

January 6, 2020

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:10 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. Rick James led the Pledge of Allegiance. David Lamb opened the meeting with prayer.

Rick James moved to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting as printed. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve the Sheriff's Monthly Fee Report for December 2019 in the amount of \$2,562.50. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commission reviewed the YTD Park Report for December 2019. 2019 Income was \$277,515.43 and 2019 Expenses were \$327,713.31. (2019 Expenses do not include Employee Benefits.)

Mike Page moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$252,416.86: General, \$121,227.87; Employee Benefit, \$71,238.24; Appraiser, \$7,281.00; Rural Fire, \$5,582.25; Road and Bridge, \$37,174.37; Law Enforcement Trust, \$346.98; County Health Dept., \$7,105.70; and Elderly, \$2,460.45. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Danny McCullough moved to tentatively approve Cereal Malt Beverage License renewal #2020-3 and Cereal Malt Beverage License renewal #2020-4, for RT's Deli, Tabitha Stephens, Resident Agent, located at 202 E Market, Centerville, KS 66014; pending the background checks. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk presented Resolution #2020-01, Canceling Outstanding Warrants over two years old; and Resolution #2020-02, Correcting Pay Dates for 2020 and Canceling Resolution #2019-34. (There was a clerical error on Resolution #2019-34.) Mike Page moved to adopt Resolution #2020-01 and Resolution #2020-02 as presented. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following are copies of Resolution #2020-01 and Resolution #2020-02:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LINN COUNTY, KANSAS
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LINN COUNTY, KANSAS:

That the Board of County Commissioners, being the governing body of Linn County, Kansas, hereby declared, pursuant to KSA 10-815 that all the County warrants listed below are hereby canceled and set aside upon the records of the County. Such records shall show the date of cancellation and shall recite that such warrant is unpaid but canceled by reason of this resolution.

The County Warrants to be canceled are:

DATE	WARRANT #	NAME	AMOUNT
GENERAL FUND			
06/23/2017	#121046	Mercy Hospital, Ft. Scott	\$ 601.96
07/10/2017	#121216	Sara Redding	\$ 10.00
09/01/2016	#121958	Dwight Allen Lane	\$ 43.71
09/29/2017	#122491	Glenda Michelle Spears	\$ 26.05
12/26/2017	#123740	Andy Mayhugh	\$ 1.07
RURAL FIRE			
02/15/2017	#119261	Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative	\$ 70.76
09/01/2017	#122017	Jeff Wisdom & Station 920	\$ 100.00
ROAD & BRIDGE			
03/31/2017	#118997	Busy Bugs Pest Control LLC	\$ 68.00
08/04/2017	#121626	Busy Bugs Pest Control LLC	\$ 85.00
ELDERLY			
02/15/2017	#119316	Craw-Kan Telephone Cooperative	\$ 86.71
PAYROLL			
01/31/2017	#74870	Thomas Capp	\$ 138.52
04/28/2017	#75268	Daniel L Brake	\$ 23.09
11/09/2017	#76046	Daniel L Brake	\$ 23.09

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THE 6TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2020.

Rick James, Chair
Mike Page, Vice-Chair
Danny McCullough, Member

ATTEST:
David L. Lamb, County Clerk

RESOLUTION #2020-02 BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LINN COUNTY, KANSAS

BE IT RESOLVED: That Resolution #2019-34 is canceled and the following schedule be adopted as the schedule of pay dates for the year 2020:

PAYROLL	VOUCHERS (Due by 9:00 AM)	MONTH	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	VOUCHERS (Due before Noon)
January 3	December 30	January	January 13	January 2
January 17	January 13		January 27	January 15
January 31	January 27			
February 14	February 10	February	February 10	January 29
February 28	February 24		February 24	February 12
March 13	March 9	March	March 9	February 28
March 27	March 23		March 23	March 11
April 10	April 6	April	April 6	March 25
April 24	April 20		April 20	April 8
May 8	May 4	May	May 4	April 22
May 22	May 18		May 18	May 6
June 5	June 1	June	June 1	May 20
June 19	June 15		June 15	June 3
			June 29	June 17
July 3	June 29	July	July 13	July 1
July 17	July 13		July 27	July 15
July 31	July 27			
August 14	August 10	August	August 10	July 29
August 28	August 24		August 24	August 12
September 11	September 8	September	September 8	August 26
September 25	September 21		September 21	September 9
October 9	October 5	October	October 5	September 23
October 23	October 19		October 19	October 7
November 6	November 2	November	November 2	October 21
November 20	November 16		November 16	November 4
			November 30	November 18
December 4	November 30	December	December 14	December 2
December 18	December 14		December 28	December 16
January 1, 2021	December 28			

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of January, 2020 for the year 2020.

Rick James, Chair
Mike Page, Vice Chair
Danny McCullough, Member

ATTEST:
David L. Lamb, County Clerk

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 18 prisoners in house and 13 farmed out to other Counties. Sheriff Friend also reported on the previous week's calls.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week.

Jackie Messer presented bids for scrap metal. Bids received were: Wes' Recycling, \$119.00 per ton; and Kurt Clark, \$40.00 per ton. Danny McCullough moved to approve the bid from Wes' Recycling in the amount of \$119.00 per ton. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Messer then discussed the reactions to the new Park rules and light duty work for Public Works employees. Messer also discussed a meeting with Everyy concerning the Hecke property in the Pleasanton Industrial Park.

The Commission discussed the bid process with Joe Seymour from River City Construction by phone.

Jackie Messer then continued discussing Public Works projects, including repair/replacement of box culverts. Messer also discussed the squirrel problem on the Courthouse block. Messer also informed the Commission that the City of Mound City has requested assistance from our lift truck for taking down their Christmas decorations, due to their equipment being broken down. The Commission agreed to help the City of Mound City with their project.

Deputy Clerks Cindy Holt and Amanda Snyder addressed the Commission concerning the Mission and Vision Statement for the County.

At 10:28 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 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; and then take a 10 minutes break. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 10:48 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session. (The Commission then went outside to view the new recycling trailer during the 10 minute break.)

At 10:48 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Jackie Taylor addressed the Commission concerning the CERT Program and a requirement that the CERT members cannot carry a concealed firearm. Taylor does not think that should be a rule for the CERT members. Gary Thompson will check on the rules for CERT and report back at a later meeting.

The Commission discussed relocating offices during the construction process.

With nothing further on the agenda Mike Page moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, January 13, 2020. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commission Chair

Attest:

County Clerk

January 13, 2020

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:12 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. Rick James 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.

Rick James moved to appoint Danny McCullough as the Commission Chair for 2020 and Mike Page as the Vice Chair for 2020. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Danny McCullough moved to reschedule the next regular meeting to Tuesday, January 21, 2020, due to the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$440,304.36: General, \$301,200.47; Employee Benefit, \$652.65; Appraiser, \$3,594.67; Rural Fire, \$26,751.74; Road and Bridge, \$69,570.28; 911 Telephone Tax, \$1,498.04; County Health Dept., \$2,880.45; Capital Improvement, \$28,080.00; Elderly, \$5,305.01; and Sewer Dist. #1, \$771.05. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Treasurer Janet Kleweno distributed copies of the County Treasurer's Quarterly Interest Report and Delinquent Tax Report. 2019 4th Quarter Interest was \$17,977.74; 2019 YTD Interest was \$93,863.26. Delinquent Real Estate Tax as of December 31, 2019 is \$975,952.91. Delinquent Personal Property Tax as of December 31, 2019 is \$27,866.84. (Interest amounts do not include construction account interest.)

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 20 prisoners in house and 14 farmed out to other Counties. The Sheriff also reported on the calls and activities for the last week. Sheriff Friend then presented 3 bids for replacement of the patrol vehicle that was totaled. Bids received were: Cox Motor Company, \$34,909.00; Louisburg Ford, \$34,819.00; and Olathe Ford, \$34,693.00. Rick James moved to accept the local bid from Cox Motor Company in the amount of \$34,909.00. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Doug Barlet asked to hire Benjamin Bielenberg as a Probationary Firefighter for Station 970, Blue Mound. Mike Page moved to hire Bielenberg as requested. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Barlet also presented bids for a 2 new Fire Trucks. Bids received were:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Optional Bid (CAFS)</u>	<u>Delivery Time</u>
Conrad Fire Equipment Inc.	\$729,977.74	\$797,377.74	13 Months
Weis Fire & Safety Equipment Co.	\$640,838.00	\$710,438.00	365 Days
Ed M. Feld Equipment Co., Inc.	\$718,396.00	\$785,506.00	470 Days
Danko Emergency Equipment Co.	\$785,352.00	\$855,902.00	410 Days
Hays Fire Equipment	\$619,908.00.	\$682,308.00	225 Days

Barlet will qualify the bids and make a recommendation next week.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week and month.

Jackie Messer discussed possible office space for the County Attorney and Community Corrections during the construction project. Messer then presented the Scrap Metal Contract with Wes' Recycling and a Light Duty Agreement with a Public Works employee. Mike Page moved to approve the Light Duty Agreement and Job Description with the Public Works employee. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Rick James moved to sign the Scrap Metal Contract with Wes' Recycling. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 10:18 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss individual employees' performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the employee; and then for 10 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 10:43 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, Doug Barlet, Kevin Friend, and Jackie Messer attended the executive session.

At 10:39 AM Doug Barlet, Kevin Friend, and Jackie Messer left the executive session.

