

County of Lane Commissioner Regular Meeting Minutes
144 S. Lane, Dighton, Kansas 67839
November 20, 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, Ron Ridley, Hailey Knoll, Mac Barnett Jr., Mike Martindale, Theresa Dasenbrock, Kristin Sekavec, Arlene Doll, Debra Panzner, Cynthia Landgraf, and Stanley Bulinski.

Theresa Dasenbrock and Kristin Sekavec, Lewis Hooper & Dick LLC, is visiting Commission today and will be here if there are any questions or concerns, they have.

Hailey Knoll, Acting Sheriff, stated the Tahoe needs another fuel pump but has gone through 3-4 already. There is an employee who is interested in purchasing the Tahoe, it will need to be up for public auction to be sold. Dispatch services have been scheduled to be taken over by Ford County as of November 24th. As the date gets closer, Knoll will contact all agencies affected. Crystal Wright turned in her resignation due to personal reasons and is unsure what Timmy Snead will decide. The black Dodge Durango is still being repaired and does not know when the former Emergency Management vehicle will be ready.

Mac Barnett Jr., Noxious Weed Director, has been helping Public Works and will start treating prairie dogs in December. There are several jobs lined up and an ad was placed in the Dighton Herald for prairie dog treatment services.

Mike Martindale, Public Works Director, presented bids on posts and has employees out working on the roads.

Cody Vincent moved to approve the Newman bids in the amount of \$10,485.21 and \$2,599.10 for posts; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Arlene Doll, Health Department Administrator, is working on inventory and employee evaluations. Food boxes will be given out Wednesday with the smoked turkeys donated by Jesse Piedra. There were only 50 applicants for the bear tree this year, in previous years it has been between 70-80 applications. The bear tree will be available at the First National Bank. Six churches have helped with expenses of the 12 Thanksgiving boxes in addition to 30 people who come in for holiday food boxes. The food bank shelves need restocking; the Kansas Food Bank account is at \$1,000 where it typically runs at \$4,000-\$5,000. The food bank meeting Doll attended only discussed growing your own products instead of issues they are facing today.

Debra Panzner, Register of Deeds, has received a few memo wind farm leases showing leased air which secures the air rights. Discussion of previous wind farm leases was held. Westside Management removed restrictions on the Industrial Park and those developing in that area will only need to follow zoning regulations. There have been 2-3 new oil leases in the past few months.

Cynthia Landgraf, EMS Director, has all employee's certifications renewed and submitted. She is working with the Hospital on a checklist for transfers. Landgraf expressed concerns on Dispatch moving to Ford County on Friday; Knoll will know more later this week.

Stanley Bulinski, Recycling Center Coordinator, developed a 10-12-page guide for the Recycling Center on what is accepted and not accepted for citizens to utilize. He is waiting on a quote from Centennial Colorado for goods to be picked up. Nebraska has good prices on pick-up, but the shipping is expensive. The guide will be available online and in person.

Ron Ridley introduced himself and discussed the KPERS issues and Sheriff salary, requesting between \$63,000--\$67,000 with his knowledge and education. The appointment was made by the Governor for him to become the Lane County Sheriff but there had been some miscommunication with that office. Hailey Knoll has been very helpful in this transition, and he is fully aware of the issues at hand.

Logan Campbell moved to approve the salary for Ron Ridley as Sheriff at \$63,000 per year plus benefits; Cody Vincent seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion was held about dispatch funds/budget with Theresa Dasenbrock and Kristin Sekavec.

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

Logan Campbell moved to approve November 9 & 13, 2023 minutes; Cody Vincent seconded. Motion carried.

Commission reviewed KWORCC Quarterly Report and a letter from Great Plains Development on grant availability.

At 9:48 a.m. Julie Yarmer, FCMI, presented renewals for medial, dental, vision and AirMedCare plans.

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

Cody Vincent moved to approve the renewals for BCBS/FCMI, Delta Dental, Vision Care Direct, and will look into the benefit of moving from AirMedCare to MASA; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Dale Pike, County Attorney, would like to attend the swearing-in of Ron Ridley at 11:00 a.m. in the Courtroom. He will be discussing parking at the December 11th City of Dighton meeting. White Rock Township's request for the County to help pay half of the demolition of the Community building has been sent to the auditors for clarification but Pike suggests since it had been used as a Fire Station (K.S.A. 19-3610) that the expense will more than likely need to be taken out of the Rural Fire budget and paid directly to the construction company.

Commission reviewed Cummins estimate on battery and fuel line replacements and the 2024 Holiday schedule.

Cody Vincent moved to approve Cummins Sales and Service estimate to replace the batteries and fuel lines at the Courthouse generator in the amount of \$3,256.52; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Cody Vincent moved to approve the 2024 Holiday schedule except for June 19, 2024; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

At 10:53 a.m. Cody Vincent moved to recess into executive session to discuss employee evaluations pursuant to the nonelected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b) (1) for thirty minutes, Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried. At 11:23 a.m. session resumed with no action taken. Those attending the session were: Logan Campbell, Cody Vincent, and Bud Newberry.

There being no further business Cody Vincent moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:24 p.m.; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried. The next Commissioner's meeting will be held December 4, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Claims November 20, 2023

GENERAL FUND		\$12,862.25
EQUIPMENT RESERVE		\$2,243.96
NOXIOUS WEED		\$4,293.52
HEALTH		\$3,750.37
PUBLIC WORKS		\$26,019.06
AMBULANCE		\$550.24
EMERGENCY MGT		\$164.60
SHERIFF		\$5,191.95
LANE COUNTY 911		\$1,038.00
RURAL FIRE		\$954.46
LYNN SCHRIOCK LEGACY		\$30.93
OCTOBER PAYROLL		\$189,073.24
TOTAL		\$246,172.58

ATTEST:

Godfried (Bud) Newberry, Chairperson

Stephanie M. Terhune, County Clerk