

**County of Lane Commissioner Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**144 S. Lane, Dighton, Kansas 67839**  
**December 18, 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, Cynthia Landgraf, Annita Lorimor, Arlene Doll, Mac Barnett Jr., Ron Ridley, Mike Martindale, and Kelly DesLauriers.

Cynthia Landgraf, EMS Director, presented a full-replacement bumper bid for Ambulance 1151 and 1157 due to the age of the vehicles. Landgraf also contacted Better Built and Bretz and neither offer full replacements.

Logan Campbell moved to approve the bid from JR Audio for a full replacement bumper for Ambulance 1157 and 1151 in the amount of \$6,900.00; Cody Vincent seconded. Motion carried.

Annita Lorimor, City of Dighton Mayor, had spoken to Bud Newberry pertaining to the \$2 charge for the recycling center to each resident. Trash and electricity are increasing and the city is looking to keep expenses low for residents and request the recycling center charges be lowered by 50% or removed. Discussion was held on income and expenses for the Recycling Center and consequences/concerns of closing the center. A decision will not be made at this time.

Arlene Doll, Health Department Administrator, had their open house last week and will be giving out food boxes and bear tree items this week. Doll thanked the Commissioners for the appreciation dinner.

Mac Barnett Jr., Noxious Weed Director, presented his management plan for the annual report. He is currently treating prairie dogs.

Cody Vincent moved to accept the 2024 management plan for Noxious Weed; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Mike Martindale, Public Works Director, requested a motion to allow the auditors to make end-of-year transfers for Special Machinery and Special Road and Bridge accounts. Complaints have been made regarding the feedlot road; discussion was held on road repairs.

Logan Campbell moved to allow the auditor to edit and transfer fund amounts for Special Machinery and Special Road and Bridge funds for the 2023 financial audit; Cody Vincent seconded. Motion carried.

Debra Panzner, Register of Deeds, has received two applications for the open positions but is having issues with the starting wages vs. current wages.

Kelly DesLauriers, Appraiser, will be having PUP hearing at the beginning of the year. She will be starting final review next week and setting 2024 values; a suggestion from the State is increasing values 20%. To stay in compliance with the State of Kansas, she will need to increase values and is looking at a max percentage of 10%. DesLauriers requested a transfer of \$8,000 to equipment reserve to purchase field mobile for the office.

Cody Vincent moved to transfer \$8,000 from the Appraiser's budget to Equipment Reserve; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Ron Ridley, Sheriff, requested a credit card for the Sheriff's office to be used for Deputies. Ridley would like to start looking at a vehicle to purchase in 2024 and explained the equipment schedule he has

implemented. He is still looking at hiring Deputies and suggested options for sign-on bonuses and/or relocation expenses to be paid for by reimbursement up to \$2,500. Discussion was held on academy, employment, agreements for employment, wages, and residency within Lane County. A decision will not be made at this time regarding recruitment.

Stephanie Terhune, Clerk, presented 2023 budget authority increases and transfer requests, Resolution 2023-04, letter to townships, adds and abatements and transportation bus policies and procedure updates.

Cody Vincent moved to approve the Transportation Bus budget authority increase in the amount of \$2,982.48, Noxious Weed budget authority increase in the amount of \$202,237.45, and Attorney budget authority increase in the amount of \$2,761; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Cody Vincent moved to allow the auditors to edit and transfer fund amounts suggested in the 2023 financial audit for all departments; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Cody Vincent moved to approve the updated County & City Appointments and updating the Veterinary business name; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

At 10:50 a.m. Dale Pike, County Attorney, joined the meeting and explained the City-County joint planning commission. Discussion was held on the Cemetery District and Townships.

Logan Campbell moved to approve Resolution 2023-04 GAAP waiver; Bud Newberry seconded. Motion carried.

Cody Vincent moved to approve the adds and abatements; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

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

Cody Vincent moved to approve December 4, 2023 minutes; Bud Newberry seconded. Motion carried.

Cody Vincent moved to approve the updated Ridership Policies and Guidelines for the Lane County Transportation Bus; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried.

Dale Pike added he attended the City Council meeting and presented the request for 2-hour Courthouse parking signs and the City Council declined to take any action. Discussion was held on Courthouse parking and Recycling Center request by the city.

At 11:33 a.m. Cody Vincent moved to recess into executive session to discuss the salary worksheet pursuant to the nonelected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b) (1) for sixty minutes, Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried. Cody Vincent joined the meeting from 11:33 a.m. – 12:26 p.m. At 12:33 p.m. session resumed with no action taken. Those attending the session were: Bud Newberry, Logan Campbell, and Stephanie Terhune.

At 12:33 p.m. Bud Newberry moved to recess into executive session to discuss the salary worksheet pursuant to the nonelected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b) (1) for thirty minutes, Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried. At 1:03 p.m. session resumed with no action taken. Those attending the session were: Bud Newberry, Logan Campbell, and Stephanie Terhune.

Logan Campbell moved to approve the salary worksheet for 2024; Bud Newberry seconded. Motion carried.

There being no further business Bud Newberry moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:03 p.m.; Logan Campbell seconded. Motion carried. The next Commissioner's meeting will be held January 2, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Claims December 18, 2023

GENERAL FUND		\$13,679.01
WPRG		\$3,000.00
NOXIOUS WEED		\$3,537.21
HEALTH		\$21,483.91
PUBLIC WORKS		\$21,541.34
AMBULANCE		\$2,635.63
ATTORNEY		\$5,622.73
EMERGENCY MGT		\$2,008.70
SHERIFF		\$2,451.27
LANE COUNTY 911		\$7,101.83
RURAL FIRE		\$6,138.76
EQUIPMENT RESERVE		\$10,862.33
DECEMBER PAYROLL		\$226,432.64
TOTAL		\$326,495.36

ATTEST:

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Godfried (Bud) Newberry, Chairperson

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Stephanie M. Terhune, County Clerk