At 10:43 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 10:44 AM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 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 10:54 AM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 10:54 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

The Commission discussed the construction project and the need for bid bonds. The Commission called to discuss options with Joe Seymour, River City Construction.

Mike Page moved to schedule a special meeting on Friday, January 17th, at 9:00 AM in the Commission Room in the Courthouse Annex, for a meeting with River City Construction. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. No action will be taken during the special meeting.

Jackie Messer informed the Commission that we received a bill from KCP&L in the amount of \$8,466.77 for the electrical line that we cut at the County Park. The Commission asked Messer to discuss the bill with the KCP&L Liaison and with KCAMP.

The Commission agreed to allow the new Crime-stoppers' Board to use the money that was donated for the Night Out Against Crime.

At 11:43 AM Danny McCullough moved to recess until 12:30 PM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 12:30 PM the Commission met with the Leadership Program participants. Cindy Holt and Amanda Snyder presented information on the program and discussed upcoming events.

With nothing further on the agenda Danny McCullough moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Tuesday, January 21, 2020. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commission Chair

Attest:

County Clerk

January 21, 2020

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:07 AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Linn County Courthouse Annex, Mound City, Kansas. Those present were Danny McCullough, Chair; Mike Page, Vice Chair; Rick James, Member; David Lamb, County Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Doug Barlet led the Pledge of Allegiance. David Lamb opened the meeting with prayer.

Mike Page moved to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting as printed. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve add/abate/refund order: #2019-69. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$454,945.07: General, \$207,337.83; Employee Benefit, \$181,840.75; Appraiser, \$7,687.14; Rural Fire, \$7,064.01; Road and Bridge, \$40,062.68; Law Enforcement Trust, \$394.49; County Health Dept., \$7,963.90; and Elderly, \$2,594.27. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$1,922.38: Employee Benefit, \$1,922.38. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to accept the following Annual Township Reports and Annual Cemetery District Reports: Lincoln Township, Mound City Township, Paris Township, Potosi Township, Stanton Township, Valley Township, Cemetery District #1, Cemetery District #3, Cemetery District #5, and Mound City Cemetery District. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 19 prisoners in house and 16 farmed out to other Counties. Sheriff Friend also reported on the previous week's calls. Sheriff Friend then gave a year-end report on their call load and activities for 2019. Overall, the call load and activities were up over 20% from the previous year.

Doug Barlet discussed the weather for the week. Barlet then discussed the proposed Fire Truck purchase and recommends purchasing from Hays Fire. Barlet also explained the benefits of a CAFS system on the new trucks. Mike Page moved to approve the purchase of 2 trucks with CAFS systems from Hays Fire Equipment in the amount of \$700,418.00, to be paid from the Special Fire Equipment Replacement Fund. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Maura Chambers, KCAMP Risk Manager, presented the County with a \$600.00 check for our low Claims Ratio in 2018. Chambers then discussed various risk avoidance programs/trainings that are provided by KCAMP.

At 10:11 AM the Chair asked for public comment. Greg Topping discussed the "Claim Your Campus Event" that will be held at Youth Front Camp in July 2020. Michael Maris, E.E.S., LLC, introduced himself to the Commission. His company has submitted a bid for our bridge inspections.

The Commission then opened the bridge inspection bids. Bids received were: E.E.S., LLC, \$65.00 per bridge; Schwab Eaton, \$70.00 per bridge; and Earl's Engineering & Inspections, \$210.00 per bridge. Jackie Messer will review the bids and make a recommendation to the Commission.

Elizabeth Maxwell presented the East Central Kansas Area Agency on Aging Year-End Report and explained the services they provide.

Mike Page moved to allow Doug Barlet to sign the contract for the purchase of the fire trucks from Hays Fire Equipment. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 10:49 AM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss individual employees' performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the employee; and 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 11:24 AM. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Sheriff Friend attended the executive session.

At 11:04 AM Sheriff Friend left the executive session.

At 11:24 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Jackie Messer asked for permission to advertise for bids for weed spraying in the County and for equipping our 2nd weed truck. The Commission agreed to allow Messer to advertise for the requested bids. Messer also discussed other Public Works issues that have arisen recently.

At 11:36 AM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 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 11:46 AM. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Jackie Messer attended the executive session.

At 11:46 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

The Clerk informed the Commission that the Appraiser's Office had a credit card that was in Steve Thompson's name. Thompson was contacted after his retirement and has canceled the card. The Clerk asked for permission to add a credit

card to the account that is managed by the Clerk's Office, for use by the Appraiser's Office. The card would be issued with Deb Bruner's name. Mike Page move to allow the Clerk to add a credit card for the Appraiser's Office with a \$5,000.00 limit. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk presented the Audit Contract with Diehl, Banwart, Bolton, CPAs in the amount of \$15,245.00. This amount includes a \$450.00 increase due to the additional work required in connection with our bond issue. Mike Page moved to approve and sign the Contract for Auditing Services as presented. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Gary Thompson presented an application from the City of Pleasanton for reduced dumping fees on a property located at 507 Center St. in Pleasanton. Rick James moved to approve the reduced dumping fees request. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commission asked the Clerk to verify the Boundary Validation Program requested by the Census Bureau.

The Commission called Warren Moody, River City Construction, to discuss site set-up, staging, etc. for our building project.

With nothing further on the agenda Danny McCullough moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, January 27, 2020. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commission Chair

Attest:

County Clerk

January 27, 2020

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:03 AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Linn County Courthouse Annex, Mound City, Kansas. Those present were Danny McCullough, Chair; Mike Page, Vice Chair; Rick James, Member; Cindy Holt, Deputy County Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Rick James led the Pledge of Allegiance. Sheriff Friend opened the meeting with prayer.

Mike Page moved to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting as printed. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$184,101.94: General, \$143,083.28; Appraiser, \$1,926.92; Rural Fire, \$2,998.91; Road and Bridge, \$35,294.44; County Health Dept., \$66.07; Elderly, \$652.32; and Sewer District #1, \$80.00. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$119.88: Employee Benefit, \$19.62; and Road and Bridge, \$100.26. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 19 prisoners in house and 15 farmed out to other Counties. Sheriff Friend then discussed the Construction Project with the Commission.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week and month. Anderson also provided the 2019 Annual Ambulance Report and discussed the report with the Commission.

At 9:22 AM Danny McCullough 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 9:37 AM. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Deputy Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 9:37 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Doug Barlet discussed the weather for the week. Barlet then presented bids for a new generator. Bids received were: CDL Electric Company, \$65,773; Emergency Management Planner, \$51,920; and Hammeke Electric \$52,210. Another bid received was not opened as it was received after the deadline. Barlet will qualify the bids and make a recommendation next week.

County Attorney James Brun & Linda Meisel discussed moving his office for the construction project. Brun then reported on the 2019 activity for his department and discussed the need for additional staff.

Chris Martin addressed the Commission concerning Network Security Training. Martin would like to contract with KnowBe4 for online web training for all County employees. Rick James moved to approve the training in the amount of \$2,138.40. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jackie Taylor addressed the Commission concerning the Linn County Crime Stoppers program.

Jackie Messer qualified the bids received for bridge inspections. Messer recommended the bid from Elite Engineering Services in the amount of \$65 per bridge. Rick James moved to accept the bid from Elite Engineering Services. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Messer asked to advertise for a Solid Waste Equipment Operator. The Messer then asked for a salary increase for Randy Kalleck to \$15,218.1 (Range 8, Step I), due to Kalleck obtaining his CDL. Mike Page moved to increase wages for Kalleck as requested. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Messer then discussed road conditions and the meeting held at the Linn County Park.

At 11:20 AM the Mike Page moved to postpone the Road Vacation hearing until Monday, February 3, 2020. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jes Pfannenstiel, KWORCC, presented a plaque to the Commission for Linn County's low loss ratio in 2018. Linn County had the lowest loss ratio of all KWORCC counties with a premium greater than \$125,000.00. Pfannenstiel also discussed online and onsite training available through KWORCC.

At 11:30 AM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss individual employees' performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the employee; and for 25 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; and for 10 minutes to discuss trade secrets, pursuant to the trade secrets exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(4), concerning a potential new business. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 12:10 AM. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Deputy Clerk, Counselor, and Jessica Hightower attended the executive session.

At 11:40 AM Jessica Hightower left the executive session and Jackie Messer entered.

At 11:45 AM Jackie Messer left the executive session.

At 12:10 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as result of the executive session.

The Commission discussed several tabled items.

With nothing further on the agenda Danny McCullough moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, February 3, 2020. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commission Chair

Attest:

County Clerk

February 3, 2020

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:09 AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Linn County Courthouse Annex, Mound City, Kansas. Those present were Danny McCullough, Chair; Mike Page, Vice Chair; Rick James, Member; David Lamb, County Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Jackie Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance. Doug Barlet opened the meeting with prayer.

Danny McCullough moved to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting as printed. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Danny McCullough moved to accept the following Annual Township Report and Annual Cemetery District Report: Liberty Township and Cemetery District #4. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$47,039.04: Employee Benefit, \$47,039.04. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$340,308.25: General, \$133,816.31; Employee Benefit, \$97,214.21; Appraiser, \$7,761.58; Rural Fire, \$8,759.29; Road and Bridge, \$44,857.30; Equipment Reserve, \$23,372.00; Law Enforcement Trust, \$11,891.39; 911 Telephone Tax, \$1,443.66; County Health Dept., \$7,798.99; and Elderly, \$3,393.52. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week and month. Anderson also reported that they have hired a new Paramedic.

