

LYON COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
JUNE 23, 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	Rollie Martin, Vice Chairman
Teresa Walters, Commissioner	Tammy Vopat, County Clerk
Marc Goodman, County Counselor	Dan Slater, County Controller

Others attending part of the meeting were:

Brandy Nance, Gazette Reporter	Rick Frevert, Emergency Mgmt.
Chip Woods, County Engineer	Chuck Boyce, I.T. Mgr.
Sam Seeley, Zoning	Chuck Samples, KVOE Reporter
Karen Hartenbower, Resident	

Call to Order

Motion: To Approve the Agenda as amended. Briggs/Martin 3-0

Rick Frevert: Update on Reading tornado: attended a state and federal multi agency meeting yesterday. July or August may bring a request for federal disaster declaration for not only Reading but Lyon County also. Memorandum of Understanding has been amended to address reimbursement wording.

Motion: To Approve the Consent Agenda as follows: Martin/Walters 3-0
a) Warrants Payable 6-24-2011 in the amount of \$141,453.00.
b) Approve payment #3 in the amount of \$72,744.79 to Ditch Diggers for Rural Water District #1.

Motion: To move to NEP Executive Session with Commissioners and Chip Woods, to return at 8:40 a.m. Martin/Walters 3-0
Meeting reconvened at 8:40 a.m.

Sam Seeley, Zoning: Discussion of Prairie Lake Estates proposed plat which was approved the Planning Board.

Motion: To Approve the final plat of the Prairie Lake Estates in Lyon County, Kansas as presented. Martin/Walters 3-0

Motion: To move to Proprietary Executive Session with Commissioners, Sam Seeley, Chuck Boyce, Dan Slater and Marc Goodman, to return at 9:10 a.m.

Briggs/Walters 3-0

Meeting reconvened at 9:10 a.m.

Motion: To Approve Payroll Payable 6-24-2011 in the amount of \$228,761.25.

Briggs/Walters 3-0

Motion: To Approve Payroll Withholdings Payable 6-24-2011 in the amount of \$139,613.41.

Briggs/Martin 3-0

Motion: To Approve the minutes of the 6-16-2011 meeting as amended.

Martin/Walters 3-0

Dan Slater: Discussion of the Fanestil Building demolition as per the FEMA contract and the bidding process.

Motion: To move to Legal Executive Session with Commissioner, Chip Woods, Dan Slater and Marc Goodman, to return at 9:35 a.m.
Meeting reconvened at 9:35 a.m. with information.

Briggs/Walters 3-0

Break

Public Comment: no one present.

Reports:

Commissioner Briggs:

- Attended the Emergency Management, FEMA meeting for debriefing on Reading Tornado.

Commissioner Walters:

- Last Thursday evening the Board of ECKAN met via conference call to consider the approval of a grant application for Early Head Start and also to convert 10 of the 313 federally funded Head Start slots to Early Head Start, which also included the elimination of one Home Visitor position. There is a huge political move to eliminate the state funding for Early Head Start in Kansas and funds are anticipated to be cut by 10.2% statewide. Head Start seems to still be supported.
- The Public Transportation Task Force met Tuesday afternoon. After reviewing the surveys that had been returned, the consensus of the group was that some of the responses on the community side indicated a lack of

knowledge of what is currently offered by L-Cat. We discussed having the city and county promote an event in late August or early September to help raise awareness and encourage people to utilize the L-Cat more. The final step is to put together a business plan which will be reviewed at the group's next meeting on July 12. At our next joint city/county meeting on July 13 Jim Kessler and I will present information on the group's activities.

- The regularly scheduled ECKAN Board meeting was held Tuesday evening. It was reported that the weatherization program could be zeroed out or, at a minimum, reduced by up to 50%. It is still expected that the Community Services Block Grant will be zeroed out.
- Received a thank you note from Elmendaro Township Library re: county support for the county libraries.

Commissioner Martin:

- I attended a fairgrounds improvement meeting on Wednesday evening.
- Monday I will attend the Council on Aging meeting at the Annex.
- An On Line poll was conducted by several Topeka media outlets in observance of Kansas's 150th birthday. Their poll this month was to choose the best destination places. The Lyon County Fair was voted the best county fair and the David Traylor Zoo was voted the 5th best zoo in Kansas.
- I noticed several infrastructure projects on my drive to the courthouse this morning including fiber optic installation, chip & seal progress on Hwy 99, Schmidt Cabinetry and Olpe water line improvements. A lot of infrastructure activity in progress including work done by each city with the countywide sales tax dollars and other governmental aid.

Marc Goodman:

- Discussed the recent legislative updates.
- Receiving a lot of applications for job openings in our office.

Tammy Vopat:

- I have successfully completed Year 3 Sanborn Institute Clerk Certification class in Wichita.
- The July Abstract is complete and will be sent to the state today.
- Valuation estimates have been compiled and will be mailed to districts today.
- I will be at IACREOT Conference next week. Deputy Linebarger will record the minutes at the next Commission meeting.

Dan Slater:

- Total property valuations are down overall.

- Next week a resolution will be needed to discontinue Courthouse sales tax and pay off the bond.
- First draft of the budget should be complete next week.

Motion: To move to NEP Executive Session with Commissioners, Michael Halleran, and Vici Reynolds, to return at 10:35 a.m. Briggs/Walters 3-0
Meeting reconvened at 10:35 a.m. with information.

Karen Hartenbower: Reported on funding for Emporia Senior Center and contract issues.

Motion: To Adjourn. Briggs/Walters 3-0

There being no further business before the Board, the next Study Session will take place on June 29, 2011 and the next Action Session on June 30, 2011.

Attest:

Affirm:

Tammy Vopat
Lyon County Clerk

Scott Briggs, Chairman
Lyon County Commission