and fair events.

Logan Campbell moved to approve allocating \$20,000 to the Lane County Amusement Association to help with the cost of repairs and any other additional expenses; Cody Vincent seconded. Motion carried.

Mike Martindale re-joined the meeting to report an employee had quit after three days of work.

At 10:11 a.m. Logan Campbell moved to recess into executive session to discuss potential disciplinary action pursuant to the nonelected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) for fifteen minutes, Cody Vincent seconded. Motion carried. At 10:26 a.m. session resumed with no action taken. Those attending the session were: Logan Campbell, Bud Newberry, Cody Vincent, Stephanie Terhune, and Antonio Rodriguez.

Antonio Rodriguez, Sheriff, stated the Kansas Highway Patrol vehicles will not be here until March of next year. A deer was hit in the Dodge Ram and the Chevy Tahoe is in the shop, leaving three functional patrol vehicles. JR Audio does have three new Dodge Durango, but Rodriguez is not interested in purchasing new vehicles. He will also be executing the Axon Enterprise, Inc. agreement.

At 10:35 a.m. Joy Peck, Fair board, presented repairs that are needed at the fairgrounds, tent status, and requested Seth Shapland be added to the fair board. The 2024 Lane County Fair is scheduled for July 17- July 20. Peck requested Saturday night of the fair be left open and available for a grandstand act.

Cody Vincent moved to approve Seth Shapland as a fair board member; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

At 10:55 a.m. Dale Pike and Rod Sculley joined the meeting. Rod Sculley discussed several topics of concern with Commissioners including taxes, Fair ground entertainment, social media, Sheriff's office, and new businesses for the community.

Dale Pike left the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

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

Commission discussed the grocery store proposal from Casey Venters, CMB application from Healy Oil Inc., USDA report, and KPERS 457 plan changes.

Cody Vincent moved to approve the CMB license for Healy Oil Inc.; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Cody Vincent moved to approve the changes to KPERS 457 to include a ROTH plan; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Cody Vincent moved to approve August 28, 2023 minutes; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Logan Campbell moved to approve August 21, 2023 minutes; Cody Vincent seconded. Motion carried.

There being no further business Cody Vincent moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:11 p.m.; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried. The next Commissioner's meeting will be held September 18, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Claims September 5, 2023

GENERAL FUND		\$26,924.13
NOXIOUS WEED		\$52,507.90
HEALTH		\$5,372.33
WESTERN PYRAMID		\$3,040.01
PUBLIC WORKS		\$29,763.48
AMBULANCE		\$1,505.32
ATTORNEY		\$1,732.75
EMERGENCY MGT		\$999.02
SHERIFF		\$7,391.30
LANE COUNTY 911		\$755.60
RURAL FIRE		\$2,732.29
SCHRIOCK LEGACY		\$1,385.55
FIRE DONATIONS		\$229.84
AUGUST PAYROLL		\$181,553.95
TOTAL		\$315,893.47

ATTEST:

Godfried (Bud) Newberry, Chairperson

Stephanie M. Terhune, County Clerk