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 20 prisoners in house and 12 farmed out to other Counties. The Sheriff also reported on the calls and activities for the last week.

Doug Barlet reviewed the generator bids that were received last week. Barlet recommends purchasing the generator from CDL Electric Company in the amount of \$57,415.00, after a review by our architect. The Commission agreed to have Barlet contact our architect to review the generator specs.

Linda Meisel reported on the County Attorney's docket for the week.

Chris Martin reported on bids for the tower project. We only received one bid and Martin stated that it does not meet our specs. Martin would like to order the tower himself and have our Public Works Dept. construct the base for the tower, then would could bid separate components of the project for a much lower cost. The Commission agreed that we need to put up a new tower on the hill and tear down the existing tower.

Economic Development Director Jessica Hightower gave an update on her department's activities to the Commission. Hightower asked the Commission to approve issuing 9 Summer Youth Employment Grants, 4 Community Development Grants, and 4 Continuing Education Grants. Mike Page moved to authorize the requested grants. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jackie Messer discussed projects his departments are working on. Messer also informed the Commission that Sam Parks resigned last week.

The Clerk presented copies of Senate Bill 294 to the Commission. The Bill would change many of the requirements and processes for our tax process.

At 9:56 AM Mike Page moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss individual employees' performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the employee; and then 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 10:36 AM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, Jessica Hightower, and Jackie Messer attended the executive session.

At 10:04 AM Jessica Hightower and Jackie Messer left the executive session.

At 10:36 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

The Commission then went outside to look at the property boundaries near the alley behind the Annex.

At 10:40 AM Rick James moved to take a 5 minute break and then 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 11:00 AM. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 11:00 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 11:05 AM the Chair opened a hearing for Road Vacations. No public comment was given. Gary Thompson then read the descriptions of the roads to be vacated. Danny McCullough moved to approve the Order Vacating Road on the Chandler Road in Section 35, Township 21S, Range 22E. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Mike Page moved to approve the Order Vacating Road on the Williamson Road in Section 7, Township 20S, Range 24E. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Mike Page moved to approve the Order Vacating Road on the Stanley Road in Section 35, Township 21S, Range 22E. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following are copies of the Orders Vacating Roads:

<p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LINN COUNTY, KANSAS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ORDER VACATING ROAD</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">NOW on this 3rd day of February 2020, at a regular meeting of the board of county commissioners the proposal to vacate a certain stretch of road, to-wit:</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Beginning at the NW corner the NE4 of Section 35, Township 21 South, Range 22 East, then running South to the center of Section 35, then East approximately 1320' then South to the South line of Section 35, Township 21 South, Range 22 East.</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">The above described road was laid out in 1903, and established 40 feet wide. The above road was part of the Chandler road described in Book 2 Page 43-45 of the county road records.</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Comes up for final consideration and action; and the board, having under date of November 25, 2019, adopted a proposal to vacate said above described road and having instructed the clerk to give notice of said proposed vacation by publication once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county, and said notice having been given and proof thereof filed herein, and after careful inquiry and full consideration, finds that said above described road is not a public utility by reason of neglect no-use and inconvenience; has become practically impassable and the necessity for said road as a public utility does not justify the expenditure of the necessary funds to repair said road or put the same in condition for public travel, and that said road should be vacated.</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">IT IS THEREFORE BY THE BOARD ORDERED AND RESOLVED that said above described road be and the same is hereby vacated.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LINN COUNTY, KANSAS by</p> <p>Attest: County Clerk Chairman</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> </p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LINN COUNTY, KANSAS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ORDER VACATING ROAD</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">NOW on this 3rd day of February 2020, at a regular meeting of the board of county commissioners the proposal to vacate a certain stretch of road, to-wit:</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Beginning at the SE corner of Section 7, Township 20 South, Range 24 East, then extending West along the section line between Sections 7 and 18, ending at the SW corner of the SE4 of said Section 7, Township 20 South, Range 24 East.</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">The above described road was laid out in 1914, and established 40 feet wide. The above road was part of the EV Williamson road described in Book 3 page 280 of the county road records.</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Comes up for final consideration and action; and the board, having under date of November 25, 2019, adopted a proposal to vacate said above described road and having instructed the clerk to give notice of said proposed vacation by publication once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county, and said notice having been given and proof thereof filed herein, and after careful inquiry and full consideration, finds that said above described road is not a public utility by reason of neglect no-use and inconvenience; has become practically impassable and the necessity for said road as a public utility does not justify the expenditure of the necessary funds to repair said road or put the same in condition for public travel, and that said road should be vacated.</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">IT IS THEREFORE BY THE BOARD ORDERED AND RESOLVED that said above described road be and the same is hereby vacated.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LINN COUNTY, KANSAS by</p> <p>Attest: County Clerk Chairman</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> </p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LINN COUNTY, KANSAS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ORDER VACATING ROAD</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">NOW on this 3rd day of February 2020, at a regular meeting of the board of county commissioners the proposal to vacate a certain stretch of road, to-wit:</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Beginning at the NE4 of Section 35, Township 21 South, Range 22 East, then running South to the East Quarter corner of Section 35, then running west approximately 1320' to the point it intersects with the old Chandler Rd Section 35, Township 21 South, Range 22 East.</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">The above described road was laid out in 1881, and established 50 feet wide. The above road was part of the Stanley road described in Book 2 Page 132-133 of the county road records.</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Comes up for final consideration and action; and the board, having under date of November 25, 2019, adopted a proposal to vacate said above described road and having instructed the clerk to give notice of said proposed vacation by publication once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county, and said notice having been given and proof thereof filed herein, and after careful inquiry and full consideration, finds that said above described road is not a public utility by reason of neglect no-use and inconvenience; has become practically impassable and the necessity for said road as a public utility does not justify the expenditure of the necessary funds to repair said road or put the same in condition for public travel, and that said road should be vacated.</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">IT IS THEREFORE BY THE BOARD ORDERED AND RESOLVED that said above described road be and the same is hereby vacated.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LINN COUNTY, KANSAS by</p> <p>Attest: County Clerk Chairman</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> </p>
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With nothing further on the agenda Mike Page moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, February 10, 2020. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commission Chair

Attest:

County Clerk

February 10, 2020

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:05 AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Linn County Courthouse Annex, Mound City, Kansas. Those present were Danny McCullough, Chair; Mike Page, Vice Chair; Rick James, Member; David Lamb, County Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Rick James led the Pledge of Allegiance. David Lamb 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 reschedule the next regular meeting to Tuesday, February 18, 2020, due to the President's Day Holiday. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve the Sheriff's Monthly Fee Report for January 2020 in the amount of \$3,052.50. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commission reviewed the YTD Park Report for January 2020.

At 9:07 AM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 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 relating to the County Attorney. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 9:17 AM. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 9:17 AM the executive session ended. As a result of the executive session, Rick James moved to sign a letter responding to comments/budget issues by the County Attorney. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

County Attorney James Brun discussed the Kansas Open Meetings Act and how it relates to budget/personnel issues in the County Attorney's Office.

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 19 prisoners in house and 12 farmed out to other Counties. Sheriff Friend also reported on the previous week's calls. Sheriff Friend then discussed moving the Bailiffs to the 171 hour overtime schedule. The other Deputies are already on that schedule. Danny McCullough moved to move the Bailiffs to the 171 hour overtime schedule. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Doug Barlet reported on the weather for the week. Barlet then stated that the engineer looked at the bids for the generators and stated that both bids would qualify. Barlet asked the Commission to approve the bid for the Cummins generator in the amount of \$57,415.00. Mike Page moved to approve the generator purchase as requested. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week. Anderson also presented a written report on the January 2020 calls and call times.

County Attorney James Brun discussed requests he has made for the Commissioners to come to his office and see what happens there, but Danny McCullough is the only current Commissioner that has come to his office. Brun stated that he cannot have an attorney as the Diversion Coordinator. Brun discussed several other issues he is dealing with.

Jackie Messer presented a burial permit request from Magellan Pipeline on Devlin Road near 1800 Road. Mike Page moved to approve the burial permit, subject to receipt of their payment. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Messer then reported on meetings he has this week and other issues he is dealing with. Messer also discussed issues with culverts being installed without permits.

Andy Mayhugh presented a dedication of road right of way for a lot split. Mike Page moved to accept the grant of road easement associated with Lot Split #20-01. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 10:11 AM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss trade secrets, pursuant to the trade secrets exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(4), concerning a business in the County; for 5 minutes to discuss the acquisition of real estate, pursuant to exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6), concerning preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real estate; and 10 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 10:36 AM. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Jessica Hightower attended the executive session.

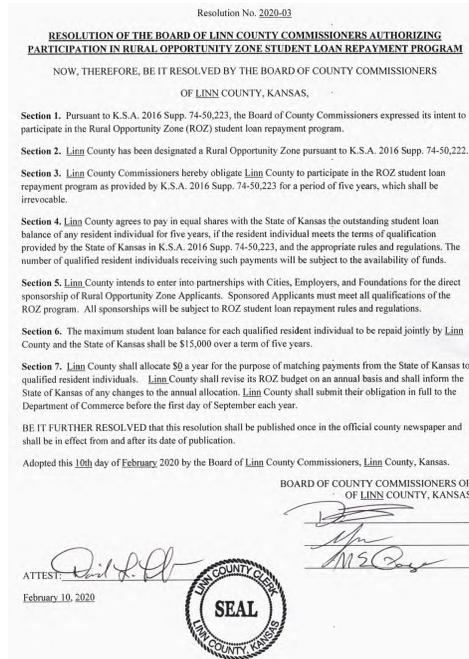
At 10:23 AM Jessica Hightower left the executive session and Jackie Messer entered.

