

County of Lane Commissioner Regular Meeting Minutes
144 S. Lane, Dighton, Kansas 67839
December 4, 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, Mac Barnett Jr., Billie Barnett Jr., Arlene Doll, Cynthia Landgraf, Debra Panzner, Cathy Salmans, Mike Martindale, and Hailey Knoll.

Cathy Salmans, Treasurer, presented investment reports and Hospital Sales Tax (\$24,838.34).

Cynthia Landgraf, EMS Director, is working on year end and finished up the Standard Operating Guideline. Dispatch moved to Ford County on November 23rd and is working on getting the Ambulance mapping system set up. EMS is adjusting to the changes and working out issues that arise.

Debra Panzner, Register of Deeds, has an ad in the paper for the open position between her office and Appraisers. There has been one person that has picked up an application.

Arlene Doll, Health Department Administrator, received a good response to the Thanksgiving boxes. Discussion was held on the bear tree and food bank needs. She is starting on the Christmas boxes but has several shelves empty and the freezer is critically low. December 14th they will be hosting their open house from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Ron Ridley, Sheriff, is making substantial strides with Ford County Dispatch and working on issues that have come up. Elliot Linke has been very helpful in the transition. Crystal Wright's last day was December 1st and Nicole Rowe's last day was November 24th; Timmy Snead will start his new job next week. Ridley has been in contact with the 911 Coordinating Council and wanted to remind Lane County they have one year left on the Dispatch contract and will need to make that final payment in January and the Dispatch equipment will be picked up since it was leased. Hailey Knoll has been working on the panic button issue.

Hailey Knoll, Undersheriff, has been in contact with JR Audio on how to monitor the panic buttons, he will get a quote together for the cost. Other departments are interested in having panic buttons as well, Knoll will have it added to the bid. Several Sheriff vehicles are being worked on but the black Dodge Durango is back. Ron Ridley is working on getting the vehicles on a rotation schedule and purchasing a vehicle each year. Knoll presented November statistics.

Arlene Doll reported that the white KIA is being fixed at Skeeters and Shelby Lute is using the black KIA.

Mac Barnett Jr., Noxious Weed Director, has been helping Public Works out. Martindale has already purchased the chemical for next year.

Billie Barnett Jr., Emergency Manager/Fire Chief, has fire training with Lane-Scott Electric on December 11th and is helping the hospital with their emergency operation plans. The beginning of next year there will be staff training with fire extinguishers and walk throughs. His vehicle is being outfitted at JR Audio. Discussion was held on trailer houses being used for Fire training.

Mike Martindale, Public Works Director, reported a water leak at the airport and will be fixing it this week. He is still short one employee and the three part-time employees will go back to their full-time jobs after the season.

At 9:31 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 seventy minutes, Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried. Arlene Doll joined the session from 9:31 a.m. - 9:39 a.m.; Mike Martindale joined the session from 9:39 a.m. – 9:44 a.m.; Mac Barnett Jr. joined the session from 9:44 a.m. – 9:48 a.m.; Cynthia Landgraf joined the session from 9:48 a.m. – 10:03 a.m.; Billie Barnett Jr. joined the session from 10:04 a.m. – 10:17 a.m.; Russell Hoffman joined the session from 10:17 a.m. – 10:21 a.m.; Kelly DesLauriers joined the session via phone conference from 10:21 a.m. – 10:39 a.m. At 10:41 a.m. session resumed with no action taken. Those attending the session were: Logan Campbell, Cody Vincent, and Bud Newberry.

Commission stated Billie Barnett Jr. agreed to pay for half of the price to tear down the White Rock Township building that previously housed a fire truck. Commission reviewed 2023 inventory, employee evaluations, and the sick pool board members.

Cody Vincent moved to approve 2023 inventory for all departments; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Logan Campbell moved to appoint Marlee Hudson on the sick pool board; Cody Vincent seconded. Motion carried.

Logan Campbell moved to approve November 20, 2023 minutes; Cody Vincent seconded. Motion carried.

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

There being no further business Cody Vincent moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 p.m.; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried. The next Commissioner's meeting will be held December 18, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Claims November 20, 2023

GENERAL FUND		\$12,627.28
WPRG		\$40.01
NOXIOUS WEED		\$170.67
HEALTH		\$906.23
PUBLIC WORKS		\$92,940.94
AMBULANCE		\$2,478.54
ATTORNEY		\$343.20
EMERGENCY MGT		\$630.72
SHERIFF		\$4,038.02
LANE COUNTY 911		\$3,687.15
RURAL FIRE		\$2,451.21
LYNN SCHRIOCK LEGACY		\$5,359.10
FIRE EQUIP RESERVE		\$6,885.00
AMBULANCE DONATIONS		\$44.93
NOVEMBER PAYROLL		\$193,994.98
TOTAL		\$326,598.18

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