

LYON COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
MAY 19, 2011

The Board of Lyon County Commissioners met in Action Session at 8:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers with the following people in attendance:

Scott Briggs, Chairman
Tammy Vopat, County Clerk
Dan Slater, County Controller

Rollie Martin, Vice Chairman
Marc Goodman, County Counselor

Others attending part of the meeting were:

Monica Springer, Emporia Gazette
Mark McKenna, Facilities
Jeff Cope, Lyon County Sheriff
Laurie Redeker, Human Resources

Chip Woods, County Engineer
Brian Anstey, Sheriff's Dept.
Vici Reynolds, Admin. Legal Asst.

Call to Order

Motion: To Approve the Amended Agenda. Briggs/Martin 2-0

Motion: To Approve the Consent Agenda as follows: Briggs/Martin 2-0

- a) Approve Warrants Payable 5-20-2011 in the amount of \$176,177.87.
- b) Approve the low bid of Husker Steel from Columbus, Nebraska for the Structural Steel for \$142,718.00 to be paid from the Special Bridge Fund 033-00-8350.
- c) Approve summer hours from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the Highway Department effective June 6, 2011.
- d) Approve sending proposals for W-Beam Steel Plate Guardrail; Standard End Sections and Guardrail Bolts according to County Engineer's specifications.
- e) Approve payment #2 in the amount of \$106,974.04 to Ditch Diggers for Rural Water District #1.

Reports

Commissioner Briggs:

- Our condolences to Commission Walters in the loss of her mother.
- On May 30th, Commissioners are invited to the services celebrating Memorial Day.

- Yesterday, directions were given to Road & Bridge to salvage trucks and cabs as discussed.
- Also, due to the urgent circumstances, a permit was signed for Panhandle Eastern by Sam Seeley.
- County Commissioners have been invited to and plan to attend the RDA Joint Luncheon next Wednesday in the Little Theater at the city.

Commissioner Martin:

- Last Tuesday I attended the Flint Hills Visioning Summit at Camp Wood. Many of the people there are visionary people, both public and private that see the Flint Hills as a potential for tourism growth. The summit was successful in bringing these groups together to share ideas.
- I will attend the Council on Aging meeting on Monday at the annex.
- I offer my condolences to Commissioner Walters in the loss of her mother.

Marc Goodman:

- Community Correction funds had been restored.
- Also, District Courts will have no furloughs next year.
- Commission redistricting needs to be evaluated every 3 years. Commission cannot split a precinct and must be proportionate in population.

Dan Slater:

- Working on budgets.
- There will be an audit on 5-31-11 for water district grant.
- Insurance: BCBS has indicated they will not negotiate the proposed 16.2% increase, Preferred Health Systems offers a good network and may be an option.

Tammy Vopat:

- I will be offering notary public service during the registration process at Camp Alexander every Monday morning starting next week, ending August 8th.
- Currently working on the budgets for the Clerks Office and see the need to raise election board worker compensation up to minimum wage.
- Talked to several people to find out if the County has already, or needs to initiate the process in obtaining tax exemption status from the Court of Tax Appeals.
- Linda Borst, Mapping has created a commission district map with population for the commission to review.

Motion: To move to Legal Executive Session with Commissioners, Marc Goodman, Chip Woods and Dan Slater, to return at 8:55 a.m. Briggs/Martin 2-0
Meeting reconvened at 8:53 a.m. with information.

Motion: To Amend the Agenda, to consider right of way acquisition by the County. Martin/Briggs 2-0

Chip Woods: Discussion of acquisition of right away.

Motion: To Approve the total Estimate of Just Compensation in the amount of \$1,720.00 for KDOT Project 56 C-4527-01, Bridge 955.6-488.0 over 142 Mile Creek on Road 330, Lyon County Project 08-SQ and give directions to the County Engineer to negotiate with the landowners. Briggs/Martin 2-0

Motion: To move to Legal Executive Session with Commissioners, Jeff Cope, Brian Anstey, Mark McKenna, Marc Goodman and Dan Slater, to return at 9:20 a.m. Briggs/Martin 2-0
Meeting reconvened at 9:20 a.m. with directions given to Mark McKenna.

Sheriff Cope: Discussion of the use of the breathalyzer machine.

Motion: To Approve use of Diversion Funds of up to \$500.00 for repairs of breathalyzer machine. Martin/Briggs 2-0

Motion: To Approve the minutes of the 5-12-2011 meeting. Briggs/Martin 2-0

Vici Reynolds: Discussion of delinquent tax sale fees.

Motion: To Approve raising the Delinquent Tax Sale Fees to \$135.00 per tract. Martin/Briggs 2-0

Break

Public Comment: no one present.

Motion: To move to NEP Executive Session with Commissioners, Laurie Redeker, Marc Goodman and Dan Slater, to return at 10:10 a.m. Briggs/Martin 2-0
Meeting reconvened at 10:10 a.m.

Motion: To move to NEP Executive Session with Commissioners, Laurie Redeker, Dan Slater and Gary Stapp, to return at 10:30 a.m. Briggs/Martin 2-0
Meeting reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

Gary Stapp: Update on appraiser vehicle repairs. The current value now is \$1,400.00. Looking forward we will need to replace this vehicle. Asking Commission for direction on repairs or purchase of a replacement vehicle. Gary asked to continue utilizing council with Monte Miller for appeals process. Would like a fee appraisal performed for Menu Foods to stabilize valuation appraisal. Overall real estate values will be comparable to last year.

Commission gave direction to Appraiser Gary Stapp to proceed with fee appraisal for Menu Foods.

Motion: To Adjourn.

Martin/Briggs 2-0

There being no further business before the Board, the next Study Session will take place on May 25, 2011 and the next Action Session on May 26, 2011.

Attest:

Affirm:

Tammy Vopat
Lyon County Clerk

Scott Briggs, Chairman
Lyon County Commission