At 10:27 AM Jackie Messer left the executive session.

At 10:36 AM the executive session ended. As a result of the executive session, Danny McCullough moved to offer \$185,000.00 to purchase the Car Wash/Storage Facility property. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$121,200.50: General, \$82,612.86; Employee Benefit, \$843.71; Appraiser, \$161.24; Rural Fire, \$1,829.20; Road and Bridge, \$29,387.82; 911 Telephone Tax, \$53.44; County Health Dept., \$3,469.02; Elderly, \$2,401.06; Econ. Dev. Grant, \$375.00; and Sewer Dist. #1, \$67.15. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to adopt Resolution #2020-03, authorizing participation in the Rural Opportunity Zone Student Repayment Program. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of Resolution #2020-03:



With nothing further on the agenda Danny McCullough moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Tuesday, February 18, 2020. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commission Chair

Attest:

County Clerk

February 14, 2020

The Board of Linn County Commission met in special session at 7:30 AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Linn County Courthouse Annex, Mound City, Kansas. Those present were Danny McCullough, Chair; Mike Page, Vice Chair; Rick James, Member; David Lamb, County Clerk; Jackie Messer, Public Works Administrator; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. (Mike Page, Rick James, & Gary Thompson attended by conference call.)

Following is a copy of the Notice of Special Meeting:

LINN COUNTY, KANSAS
P.O. Box 350, 318 Main St.
Mound City, KS 66856-0350
913-795-2668
Fax: 913-795-2419



COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
First District
Rick James
Second District
Daniel McCullough
Third District
Mike Page

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF LINN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

You are hereby notified that a special meeting of the Board of Linn County Commissioners has been called and will be held at 7:30 AM on Friday, February 14, 2020 at the Linn County Courthouse Annex, 306 Main St. Mound City, KS 66056 and by conference call. This special meetings have been called to discuss the building project with River City Construction and to take any necessary action on this issue.

DATED this 13th day of February, 2020.

David L. Lamb,
Linn County Clerk



David L. Lamb, County Clerk Kristy Schmitz, Register of Deeds Daniel Taylor, Nuisous Weed
Janet Kieweno, County Treasurer Gary Thompson, County Counselor Jessica Hightower, Economic Development
James Brown, County Attorney (Vacant), County Appraiser Dong Barlow, Rural Fire / Emergency Mgt.
Kevin Friend, Sheriff Jackie Messer, Public Works

The Commission discussed various building project issues with Joe Seymour, Megan Brown, and Warren Moody from River City Construction. Joe Seymour asked to push back the bid date. The Commission agreed to change the bid date to Tuesday, February 25th at 10:00 AM.

Seymour then discussed the schedule of the project. River City would like to do the projects on both buildings at the same time, but that would require moving the District Court out of their existing building much earlier. The Commission stated that we will need to discuss moving the District Court with Judge Harth before any decisions are made. Gary Thompson will contact Judge Harth for her input.

With nothing further on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 AM.

Commission Chair

Attest:

County Clerk

February 18, 2020

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:03 AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Linn County Courthouse Annex, Mound City, Kansas. Those present were Danny McCullough, Chair; Mike Page, Vice Chair; Rick James, Member; David Lamb, County Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Rick James led the Pledge of Allegiance. Sheriff Friend opened the meeting with prayer.

Mike Page moved to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting and the February 14th special meeting as printed. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve add/abate/refund order: #2019-70. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to accept the following Annual Township Report: Centerville Township. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$512,888.54: General, \$328,368.58; Employee Benefit, \$110,839.19; Appraiser, \$7,810.13; Rural Fire, \$8,930.08; Road and Bridge, \$46,144.10; Law Enforcement Trust, \$345.75; County Health Dept., \$7,416.72; and Elderly, \$3,033.99. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Danny McCullough moved to cancel the March 2nd meeting and approve that week's claims by email. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

County Attorney James Brun informed the Commission that he is hiring Ashley Repp as an Assistant Attorney for his office. Brun presented copies of the 2019 Diversion Report to the Commission and explained the diversion program to the Commission. Brun informed the Commission that he is getting Westlaw set up for his office in the next two weeks.

Doug Barlet reported on the weather for the week and reported on travel for himself and Dee Horttor.

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 23 prisoners in house and 10 farmed out to other Counties. Sheriff Friend also reported on the previous week's calls.

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. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, County Attorney, Ashley Repp, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 10:27 AM James Brun and Ashley Repp left the executive session.

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

The Commission and Counselor discussed places to move various offices during the construction process. At 10:50 AM the Commission and Warren Moody, River City Construction, discussed the timing of moving some of the County offices.

Jackie Messer presented the Lake Region Solid Waste Management Plan as revised December 2019. Messer discussed several other Public Works issues he is working on. Messer then presented bids for a spray rig for the Noxious Weed truck. Bids received were: Bill Browning, Sprayer Specialties, \$14,069.28; and Fairbanks, \$15,347.54 or \$24,885.73. The Commission instructed Messer to qualify the bids and come back with a recommendation.

Gary Thompson presented the Employment Contract for the Assistant County Attorney that was hired by the County Attorney. Mike Page moved to approve the Employment Contract as presented, and to allow the Chair to sign. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-1. Thompson then presented the contract to purchase real estate from Al Hurt and Pam Hurt & Jeff Schneider and Susan Schneider for \$185,000.00. Rick James moved to approve the Real Estate Contract as presented. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 12:01 PM Mike Page moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss individual employees' performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the employee; and then for 5 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 12:11 PM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 12:11 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

With nothing further on the agenda Danny McCullough moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, February 24, 2020. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commission Chair

Attest:

County Clerk

February 24, 2020

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:03 AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Linn County Courthouse Annex, Mound City, Kansas. Those present were Danny McCullough, Chair; Mike Page, Vice Chair; Rick James, Member; David Lamb, County Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Rick James led the Pledge of Allegiance. Jackie Taylor opened the meeting with prayer.

Mike Page moved to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting and the February 14th special meeting as printed. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve add/abate/refund order: #2019-71. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk reminded the Commission that next week's meeting has been cancelled due to lack of a quorum. The Clerk's office will send an email later this week for approval of the Claims.

Mike Page moved to rehire Dusty Rhynerson as a Firefighter for Station 970 (Blue Mound), and to waive his probationary period due to his experience on the Fire Dept. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$169,598.95: General, \$141,682.66; Appraiser, \$775.00; Rural Fire, \$692.75; Road and Bridge, \$25,784.11; County Health Dept., \$80.71; and Elderly, \$583.72. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 19 prisoners in house and 16 farmed out to other Counties. Sheriff Friend also reported on the previous week's calls.

Linda Meisel reported on an upcoming meeting James Brun has with the FBI concerning the John Sutherland case.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported that they have been busy recently, but the call numbers are not available yet.

Jackie Messer discussed the road conditions due to the rain. Messer also discussed the possibility of sharing a rock quarry with another County. Messer then discussed using a commercial spray company for weed spraying in the County. Messer has proposals from two companies. Messer will review the proposals and report to the Commission in two weeks. Messer also discussed our entrance permit applications and policies we need to follow. Messer stated that we also need to review our dust control program. Mike Page suggested scheduling some time at a future meeting to discuss all of these issues.

Danny McCullough moved to approve the Lake Region Solid Waste Management Plan as it was presented last week. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Chris Martin and Jackie Messer discussed the relocation schedule for the building project. Mike Page moved to give the Chair the authority to sign lease agreements upon Gary Thompson's review. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jessica Hightower asked the Commission to approve an incentive program for Wes' Recycling at the Prescott location. Mike Page moved to approve tax incentives for Wes' Recycling in the amount of 50% of the County Property Tax for 3 years, contingent on maintaining 10 new jobs throughout that period. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 10:20 AM the Chair asked for public comment. David Fisher discussed a CUP for a cell tower that will be presented at the next Commission meeting. Fisher would like to have the dual lighting option for the tower.

James Akes asked to add two Death Investigators to assist him: Shaun West and Klayton Parscale. Gary Thompson stated that it is not up to our Commission to make this decision, the appointments are made by the District Coroner.

Gary Thompson presented a draft of a consulting contract with IBTS for our Comprehensive Plan.

At 10:43 AM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss individual employees' performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the employee; and then for 10 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 11:08 AM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Jackie Messer attended the executive session.

At 11:02 AM Jackie Messer left the executive session.

At 11:08 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Danny McCullough discussed a conversation he had this morning with Blaine Martin, Goldberg Group Architects. The Commission discussed issues coming up with the project and with tomorrow's bid opening. Chris Martin asked for approval of the fees for the IT portion of relocating offices during the construction. Mike Page moved to give Jackie Messer the authority to approve the IT expenses. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

With nothing further on the agenda Danny McCullough moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, March 9, 2020. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commission Chair

Attest:

County Clerk

March 9, 2020

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:04 AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Linn County Courthouse Annex, Mound City, Kansas. Those present were Danny McCullough, Chair; Mike Page, Vice Chair; Rick James, Member; David Lamb, County Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Rick James led the Pledge of Allegiance. Sheriff Friend opened the meeting with prayer.

