

July 1, 2019

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:08 AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Linn County Courthouse Annex, Mound City, Kansas. Those present were Rick James, Chair; Danny McCullough, Member; David Lamb, County Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Danny McCullough led the Pledge of Allegiance. Gary Thompson opened the meeting with prayer.

Rick James moved to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting as printed. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Rick James moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$180,975.35: General, \$80,730.87; Employee Benefit, \$354.74; Appraiser, \$1,164.62; Rural Fire, \$3,004.79; Road and Bridge, \$59,677.63; Noxious Weed Eradication, \$32,405.00; County Health Dept., \$1,479.23; Elderly, \$1,908.47; and Economic Development Grant, \$250.00. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week and discussed response times for AMR's calls.

Jackie Messer discussed upcoming projects for the Public Works Departments. Messer also asked to hire Casey Cross as a Cabin Cleaner at a wage of \$10.2353 per hour (Range 3, Step J); and Francis Campbell as a Mower at a wage of \$10.2353 per hour (Range 3, Step J). Rick James moved to hire Casey Cross and Francis Campbell as requested. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Messer reported that we are still having issues with a sewer pump at the Park. The repairs should be under \$5,000.00. Messer then presented a request from the City of Prescott to waive dumping fees for cleanup of a condemned property located at 136 W. Main. Rick James moved to approve the request for a waiver of dumping fees from the City of Prescott. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

At 9:23 AM the Commission opened bids for two tractors. Bids were received from: Storier Implement; R&R Equipment; Roman's Outdoor Power; Heritage Tractor; and Prairieland Partners. Jackie Messer will qualify the bids and come back with a recommendation.

The Clerk discussed budgets with the Commission. With the current budgets as submitted, including those being submitted today, we need to cut around \$250,000.00 to stay under the tax lid. In addition, we will need to cut a least \$250,000.00 more to keep from raising the mill levy. These amounts do not include any Cost of Living Allowances. For each 1% COLA, it would cost the County another \$54,000.00. The Commission agreed to send a letter to all departments, asking the Dept. Heads to review their budget requests and submit revised requests for the Commission to review at the July 15th meeting. The Clerk will prepare a letter to send to all departments.

The Clerk then presented the following 2020 Budget Requests: Special Building, \$75,000.00 (no change), Reappraisal, \$23,719.01 (\$2,500.00 decrease), Linn County 911, \$55,000.00 (no change), 911 Telephone Tax, \$125,000.00 (no change), DARE, \$631.46 (\$1,368.54 decrease), and Sewer Dist. #1, \$37,000.00 (\$13,300.00 increase). Rick James moved to tentatively approve the 2020 Budget Requests as presented. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Elizabeth Maxwell presented a request for additional funding for the Nutrition Program. Maxwell stated that they need an additional \$5,000.00 this year and a total of \$31,500.00 next year. Rick James moved to approve the request for additional funding. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

The Clerk presented the 2020 Appraiser Budget Request in the amount of \$336,500.00 (\$8,000.00 increase). Rick James moved to tentatively approve the 2020 Appraiser Budget in the amount of \$336,500.00. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

The Clerk also presented additional budget information concerning salaries to the Commission.

At 10:06 AM Rick James moved to take a break until 10:20 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Tisha Coleman presented the 2020 Health Dept. Budget Request in the amount of \$242,076.76 (\$1,122.76 increase). Rick James moved to tentatively approve the 2020 Health Dept. Budget in the amount of \$242,076.76. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. Coleman also discussed her meeting with Larry Goldberg concerning designs for a Health Dept. building and updated the Commission on current programs offered by the Health Dept.

Nathan Fawson presented the 2020 SEK Mental Health Budget Request in the amount of \$111,395.00 (\$3,245.00 increase). Fawson also discussed future plans for the SEK Mental Health Center. Rick James moved to tentatively approve the 2020 SEK Mental Health Budget in the amount of \$111,395.00. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

At 10:49 AM Rick James moved to take a break until 11:20 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

At 11:48 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 15 minutes for legal advice from the County Attorney which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, pursuant to the consultation with attorney exception listed in K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2), concerning obtaining legal advice from the County Attorney. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 12:03 PM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The Commission, Clerk, and County Attorney James Brun attended the executive session.

At 12:03 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 12:04 PM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 5 minutes for legal advice from the County Attorney which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, pursuant to the consultation with attorney exception listed in K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2), concerning obtaining legal advice from the County Attorney. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 12:09 PM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The Commission, Clerk, and County Attorney James Brun attended the executive session.

At 12:09 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

James Brun presented the 2020 County Attorney Budget Request in the amount of \$362,685.30 (\$49,360.00 increase). The County Attorney explained that the additional budget requested would be for an Assistant County Attorney and for salary increases for the current staff. Danny McCullough moved to tentatively approve the 2020 County Attorney Budget in the amount of \$362,685.30. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, July 8, 2019. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Attest:

Commission Chair

County Clerk