

July 29, 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; Mike Page, Vice-Chair; Danny McCullough, Member; David Lamb, County Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Sheriff Filla 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 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$541,954.02: General, \$28,640.98; Appraiser, \$798.48; Rural Fire, \$7,821.55; Road and Bridge, \$503,506.25; Law Enforcement Trust, \$393.12; 911 Telephone Tax, \$7.49; County Health Dept., \$416.76; and Elderly, \$369.39. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 16 prisoners in house and 25 farmed out to other Counties. Sheriff Filla discussed the comments made by County Attorney James Brun last week. Sheriff Filla commented that former Undersheriff Roger Holt did a great job for the County for many years. Sheriff Filla also discussed Court Security and the recent active shooter training.

Doug Barlet asked for permission for he and Linda Simons to attend the annual KEMA Conference on September 10th through the 13th. Mike Page moved to allow Barlet and Simons to attend the training as requested. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Barlet then asked to hire Bobby England as a Probationary Firefighter at Station 920 (Pleasanton). Danny McCullough moved to hire Bobby England as requested. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jeff Boyd, AMR, presented a report on AMR’s calls for the past week. Boyd then discussed a recent inspection of the La Cygne Ambulance Station. Boyd also thanked the Fire Dept., Sheriff’s Dept., and local Police Departments for their work on several recent major calls.

Jessica Hightower asked the Commission to reappoint David Lamb and Doug Barlet as General Commission Members for the SEK Regional Planning Commission and to appoint Jessica Hightower as an Executive Committee Member and Jackie Messer as an Alternate. Mike Page moved to make the appointments as requested. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commission opened a bid for the hay at the Landfill from Dean Johnson. Johnson’s bid of \$250.00 was the only bid that was received. Danny McCullough moved to approve the bid in the amount of \$250.00 per year for 5 years from Dean Johnson. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jackie Messer presented Resolution #2019-20 declaring Surplus Property. Mike Page moved to approve Resolution #2019-20 as presented. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of Resolution #2019-20:



Jackie Messer presented applications for waiver or reduction of dumping fees. The City of Pleasanton applied for the waivers on the following properties: 407 E. 14th St., 610 Pine St., and 109 E. Miami St. Mike Page moved to approve the waivers as requested for the City of Pleasanton. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Messer then presented an application for one property in the County located at 10913 Vernon Road. Mike Page moved to approve the waiver for the property on Vernon Road. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Messer thanked Rick Castle, Kevin Amer, Shaun West, and Bill Miles for their work on the sewer pump at the County Park.

Due to changes in the structure of the SEK Regional Planning Commission, Jessica Hightower asked the Commission to rescind the previous motion that appointed members to the SEK Regional Planning Commission. Mike Page moved to rescind the previous motion as requested. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Hightower then asked the Commission to appoint Andy Mayhugh, Jackie Messer, Doug Barlet, and Jessica Hightower as Commission Members and David Lamb as an Alternate Member to the SEK Regional Planning Commission. Mike Page moved to appoint the members and alternate as requested. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 9:43 AM Mike Page moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 30 minutes for legal advice from the County Counselor 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 Counselor. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 10:13 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Jackie Messer, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 9:52 AM Jackie Messer left the executive session.

At 10:13 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 10:14 AM Mike Page moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 15 minutes for legal advice from the County Counselor 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 Counselor. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 10:29 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 10:29 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

The Clerk presented the 2020 Budget for publication. Rick James moved to publish the 2020 Budget as presented. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jessy Willard presented his business plan for the Prescott Country View Nursing Home. Willard then introduced Vickie Nichols, who presented information on the proposed business plan. Gary Thompson explained that the current Hospital District is planning on dissolving during August of this year, but there will still be a budget for next year because of delinquent taxes and motor vehicles. Nichols introduced Jason Barb from BKD CPAs & Advisors. Barb discussed the funding of nursing homes and how the State reimbursement rate is determined. Willard asked the Commission to create a new Hospital District when the current Hospital District dissolves. The Commission agreed that it is too late to establish a district that would receive taxes next year and they would still need more detailed information on the business plan to support it in the future.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, August 5, 2019. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Attest:

Commission Chair

County Clerk