Rick James moved to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting as printed. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve add/abate/refund orders: #2019-72 through #2019-74. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$228,596.69: General, \$89,311.07; Employee Benefit, \$23,976.44; Appraiser, \$2,535.70; Rural Fire, \$3,753.49; Road and Bridge, \$97,343.40; 911 Telephone Tax, \$8,421.39; County Health Dept., \$539.58; Elderly, \$2,570.50; and Sewer Dist. #1, \$145.12. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

James Brun gave the Commission all the records from the Sutherland case.

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 19 prisoners in house and 19 farmed out to other Counties. Sheriff Friend also reported on the previous week's calls.

Doug Barlet presented two applications for new Firefighters. Mike Page moved to hire Probationary Firefighters Brian Shroyer for Station 920, and Jeremiah Conner for Station 960. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Barlet also discussed a large grass fire this weekend.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week. Anderson also discussed the response/preparation for the Coronavirus.

Tisha Coleman presented a Grant Application for signature. Mike Page moved to approve and sign the Grant Application. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Coleman then gave the Commission an update on the Coronavirus.

At 9:37 AM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 20 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 9:57 AM. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 9:57 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 10:00 AM the Chair asked for public comment. Larry Hall addressed the Commission concerning the building project. Hall stated that appears that the jail has expanded well beyond the original plan. Hall also discussed the City sewer load and effects of this project. Hall stated that it appears that the project will cost much more than expected. The Commission explained that there are meetings planned with the City and our engineers to address various issues on the project. Danny McCullough moved to halt the project for two or three weeks until he can get caught up on the project. The motion died for lack of a second. Various other people in the audience asked additional questions about the project.

At 10:46 AM the Commission opened bids for road oil. Bids received were: Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions, Vance Brothers, Coastal Energy. Jackie Messer and Adam Church will review the bids and make a recommendation.

Andy Mayhugh then presented CUP #2001 requested by KGI Wireless to permit the installation of cellular communications tower in the "A" Agricultural Zone. The CUP was approved by the Planning Commission by unanimous vote with the following findings:

- 1) Proposed use conforms to similar uses in the area,
- 2) Installation of this tower will enhance cell service in the area so there is a gain to the public safety and welfare,
- 3) The proposed tower will not overburden existing infrastructure,
- 4) Staff recommends approval of the application.

and subject to the following conditions:

- 1) Tower to be constructed as proposed on submitted plans and documents,
- 2) Tower shall conform to all FAA requirements for lighting,
- 3) Emergency contact information will be attached to the security fence or in any other approved location.
- 4) A copy of any final inspection and any future inspections shall be delivered to the Linn County Planning/Zoning Office.

After reviewing the findings and conditions of the Planning Commission, Rick James moved to approve CUP #2001, adopt the findings of the Planning and Zoning Commission, and adopt Resolution #2020-04. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of Resolution #2020-04:

Jackie Messer presented a list of seasonal positions he would like to hire for this year. Messer then presented burial permits on 1350 Road for Heartland Rural Electric Cooperative Inc. and Anderson County Consolidated Rural Water District #1. Mike Page moved to approve Burial Permit #2020-02 Heartland REC, and Burial Permit #2020-03 Anderson County Consolidated RWD #1 as presented. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Mike Page moved to declare approximately 80 picnic tables as surplus property and to allow Messer to dispose of the picnic tables as he sees fit, with priority to taxing entities at no cost. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jackie Messer and the Commission discussed costs and permit fees for dust control and for culverts.

At 1:11 PM Mike Page moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss individual employees' performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the employee. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 1:21 PM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Jackie Messer attended the executive session.

At 1:21 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 2:01 PM Mike Page moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 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 2:11 PM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, Tisha Coleman, Doug Barlet, Kevin Friend, and Jackie Messer attended the executive session.

At 2:11 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

With nothing further on the agenda Danny McCullough moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, March 16, 2020. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commission Chair

Attest:

County Clerk

March 16, 2020

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:01 AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Linn County Courthouse Annex, Mound City, Kansas. Those present were Danny McCullough, Chair; Mike Page, Vice Chair; Rick James, Member; David Lamb, County Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Rick James led the Pledge of Allegiance. David Lamb 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.

Danny McCullough moved to approve add/abate/refund order: #2019-75. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve the Sheriff's Monthly Fee Report for February 2020 in the amount of \$3,320.00. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to accept the following Annual Township Report: Sheridan Township. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve Cereal Malt Beverage License #2020-5 for On The Go Prescott, Moussa Sobaiti, Resident Agent, located at 21356 Kansas Highway 239, Prescott, KS 66767. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to adopt Resolution #2020-05, appointing Debra Bruner as the Interim County Appraiser for a term of up to six months. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of Resolution #2020-05:



Mike Page moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$304,650.00: General, \$174,736.56; Employee Benefit, \$61,655.01; Appraiser, \$8,575.68; Rural Fire, \$4,686.25; Road and Bridge, \$44,216.98; Law Enforcement Trust, \$339.23; County Health Dept., \$7,544.46; and Elderly, \$2,895.83. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Gary Thompson presented a Memorandum Agreement with the City of Mound City, concerning the utility easement in the portion of the alley that is being closed in the 300 block between Spruce Street and Main Street. Rick James moved to approve the agreement as presented. 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 16 farmed out to other Counties. Sheriff Friend also reported on the previous week's calls and the cleaning out of the metal storage building next to the Sheriff's Office.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week. Anderson also introduced Tony Raboin with Life Star of Kansas, an air ambulance service. Tony Raboin explained their services.

Mike Page moved to adopt Resolution #2020-06, declaring a State of Local Disaster Emergency in Linn County due to the potential exposure to the COVID-19 virus. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of Resolution #2020-06:



County Attorney James Brun discussed price gouging and penalties that could be applied under the Emergency Powers Act. Brun will have a press release discussing the procedures of notification to his office. Brun also stated that he is locking his office, but people can call if they need anything from his office.

At 9:30 AM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss individual employees' performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the employee. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 9:45 AM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, Deputy Clerk Cindy Holt, Interim Appraiser Deb Bruner and Lisa Kellstadt attended the executive session.

At 9:41 AM Cindy Holt, Deb Bruner, and Lisa Kellstadt left the executive session.

At 9:45 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Jackie Messer discussed limiting the Commission room to a maximum of 20 people and stated that we have placed hand sanitizer in the room. Messer stated that he is rearranging the Road & Bridge personnel so we do not have too many people together. Messer also asked about allowing Road and Bridge employees to temporarily park their equipment at home. The Commission had no objection to temporarily parking the equipment at employee's homes. Messer also discussed the fees for culverts. Messer then discussed utility companies applying for burial permits in our right of ways, not just for road crossings. Messer then asked to move Mike Marsh to an Equipment Operator position at a wage of \$15.2181 per hour (Range 8, Step I). Mike Page moved to approve the employee change as requested. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 10:03 AM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss individual employees' performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the employee; and then for 10 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 10:23 AM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Jackie Messer attended the executive session.

At 10:23 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session at this time.

Jackie Messer recommended accepting the bid for road oil from Coastal Energy Corporation that was opened last week. Mike Page moved to accept the bid from Coastal Energy Corporation for road oil. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 10:28 AM the Chair asked for public comment. Larry Hall addressed the Commission concerning the current interest rates and how other Counties have addressed their jail issues. Hall discussed various other comments about the jail and administrative building project. J.R. Kerr also commented on the project and where the funding comes from. Brian West also commented on the project. Roger Carbon discussed issues with getting computer materials from other countries and what will happen with the world economy. Jeannie McPherson discussed our roads and the effect that feeds lots could have on our roads, water supply, etc.

Tisha Coleman addressed the Commission concerning the COVID-19 pandemic. Coleman stated that we do not have any current confirmed cases in Linn County. Coleman stated that social distancing is the best way to prevent the spread of the virus.

Mike Page moved to authorize Tisha Coleman to hire temporary employees as needed during this state of emergency. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Doug Barlet discussed the possible future need to define essential and non-essential services in the County. Barlet discussed several other associated issues that the County may need to deal with.

At 11:52 AM Mike Page moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 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 12:02 PM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, Tisha Coleman, Doug Barlet, and Jackie Messer attended the executive session.

At 12:02 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Rick James moved to authorize overtime pay for salaried employees when working on the current COVID-19 emergency at the normal overtime rate. This provision can be waived by the Commission at any time. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk and Commission discussed the possible need to livestream meetings instead of having them open to the public.

At 12:15 PM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 5 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 12:20 PM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 12:20 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

With nothing further on the agenda Danny McCullough moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, March 23, 2020. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commission Chair

Attest:

County Clerk

March 23, 2020

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Linn County Courthouse Annex, Mound City, Kansas. Those present were Danny McCullough, Chair; Mike Page, Vice Chair; Rick James, Member; David Lamb, County Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Mike Page 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 that for the foreseeable future and until further notice, all Commission meetings will either be telephonic or live streamed, with appropriate notices given, and anyone participating in the meeting will need to wait outside, and will be admitted as they are needed for the business of the County, pursuant to the directive of the County Health Dept. limiting the gathering in this room to 10 people. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve add/abate/refund orders: #2019-76 and #2019-77. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$190,192.18: General, \$121,929.07; Appraiser, \$337.07; Rural Fire, \$2,740.00; Road and Bridge, \$64,074.03; County Health Dept., \$848.89; and Elderly, \$263.12. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Galen Anderson, AMR, reported on their calls for the past month and their activities for the past week. Anderson also discussed the response/preparation for the Coronavirus, including PPE fit testing for First Responders. Anderson also discussed the possibility of fully staffing the ambulance in Centerville.

