

**County of Lane Commissioner Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**144 S. Lane, Dighton, Kansas 67839**  
**November 13, 2023**

Godfried (Bud) Newberry called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. in the Lane County Courthouse Commissioner's Room. Those attending were: Logan Campbell-Commissioner, Cody Vincent-Commissioner, and Stephanie Terhune-County Clerk.

At 8:03 a.m. Commission reviewed and certified the General Election votes cast on November 7, 2023.

At 8:45 a.m. Marlene (Charlie) Rupp joined the meeting to question the hours posted on the Sheriff's Facebook page for Administrative Assistant. These hours do not coincide with the District Court hours and if there is business that needs to be completed when the assistant is not there, how is that handled. Commission will address it with Hailey Knoll.

Commission discussed a complaint made against the Treasurer's office.

Stephanie Terhune, Clerk, presented KLPG annual dues, levies, KWORCC notice of annual meeting, ROZ Resolution and reimbursement for the hail damage claim.

Bud Newberry moved to approve the KWORCC certification of voting delegate and alternate for the annual meeting; Cody Vincent seconded. Motion carried.

Cody Vincent moved to approve Resolution 2023-03 authorizing participation in the Rural Opportunity Zone student loan repayment program for calendar year 2024; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Hailey Knoll, Acting Sheriff, reported Nicci Rowe turned in her two weeks' notice and Travis Stevenson will be running for the Sheriff's position in 2024. The black Dodge Durango will need a new fuel pump and other repairs. Knoll has the addendum for the Dispatch agreement with Ford County. Commission requested the Administrative Assistant position hours change from 8a -5p instead of 7a-4p; Knoll will change the ad.

Cathy Salmans, Treasurer, presented investment reports and Hospital sales tax (23,375.45). Tax statements will be sent out on Wednesday. Commission discussed the citizen complaint made against the Treasurer's office and requested business be completed up until closing time instead of having a cut off time fifteen minutes prior to closing. Salmans stated several Treasurer's offices have a cut off time prior to closing so the end of day process can be completed.

Arlene Doll, Health Department Administrator, will have Lane-Scott Electric here this week to install power to the handicap door. Thanksgiving food boxes are being prepped, if anyone can benefit from a box, please let her know. The bear tree request is due this Thursday and the tree will be at the First National bank the following Monday. Doll will be attending a statewide Food Bank meeting in Quinter. Flu, RSV, and Shingle vaccinations have been given out. The LEPC meeting will be on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

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

Cynthia Landgraf, EMS Director, purchased four new tires for Ambulance 1157 and is planning on purchasing five new desk chairs out of her Capital Outlay account. Regan Barton has started full-time.

Billie Barnett Jr., Fire Chief/Emergency Manager, had repairs done to Truck 32 and submitted a bill to the insurance company for reimbursement. LEPC is on Wednesday, and he will also be attending a Fire Chief meeting in Finney County this week as well.

Mike Martindale, Public Works Director, has received both welders and presented bids for culverts from J&J Drainage Products Co. and Welborn Sales Inc. A CDL driver training course can be offered to employees but will have a two-year commitment agreement. Tanda Bartlett stated USD 443 will be hosting a three-day CDL class in February at the Expo Center in Dodge City. Martindale presented a utility permit request and computer bids. S&T and Nex-Tech stated they do not give out any bids but have received quotes from INA alert and Central Plains did not submit a bid as well. Employees are out elevating roads and training the new hires. Spot rocking has started on Pawnee Road and Ty Honstead will be hauling material to Frontier Road.

Cody Vincent moved to approve J&J Drainage Products Co.'s bid in the amount of \$16,374.40 for thirty steel culverts, three different sizes; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Cody Vincent moved to approve the utility construction permit request from Norstar Petroleum Inc. to boar road diagonally from NE corner 7-17-29W into SW corner of section 5; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Cody Vincent moved to approve computer bid from INA alert in the amount of \$3,996.00 for four desktop computers; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Tanda Bartlett, Assistant County Administrator, presented the agreement and addendum to the agreement between Ford County and Lane County for Dispatch services.

Cody Vincent moved to approve the agreement between Ford County and Lane County for Dispatch services at \$34,000 annually for a five-year term; Logan Cambell seconded. Motion carried.

Hailey Knoll presented an evidence report from Bobbie Hawkins.

Commission discussed fair board members, Sheriff on-call pay and the White Rock Township request for the County to help them financially with demolishing the Community building.

Cody Vincent moved to approve Katie Riffle on the fair board; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

At 9:55 a.m. Crystal Hoffman, Economic Development Director, presented Eco Devo Community expenses for 2023 (\$60,908.42). Economic Development Incentive will be paid-out in 2024.

Commission discussed starting salary for the Sheriff position and benefits.

At 10:14 a.m. Logan Campbell called Ron Ridley to discuss the Sheriff starting salary and benefits. Concerns were raised pertaining to KPERS; Ridley requested a salary range between \$63,000-\$67,000. Commission will set the salary at the next Commission meeting.

Logan Campbell moved to approve October 23, 2023 minutes; Cody Vincent seconded. Motion carried.

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

Dale Pike, County Attorney, will discuss the two-hour parking option around the Courthouse at the next City of Dighton meeting since there is an issue with Courthouse employees parking in customer areas.

Commission also has the option to charge entities a fee if designated parking areas are not being utilized. Logan Campbell was approached by the White Rock Township with a request to help pay for the demolition of the Community building, Pike will double check statutes for a definite answer.

At 10:14 a.m. Dale Pike and Kelly Jenkinson joined the meeting.

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 November 13, 2023

GENERAL FUND		\$67,091.24
NOXIOUS WEED		\$38.46
HEALTH		\$7,063.15
WPRG		\$3,000.00
PUBLIC WORKS		\$27,567.32
AMBULANCE		\$2,078.03
ATTORNEY		\$3,410.49
EMERGENCY MGT		\$1,114.90
SHERIFF		\$12,266.82
LANE COUNTY 911		\$690.43
RURAL FIRE		\$3,399.21
AMBULANCE DONATIONS		\$162.47
TOTAL		\$129,882.52

ATTEST:

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Godfried (Bud) Newberry, Chairperson

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Stephanie M. Terhune, County Clerk