

County of Lane Commissioner Regular Meeting Minutes
144 S. Lane, Dighton, Kansas 67839
October 23, 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, Mike Martindale, Mac Barnett Jr., Debra Panzner, Cynthia Landgraf, and Christine Birney-Carter.

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

Mike Martindale, Public Works Director, has a sprung cattle guard on the Gove County line that needs replaced. The welder/generator on the service truck that was purchased in 1987 is having issues, in addition to the welder at the shop. Bids were presented to replace the welder/generator on the service truck and welder at the shop. Martindale also called in a bid for culverts to stock up what is typically used. Bids were requested but only one was received; Commission will revisit at the next meeting. Two of the four computers at Public Works will need to be updated; bids have not been received yet. Discussion was held on increasing the amount paid per cubic yard of road materials. Employees are finishing mowing the East half of the County and will head back West after that. Mowing should be completed by mid-November. Discussion was held on the Recycling Center.

Cody Vincent moved to approve Grainfield Supply's bid for a 30-foot-wide cattle guard in the amount of \$2,950; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Cody Vincent moved to approve the Ranger 225 Engine Driven Welder from Lincoln Electric in the amount of \$5,299 after rebates; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Logan Campbell moved to approve the Power Mig 256 Welder from Lincoln Electric in the amount of \$3,399 after rebates but will contact Lincoln if there is an option for trade-in value; Cody Vincent seconded. Motion carried.

Logan Campbell moved to increase road material purchase price from .65 cents to \$1.00 per cubic yard; Cody Vincent seconded. Motion carried.

Mac Barnett Jr., Noxious Weed Director, has been helping Public Works with mowing. The last of the chemical has been purchased. Discussion was held on mixing chemicals, rebates, costs, and the reimbursement program offered. Prairie dog season is coming up and will be placing an ad in the paper.

Cynthia Landgraf, EMS Director, stated Regan Barton will be starting on Thursday and is waiting on the State to approve her credentials.

Hailey Knoll, acting Sheriff, will be attending training this week and both Dodge Durango's are in and being outfitted. The agreement with Axon will begin next week with installation and Knoll confirmed with Commission they received the email pertaining to updating the rifles and repairs needed.

At 9:32 a.m. Elliot Linke-Ford County Emergency Communications Director and Larry Bell-Ford County Radio Systems Manager, joined the meeting. Discussion was held on consolidation of dispatch services with Ford County and where 911 funds from the state would go. Linke stated the 911 board will be having a meeting on October 27th to determine how the funds will be directed from the state if services are consolidated. The article placed in the Dighton Herald was misleading on the 911 fund expenditures. The amount that is given to Lane County from the State of Kansas is about \$59,000, only certain equipment/services can be paid out of the 911 fund and salaries for dispatch are funded through the

Sheriff's budget. Linke stated that the first year for contracted dispatch services may be higher due to a service charge but will stabilize after that and cost less than current charges. Discussion was held on the current expenditures versus contracting with Ford County. Linke is also addressing the tornado siren issue and will find a solution if services are contracted. Hailey Knoll addressed concerns with the article placed in the Dighton Herald about Dispatch and the training that is required for a Dispatch position. Linke added that it costs about \$30,000 to recruit and fully train a Dispatcher. In previous sessions, the State Legislation has entertained the idea of consolidating 911 services in all regions of Kansas.

At 10:26 a.m. Elliot Linke presented a proposal for an agreement between Ford County and Lane County for Dispatch services. Amendments to the agreement can be made as needed throughout the five-year term. A question-and-answer dialog was held throughout each section of the agreement. A decision will be made at the next Commission meeting.

Christine Birney-Carter asked who the current Sheriff is and questions pertaining to residency and employment of Antonio Rodriguez. Hailey Knoll is the acting Sheriff and Rodriguez established residency prior to his appointment from the Governor's office. Logan Campbell added he had contacted KAC and the Ethics Commission on the accusation that he should not have voted (since he is on the Republican Committee and a Commissioner) and that knew Rodriguez prior to the appointment. Campbell stated both KAC and the Ethics Commission said he did not violate any ethics because his vote did not personally benefit him financially; he also did not meet Rodriguez until the day of his interview. Discussion was held on the previous Sheriff's schedule and what the Republican Party understood.

At 11:29 a.m. Logan Campbell moved to recess into executive session to discuss an ongoing investigation pursuant to the attorney-client privileged communication exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) for five minutes, Cody Vincent seconded. Motion carried. At 11:34 a.m. session resumed with no action taken. Those attending the session were: Logan Campbell, Bud Newberry, Cody Vincent, Stephanie Terhune, and Dale Pike.

Logan Campbell moved to approve October 10, 2023 minutes; Cody Vincent seconded. Motion carried.

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

Commission reviewed a bid for an ADA door at the Health Department, Courthouse parking, 4H banquet invitation, employee appreciation dinner menu/gifts, adds and abatements, and Great Plains 2023 annual meeting.

Cody Vincent moved to approve the bid from Automatic Doors of Kansas for a handicap accessible door at the Health Department in the amount of \$3,100; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Cody Vincent moved to approve employee appreciation gifts of \$200 for full-time/\$100 part-time employees; Bud Newberry seconded. Motion carried.

Stephanie Terhune, Clerk, informed Commission she applied for a security grant of \$5,000 to secure election equipment per updated statutes passed in legislation. Melissa Westbrook received numbers from the underwriters for EMC and the premium would be higher than KCAMP. The transportation bus grant is open and needs a letter from the Commission for a local match letter.

Cody Vincent moved to approve the local match letter for the Transportation Bus grant; Bud Newberry seconded. Motion carried.

Commission reviewed a letter from a concerned citizen, it has been forwarded to the County Attorney and Sheriff's Department. Dennis Selfridge and Dennis Dowell are up for re-appointment on the Hospital Board.

Cody Vincent moved to approve Dennis Selfridge and Dennis Dowell on the Hospital Board for another term; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Cody Vincent moved to approve the add and abatements; Bud Newberry seconded. Motion carried.

At 12:15 p.m. Mike Martindale re-joined the meeting to update Commission on the welders he will be ordering and placing the old ones on Purplewave.

There being no further business Cody Vincent moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 p.m.; Bud Newberry seconded. Motion carried. The next Commissioner's meeting will be held November 6, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Claims October 23, 2023

GENERAL FUND		\$17,544.60
NOXIOUS WEED		\$17,141.22
HEALTH		\$5,166.42
WPRG		\$40.01
PUBLIC WORKS		\$13,358.90
AMBULANCE		\$572.48
EMERGENCY MGT		\$338.31
SHERIFF		\$15,027.83
LANE COUNTY 911		\$4,436.83
RURAL FIRE		\$1,392.18
SCHRIOCK LEGACY		\$30.02
TOTAL		\$75,048.80

ATTEST:

Godfried (Bud) Newberry, Chairperson

Stephanie M. Terhune, County Clerk