County Attorney James Brun discussed the jail population during the COVID-19 crisis. Brun discussed not incarcerating people for minor offenses. Brun also discussed the effect of the COVID-19 response on the Attorney and Sheriff budgets. Brun then discussed new Federal regulations due to the virus response and asked about County policies.

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 8 prisoners in house and 15 farmed out to other Counties. Sheriff Friend also reported on the previous week's calls and steps that are being taken to keep our employees and prisoners safe from the Coronavirus. Sheriff Friend reported that his department made arrests on a methamphetamine case last week. Sheriff Friend also reported on staffing for his department. Sheriff Friend then reported that they used a sanitizer/mister for sanitizing the jail and several offices.

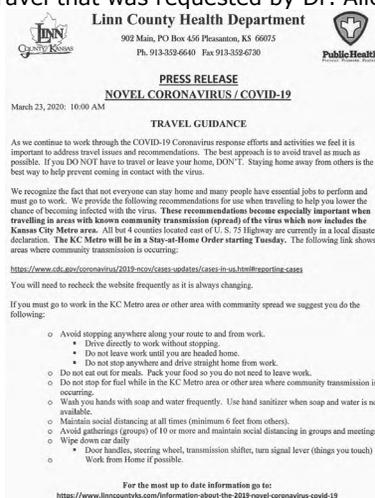
The Clerk informed the Commission that his payroll employees had some questions about last week's motion to pay overtime to salaried employees during the COVID-19 emergency. The Clerk presented a list of 5 employees that are salaried. The Commission agreed that all 5 employees would be covered by the motion. The Clerk also asked specifically about the Undersheriff, if his pay would be handled the same way as hourly Deputies? The Commission agreed to pay the Undersheriff in the same manner as hourly Deputies. The Clerk also informed the Commission that there is a line item available in the Contingency budget for personal services that could be used for this extra pay, or it could be charged to the departments that the employees work in. The Commission agreed to pay the overtime from the department budgets for now, but adjustments could be made later in the year.

Mike Page moved to approve the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan Application for the building project and to allow Chair to sign the application. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Rick James discussed meal delivery services in La Cygne and Linn Valley and asked about using the La Cygne Senior Center as a drop off point. The Commission agreed that the La Cygne Senior Center could be used. Rick James then discussed the proposed advisory on wind energy for the August election. The Clerk stated that he would need to have the Resolution passed by May 1st to give plenty of time for ballot programming. The Clerk also stated that he and the Counselor could work on the language for the Resolution.

Tisha Coleman updated the Commission on the current COVID-19 cases in Linn County. As of yesterday afternoon, we have two positive cases in the County.

Doug Barlet presented a press release concerning travel that was requested by Dr. Allen. Following is a copy of the press release:



Barlet then asked for permission to purchase 5000 PPE Face Shields for a total cost of \$11,250.00. (There is a price break for ordering 5000 face shields.) After discussion of the necessity of ordering that quantity, Mike Page moved to approve purchasing 5000 face shields. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Barlet stated that we are also trying to get some electrostatic foggers for disinfecting rooms, vehicles, etc. when they become available. It would cost \$7,800.00 for 12 foggers. The Commission agreed to purchase the foggers if they become available. Barlet discussed various other issues associated with the Coronavirus COVID-19 response.

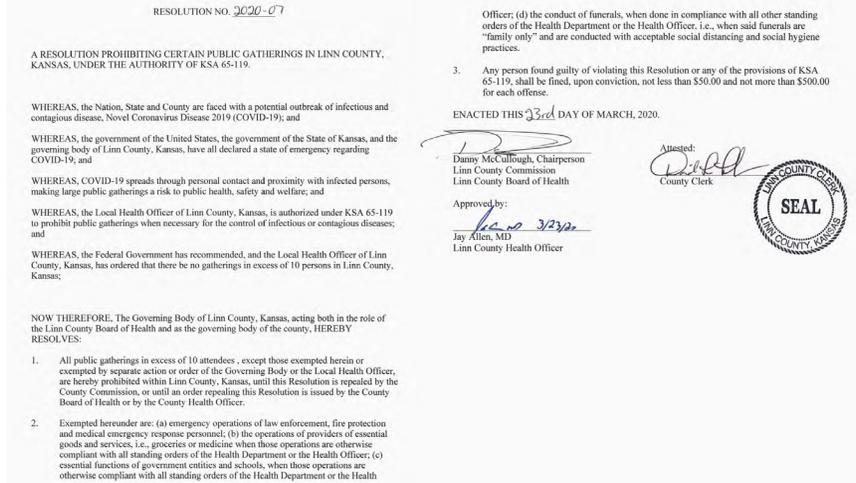
At 10:43 AM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss individual employees' performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the employee; and for 20 minutes 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 11:13 AM. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, Tisha Coleman, and Doug Barlet attended the executive session.

At 10:59 AM Sheriff Friend entered the executive session.

At 11:13 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 11:15 AM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 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 11:25 AM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, Sheriff Friend, Tisha Coleman, and Doug Barlet attended the executive session.

At 11:25 AM the executive session ended. As a result of the executive session, Mike Page moved to adopt Resolution #2020-07, Prohibiting Public Gatherings over 10 Attendees and Establishing Fines. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of Resolution #2020-07:



Mike Page moved to approve the following temporary policy statement, "any employee who falls under the quarantine or self-quarantine requirements of the Kansas Dept. of Health and Environment, the Federal Government, or the Local Health Department or Local Health Officer, will be required to remain off work until the quarantine period has expired and the employee is cleared to return to work." Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jackie Messer reported that the transportation program has been temporarily suspended. Jackie Messer then reported on moving offices to their new temporary spaces. Messer also reported that Road & Bridge operations will continue, but workers have been dispersed to additional locations, so we will not have as many people at any location. Messer then presented Burial Permit #2020-04 requested by Arrowhead Pipeline Services. Mike Page moved to tentatively approve Burial Permit #2020-04 as presented, pending the receipt of all fees and documentation. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Messer then presented the following quotes from DBI and Green Touch for Noxious Weed spraying services: DBI, \$79.00 per hour; Green Touch, \$130.00 per hour. Rick James moved to approve using DBI twice a year for Noxious Weed spraying at a rate of \$79.00 per hour. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Doug Barlet explained that we do have some money set aside in an Emergency Management line within the Contingency Budget if it is needed for purchases during the response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

At 12:04 PM 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 12:19 PM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 12:19 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 12:20 PM Mike Page moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 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 12:30 PM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 12:30 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

With nothing further on the agenda Mike Page moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, March 30, 2020. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

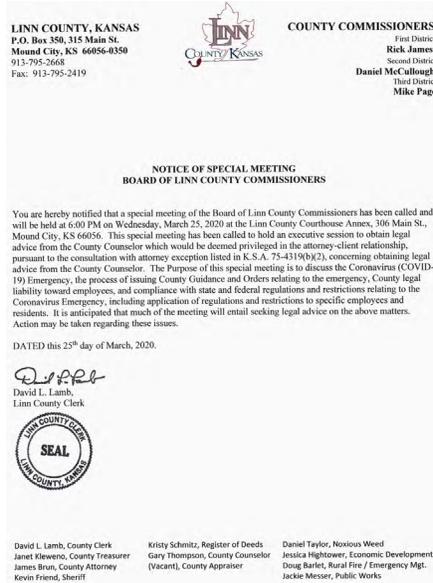
Commission Chair

Attest:

County Clerk

March 25, 2020

The Board of Linn County Commission met in special session at 6:05 PM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Linn County Courthouse Annex, Mound City, Kansas. Those present were Danny McCullough, Chair; Mike Page, Vice Chair; Rick James, Member; David Lamb, County Clerk; Gary Thompson, County Counselor; Dr. Jay Allen, Public Health Officer; Tisha Coleman, Public Health Administrator; Doug Barlet, Emergency Management Director; Jackie Messer, Public Works Administrator; and Kevin Friend, Sheriff; Chris Martin, IT Director; and Jackie Taylor, Linn County News. Following is a copy of the Notice of Special Meeting:



At 6:08 PM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 20 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 6:28 PM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, Dr. Jay Allen, Tisha Coleman, Doug Barlet, and Kevin Friend attended the executive session.

At 6:28 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Dr. Allen stated that everyone needs to pay attention to what the science is telling us in this situation. The average onset before you feel symptoms is 5.2 days, so staggering employees will work better if we alternate weeks, not days. Dr. Allen also stated that water services and phone answering at the County level are essential services. Dr. Allen stated that essential businesses are those that are needed to live and for your animals to live. Doug Barlet discussed an order from the State that describes essential businesses.

Tisha Coleman informed the Commission that we now have six positive cases in Linn County, but they are all from travel outside of the County. Coleman explained the requirements for testing.

Doug Barlet stated that we are working on plans to identify high risks individuals and how to help them. Barlet and Sheriff Friend also discussed other issues and plans they are working on.

