

County of Lane Commissioner Regular Meeting Minutes
144 S. Lane, Dighton, Kansas 67839
December 30, 2019

Thomas (Tom) Bennett called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Lane County Courthouse Commissioner's Room. Those attending were: Kiley Beach-Commissioner, Diana Paris-Commissioner and Stephanie Terhune-County Clerk.

At 9:00 a.m. Tom Bennett called the 2019 Lane County Sheriff and Health Department amended budget hearing to order.

At 9:10 Diana Paris moved to approve the 2019 Lane County Sheriff and Health Department amended budget; Kiley Beach seconded. Motion carried.

Billie Barnett Jr., Emergency Manager, presented 2019 expenditures and request to transfer \$120,000 from Rural Fire to Rural Fire Equipment Reserve. Barnett will be attending classes starting in January.

Kiley Beach moved to approve the transfer of funds from Rural Fire to Rural Fire Equipment Reserve in the amount of \$120,000; Diana Paris seconded. Motion carried.

Nicole Rowe, EMS Director, presented 2019 expenditures and request to move \$45,000 from Ambulance to Ambulance Equipment Reserve. Discussion was held on monitors, employee certification costs, operation protocols, purchased computers and upcoming events.

Kiley Beach moved to approve the transfer of funds from Ambulance to Ambulance Equipment Reserve in the amount of \$45,000; Diana Paris seconded. Motion carried.

Billie Barnett Jr. reported there was a lightening strike last week at the EMS Station that damaged e-dispatch. Rowe is unsure if it did any damage on the medical clinic side.

Von Johnston, Noxious Weed, requested to transfer \$44,000 from Noxious Weed to Noxious Weed Equipment Reserve due to an expense of \$43,825.30 for chemical earlier in the year that had been taken out of Equipment Reserve. Johnston presented a daily log for the last four weeks.

Diana Paris moved to approve the transfer of funds from Noxious Weed to Noxious Weed Equipment Reserve in the amount of \$44,000; Kiley Beach seconded. Motion carried.

Mike Martindale, Public Works Director, requested to transfer \$22,000 from Public Works to Special Machinery and \$260,000 from Public Works to Special Road and Bridge. Martindale presented tractor bids, mower bids and applications for employment. Employees will be out blading roads. He is still waiting on a fuel strap for the 2001 Sterling and then it will be ready to use.

Kiley Beach moved to approve the transfer of funds form Public Works to Special Machinery in the amount of \$22,000 and from Public Works to Special Road and Bridge in the amount of \$260,000; Diana Paris seconded. Motion carried.

Diana Paris moved to approve the purchase of an 8200 John Deere Tractor from Randy Bierman in the amount of \$48,000; Kiley Beach seconded. Motion carried.

Diana Paris moved to approve the purchase of two 15-foot Heavy-Duty Rotary Cutters from Bretz Inc. in the amount of \$19,686 and \$19,658; Kiley Beach seconded. Motion carried.

Bryan Kough, Sheriff, reported one inmate in Scott County jail. He is working on getting cases organized and impounded vehicles. Discussion was held on moving impounded vehicles to a different location. Kough will find out what the requirements are to create an impound lot. He also received a settlement from the impounded Semi trucks and placed the funds in Sheriff seizure forfeiture account. Kough would still like to hire an employee to be both a Dispatch and a Deputy.

Mike Martindale had a request from Denise Borrell to pile snow on her lot instead of behind the Courthouse so they can park there. Commission will allow since Borrell requested the change.

Kiley Beach moved to transfer \$5,000 from General to the Attorney fund due to a shortage of tax collections to meet the levy requested for 2019; Diana Paris seconded. Motion carried.

Diana Paris moved to approve the Pillar Remodeling bid of \$1,800.00 to rebuild loft steps and repair outside trim at the EMS station; Kiley Beach seconded. Motion carried.

Patricia Sharp, Treasurer, presented Hospital sales tax (\$26,813.76) and investment reports. Sixty-five percent of taxes have been collected and 10-15 residents are on the escrow plan.

Tom Bennett has conversed with Wildlife and Parks about using the County's CRP ground for walk-in hunting. It will bring revenue in of about \$888 per year starting in September and ending in January. Discussion of County ground South of town was held. Bennett will have Wildlife and Parks send over a contract for walk-in hunting.

Diana Paris moved to approve adds and abatements; Kiley Beach seconded. Motion carried.

Diana Paris moved to approve transfers the auditors suggest during the 2019 Financial Audit; Kiley Beach seconded. Motion carried.

At 10:08 a.m. Diana Paris moved to recess into executive session to discuss an employee complaint pursuant to the nonelected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b) (1) for twenty minutes, Kiley Beach seconded. Motion carried. Stephanie Terhune joined the session from 10:08 a.m. to 10:14 a.m. At 10:28 a.m. session resumed with no action taken. Those attending the session were: Tom Bennett, Kiley Beach and Diana Paris.

At 10:32 a.m. Mike Ruggiero, Dennis Selfridge, Marcia Gabel, Jennifer Whipple and Chris Mumma with the Lane County Hospital, joined the meeting. Mike Ruggiero asked if there were any thoughts or comments about the proposal of a remodeled or new hospital. Commission agreed they did not think either choice would be the best fit for Lane County right now. Marcia Gabel presented a financial review for the CT Scanner project in the amount of \$544,776 and requested Commission to help fund this project. No grants have been written to help fund the project. Commission urged Lane County Hospital to apply for grants since there are several available. Discussion was held on the need for a CT Scanner and the future of the Hospital. A decision does not need to be made today but they will be moving forward with the CT Scanner project. Discussion was held on the option of the Hospital taking over EMS and changes that may come. Jennifer Whipple explained the impact it would have if the Hospital would oversee EMS and/or if the County would revert to a volunteer service.

Commission discussed the Hospital's request.

Diana Paris moved to approve December 16, 2019 minutes; Kiley Beach seconded. Motion carried.

Diana Paris moved to approve claims as listed; Kiley Beach seconded. Motion carried.

Kiley Beach moved to pay full-time employees \$100 and part-time employees \$50 at the Employee Appreciation Dinner; Diana Paris seconded. Motion carried.

Kiley Beach moved to approve Wilson Township's 2019 annual report; Diana Paris seconded. Motion carried.

Commission discussed County employee wages.

Kiley Beach moved to approve the 2020 salary worksheet; Diana Paris seconded. Motion carried.

There being no further business Kiley Beach moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:01 p.m., Diana Paris seconded. Motion carried. The next Commissioner's meeting will be held January 6, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Claims December 30, 2019

GENERAL FUND		\$25,820.38
NOXIOUS WEED		\$
HEALTH		\$2,394.11
WESTERN PYRAMID		\$5,240.01
PUBLIC WORKS		\$3,198.80
AMBULANCE		\$1,569.96
COUNTY ATTORNEY		\$
EMERGENCY MGT		\$660.16
SHERIFF		\$938.84
RURAL FIRE DIST. 1		\$1,207.67
RURAL FIRE DONATIONS		\$6,902.34
LANE COUNTY 911		\$5,060.24
COMMUNITY OUTREACH		\$511.62
PAYROLL		\$214,665.14
SPECIAL ROAD & BRIDGE		\$9,546.42
TOTAL		\$277,715.69

ATTEST:

Stephanie M. Terhune, County Clerk

Thomas J. Bennett, Chairperson