The Commission then discussed the COVID-19 Families First Coronavirus Response Act and a statement concerning the Incident Command System that will go out to all Elected Officials and Department Heads. The Clerk's Office will post the required notice about the Families First act. The Commission then discussed sending a policy statement letter to all departments. Rick James moved to approve and sign the statement to Elected Officials and Department Heads. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, March 30, 2020. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commission Chair

Attest:

County Clerk

March 30, 2020

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:04 AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Linn County Courthouse Annex, Mound City, Kansas. Those present were Danny McCullough, Chair; Mike Page, Vice Chair; Rick James, Member; David Lamb, County Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Mike Page led the Pledge of Allegiance. David Lamb opened the meeting with prayer.

Rick James moved to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting and the March 25th special meeting as printed. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve add/abate/refund orders: #2019-78 through #2019-80. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$335,009.91: General, \$143,418.94; Employee Benefit, \$111,721.83; Appraiser, \$8,964.82; Rural Fire, \$10,705.20; Road and Bridge, \$46,696.98; Law Enforcement Trust, \$333.85; 911 Telephone Tax, \$2.72; County Health Dept., \$11,278.54; and Elderly, \$1,887.03. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk reported on AMR's calls for the past month and their activities for the past week. The Clerk also reported that AMR received 80 N95 masks through the Health Dept. and they are working on fit testing employees and will start fit testing First Responders this week.

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 16 prisoners in house and 4 farmed out to other Counties. Sheriff Friend also reported on the previous week's calls. Sheriff Friend also discussed some of the services that have been set up for the Coronavirus response.

County Attorney James Brun discussed what happens with people that don't follow the quarantine orders and how the County will handle violations. Brun also discussed enforcement of the Governor's Orders.

Emergency Manager Doug Barlet presented copies of the County Shelter-in-Place services, High Risk Registry, and the Governor's Executive Order No. 20-16. Barlet stated that businesses must use KEFF@ks.gov for interpretation of the Governor's Order. Barlet also discussed the services the County will provide during this pandemic. Barlet and the Commission discussed the possibility of fully staffing the third ambulance in the County. The Commission agreed to get our ambulance station ready in case we need to fully staff the third ambulance.

Jackie Messer presented asphalt bids for the year. Bids received were: Bettis Asphalt, \$361,928; Superior Bowen, \$461,944; and Killough Construction, \$340,560. Messer stated that he will need to review the bids before a decision is made. Messer discussed revised work schedules during the pandemic. Messer also discussed procedures for the trash compactor operators that he has worked on with the Cities.

At 9:47 AM Danny McCullough 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 10:02 AM. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Jackie Messer, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 10:02 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 10:03 AM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 20 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 10:23 AM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The Commission, Clerk, Jackie Messer, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 10:08 AM Jackie Messer left the executive session.

At 10:23 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Tisha Coleman discussed the services, such as WIC, that her office is still providing during the COVID-19 pandemic. Coleman stated that we are still at six confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Linn County. Coleman is setting up an account with a private lab for virus testing. Coleman then discussed mental health resources that are available for our County residents. Coleman recommends that anyone that has traveled out of state, should contact her office for advice. Coleman explained the reasoning behind the High Risk Registry.

The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor discussed the Families First Coronavirus Response Act and other policies on how to pay employees. The County has to follow the Federal Guidelines for Emergency FMLA, but there are some County options in other situations, such as working from home, hazard pay for those who are required to work, etc. The Commission asked the Clerk to ask for input from other Elected Officials and Department Heads so they can make a decision next week.

With nothing further on the agenda Mike Page moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, April 6, 2020. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commission Chair

Attest:

County Clerk

April 6, 2020

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:02 AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Linn County Courthouse Annex, Mound City, Kansas. Those present were Danny McCullough, Chair; Mike Page, Vice Chair; Rick James, Member; David Lamb, County Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Mike Page led the Pledge of Allegiance. Kevin Friend opened the meeting with prayer.

Mike Page moved to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting as printed. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve add/abate/refund orders: #2019-81, #2019-82, and #2019-84 through #2019-89. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve the Sheriff's Monthly Fee Report for March 2020 in the amount of \$3,267.50. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$323,126.08: General, \$31,461.77; Employee Benefit, \$189.00; Appraiser, \$338.66; Rural Fire, \$10,133.06; Road and Bridge, \$101,305.28; Special Machinery, \$176,051.00; 911 Telephone Tax, \$1,506.98; County Health Dept., \$26.36; Elderly, \$2,049.05; and Sewer Dist. #1, \$64.92. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Galen Anderson reported on AMR's calls for the past month and their activities for the past week. Anderson also presented a written report of the March calls. Anderson then discussed fit testing for the N95 masks and other PPE that is being used and precautions being taken by AMR.

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 13 prisoners in house and 6 farmed out to other Counties. Sheriff Friend then reported on the previous week's calls and activities.

County Attorney James Brun discussed new cases his department is working on. Brun asked about the Commission's policy about employees wearing masks when in public. Gary Thompson stated that the Commission had not met since that recommendation came out, but it needs to be addressed.

Emergency Manager Doug Barlet discussed the fit testing last Saturday for the Fire Dept. Barlet stated that we did receive some PPE supplies this weekend. Barlet also stated that he doesn't know where we would get enough masks for all our employees. Barlet informed the Commission that Dr. Allen has asked that the County commit \$10,000.00 for surveillance/sampling testing in the County. Barlet then discussed getting AMR Station 3 set up with another bedroom so that ambulance could be fully staffed. Sheriff Friend stated that he believes with the number of EMS calls we are receiving, we need to have Station 3 staffed to be a transporting ambulance.

Tisha Coleman informed the Commission that we still have 6 positive cases in the County and we have 10 tests outstanding. We have gone 10 days without additional positives in the County. Coleman discussed adding additional staff, using her part-time staff for full-time hours, temporarily. Coleman reported that she is now issuing written quarantine orders that are delivered by the Sheriff's Dept. Coleman then discussed the resources listed on our website and the SEK Mental Health website. Mike Page moved to allow up to \$10,000.00 for Sampling Testing for COVID-19. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Gary Thompson presented employment contracts for two part-time employees of the Health Dept. that will be working temporary full-time hours. Danny McCullough moved to approve the contracts for Vicki Brown and JoDee Smith as presented. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 9:59 AM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 20 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 10:19 AM. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Doug Barlet attended the executive session.

At 10:09 AM Doug Barlet let the executive session.

At 10:19 AM the executive session ended. As a result of the executive session, Mike Page moved to adopt Resolution #2020-08, amending the Personnel Policy Handbook, Section 5.4, Emergency Operations Pay Terms. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of Resolution #2020-08:

<p style="text-align: center;">Resolution No. <u>2020-08</u></p> <p>A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICY HANDBOOK OF LINN COUNTY, KANSAS BY THE REVISION OF SECTION 5.4, ENTITLED "EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PAY TERMS".</p> <p>IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF LINN COUNTY, KANSAS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Section 5.4 of the Linn County Personnel Handbook is hereby revised to read in its entirety as follows: "5.4 Emergency Operations Pay Terms In the event of an emergency declared by action of the County Commission or imposed on the County by State or Federal authorities, the BOCC may choose to enact the Linn County Emergency Operations Plan. Under such Plan, pay structures for certain employees may be altered. Said alterations shall apply for the duration of the Emergency and shall supersede the pay guidelines in this handbook. Such alterations shall NOT be deemed to create any previously non-existent class of employees eligible for full-time benefits and shall NOT be deemed to permanently re-classify "contract", "full-time", "part-time", "temporary", "exempt" or "non-exempt" employees. The alterations described above may include: <ol style="list-style-type: none">Temporary use of part-time employees, including fire-fighters and law enforcement officers, as temporary full-time employees.The payment of overtime to contract employees who would otherwise be deemed "exempt" employees and not eligible for overtime. During such declared emergency, Linn County would continue to be liable for compliance with all Federal and State Regulations governing employment, including any special or temporary regulations applicable to the period of emergency. A copy of the Linn County Emergency Operations Plan will be available for inspection in the Linn County Clerk's office and in the office of the Linn County Emergency Management Director." <ol style="list-style-type: none">This amendment shall be effective upon its approval and the publication of the	<p style="text-align: center;">amendment to employees by distribution of a copy of this resolution or by distribution of a revised personnel handbook to employees.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RESOLVED THIS 6TH DAY OF APRIL, 2020.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> DANNY MCCULLOUGH, CHAIRPERSON</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ATTEST:  DAVID LAMB, COUNTY CLERK</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>
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Sheriff Friend discussed threats that have been received by our Health Department Director and stated that the threats are being investigated.

The Commission discussed the need for staffing AMR Station 3. Doug Barlet stated that the bedroom should be ready today. Barlet also stated that AMR's cost estimate for staffing Station 3 would be \$8,200.00 to \$12,500.00 per month. Rick James stated that he would like to see the statistics from Galen Anderson before making a decision. Sheriff Friend stated that Galen is working on the statistics right now.

Jackie Messer discussed issues his departments are working on. Messer recommends accepting the bid from Killough Construction for asphalt overlays this year. Danny McCullough moved to accept Messer's recommendation and use Killough Construction for our asphalt overlays. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 10:49 AM Danny McCullough 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 11:19 AM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 11:19 AM the executive session ended. As a result of the executive session, Mike Page moved to reject all electrical bids on the building project, and to rebid after the architect and construction manager value engineer the project. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Gary Thompson discussed possibly changing some of the housing in the new jail to a dorm style housing instead of individual cells. The Commission and Sheriff would need to investigate this option.

Jackie Messer stated that he found a used maintainer with 1300 hours he can purchase for \$185,000.00. Messer would like to try it for a week or two before making a decision to purchase. The company would give us \$31,000.00 for a trade in. The Commission agreed to allow Messer to try out the maintainer to see if it would work for us.

The Clerk and Commission discussed options for pay policies during the pandemic. The Clerk discussed suggestions that were made by some of the Elected Officials and Department Heads. Sheriff Friend stated that his people are on the front line and are in hazardous situations. Deputy Clerk Amanda Snyder discussed how some of the options would work with the payroll system. After lengthy discussion, Rick James moved that for the next 60 days, or until COVID ends if sooner, any non-essential employee's pay be reduced to 85%, and anyone working from home or coming to work, receive 110%. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. After the Clerk asked for some clarifications, the Commission stated that this would apply to Elected Officials and Contract Employees also. The new policy will take effect with the pay period that started this week. The Commission also agreed that the essential or non-essential designation would be made by the Department Head or Elected Official. The Department Heads and Elected Officials need to notify Amanda Snyder of their designations by Friday, April 10th. Rick James then moved that the Commissioners receive a rate of 85% of pay for the next 60 days. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Danny McCullough moved to extend the date we take possession of the car wash to June 1st. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Gary Thompson advised that we are still working out details on Coroner pay with the District Coroner and Miami County, so we should go ahead and pay the Coroner bills that we have received.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, April 13, 2020. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commission Chair

Attest:

County Clerk

April 13, 2020

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:02 AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Linn County Courthouse Annex, Mound City, Kansas. Those present were Danny McCullough, Chair; Mike Page, Vice Chair; Rick James, Member; David Lamb, County Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Rick James led the Pledge of Allegiance. Gary Thompson opened the meeting with prayer.

Mike Page moved to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting as printed. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commission reviewed the YTD Park Report for March 2020.

Mike Page moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$316,822.44: General, \$139,453.50; Employee Benefit, \$108,174.75; Appraiser, \$8,126.29; Rural Fire, \$5,765.26; Road and Bridge, \$42,546.96; Law Enforcement Trust, \$308.10; County Health Dept., \$10,985.43; and Elderly, \$1,462.15. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk and Counselor informed the Commission that there have been some questions about last week's pay policy that was enacted by the Commission. After discussion, the Commission agreed to leave the pay policy in place as it was approved last week.

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 13 prisoners in house and 5 farmed out to other Counties. Sheriff Friend then reported on the previous week's calls and activities.

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

Emergency Manager Doug Barlet reported on the weather for the past week. Barlet then reported that we are still at 6 positive cases of COVID-19 in the County.

Jackie Messer presented information/inspection reports on the maintainer he discussed last week. One of our operators has been using the maintainer for the past two days. Messer stated that the machine is in very good shape. Mike Page moved to approve the purchase of the used maintainer in the amount of \$149,000.00 (including trade-in). Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Messer then informed the Commission that we found termite damage in the cabins at the County Park. Messer is now having the siding taken off, treating the cabins for termites, and then installing new siding.

At 9:49 AM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss individual employees' performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the employee; and 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 10:14 AM. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 10:07 AM Jackie Messer entered the executive session.

At 10:14 AM the executive session ended. As a result of the executive session, Mike Page moved to appoint Todd Moeller as a Temporary Asphalt Foreman for 90 days and increase his wage to \$18.7696 (Range 10, Step P), effective 04/13/2020. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Messer then discussed the weed sprayer contract. There were some issues with the chemicals on the original bids, so Messer rebid the project last week. After the rebid, Messer asked for approval to contract with GreenTouch Lawn & Tree for up to \$35,000.00 for the year. Rick James moved to approve contracting with GreenTouch Lawn & Tree to spray noxious weeds for up to \$35,000.00 per year. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commission discussed possible upgrades or replacement of the ambulance station in La Cygne. The Commission also discussed the congregate meal site in Pleasanton, upgrading the Health Dept. facility, sewer fees, and an advisory election concerning wind farms.

With nothing further on the agenda Danny McCullough moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, April 20, 2020. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commission Chair

Attest:

County Clerk

April 20, 2020

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:05 AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Linn County Courthouse Annex, Mound City, Kansas. Those present were Danny McCullough, Chair; Mike Page, Vice Chair; Rick James, Member; David Lamb, County Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Danny McCullough led the Pledge of Allegiance. Kevin Friend opened the meeting with prayer.

Mike Page moved to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting as printed. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$362,915.28: General, \$155,497.78; Appraiser, \$67.61; Rural Fire, \$2,452.71; Road and Bridge, \$201,442.96; Sheriff's Seizure, \$1,207.50; County Health Dept., \$2,066.77; and Elderly, \$179.95. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Rick James moved to accept the following Annual Township Reports: Blue Mound Township and Scott Township. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Sheriff Friend reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 14 prisoners in house and 5 farmed out to other Counties. The Sheriff then reported on the previous week's calls and activities.

Galen Anderson reported on AMR's calls for the past month and their activities for the past week. Anderson also thanked Deputy Cochrane for his efforts with the recent pediatric code.

Gary Thompson presented an application for reduced dumping fees from the City of Linn Valley, located at 24192 Valley Road. Rick James moved to approve the application as presented. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jackie Messer reported on culvert replacements Public Works will be working on that will require temporary road closures. One will be on County Road 1095 and the other will be on County Road 1077. Messer also reported on other upcoming projects for the Public Works Dept. Messer asked to hire Mark Ballinger as a Temporary Employee for mowing at a wage of \$10.4401 per hour (Range 3, Step J). Danny McCullough moved to hire Mark Ballinger as requested. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Messer then presented bids for Noxious Weed chemicals. The Commission reviewed the bids and asked Messer to qualify the bids and then make a recommendation. Messer and the Commission discussed issues with scrap metal at the Blue Mound and Centerville compactor sites.

Emergency Manager Doug Barlet presented a press release from the Governor's Office concerning mass gatherings at Churches. Barlet also reported on other issues he is dealing with.

Public Health Administrator Tisha Coleman reported that she received testing supplies from KDHE last week that will allow us to do more COVID-19 testing. Coleman discussed various issues with the pandemic response and stated that Linn County is still at 6 positive cases.

At 9:45 AM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss individual employees' performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the employee; and 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 10:15 AM. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Jackie Messer attended the executive session.

At 10:10 AM Jackie Messer left the executive session.

At 10:15 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 10:16 AM Danny McCullough 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 10:31 AM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 10:31 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Gary Thompson discussed a question he received about postponing the due date for the second half of property taxes. Thompson explained that there is no statutory authority for the County to postpone the due date.

Mike Page discussed the ambulance station at La Cygne and options we have to improve or move the facility.

With nothing further on the agenda Danny McCullough moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, April 27, 2020. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commission Chair

Attest:

County Clerk

April 27, 2020

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:02 AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Linn County Courthouse Annex, Mound City, Kansas. Those present were Danny McCullough, Chair; Mike Page, Vice Chair; Rick James, Member; David Lamb, County Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Rick James led the Pledge of Allegiance. Doug Barlet opened the meeting with prayer.

The Commission held a conference call with US Representative Steve Watkins concerning the COVID-19 pandemic. Congressman Watkins discussed the response at the Federal level and discussed issues that we are facing at all levels of government.

Tisha Coleman reported on her activities for the past week. We are still at 6 positive cases in Linn County and all 6 have recovered. The Health Dept. has tested 109 symptomatic people. We have tested 18 people in the past 7 days. Coleman stated that she is planning on offering testing for people without symptoms this Wednesday for a \$50.00 fee. The fee covers our cost for the testing.

Mike Page moved to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting as printed. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve add/abate/refund orders: #2019-91 through #2019-96. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk informed the Commission that the Scott Township Clerk resigned and Robert Burns has agreed to accept the position. Mike Page moved to appoint Robert Burns as the Scott Township Clerk for the remainder of the term. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Rick James moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$593,367.81: General, \$430,107.15; Employee Benefit, \$91,267.95; Appraiser, \$8,180.85; Rural Fire, \$8,329.99; Road and Bridge, \$43,253.56; Law Enforcement Trust, \$318.20; County Health Dept., \$10,562.10; and Elderly, \$1,348.11. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Doug Barlet reported on the weather for the week. Barlet reported on last week's meeting with our Public Health Officer about reopening businesses in the County. Barlet stated that the State Disaster Declaration expires on May 1st, and the Governor's Stay at Home Order expires on May 3rd.

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

The Commission discussed plans to reopen businesses in the County with Tisha Coleman, Doug Barlet, and Galen Anderson.

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 15 prisoners in house and 5 farmed out to other Counties. Sheriff Friend then reported on the previous week's calls and activities.

County Treasurer Janet Kleweno presented the Interest Report and Delinquent Tax Report. 2020 1st Quarter Interest was \$28,471.16, YTD Interest was \$28,471.16. Delinquent Real Estate Tax as of March 31, 2020 is \$853,938.31. Delinquent Personal Property Tax as of March 31, 2020 is \$48,981.29. Kleweno also stated that property taxes are still due on May 11th.

At 10:04 AM Mike Page moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss individual employees' performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the employee; and 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 11:04 AM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Sheriff Friend attended the executive session.

At 10:18 AM Sheriff Friend left the executive session.

At 11:04 AM the executive session ended. As a result of the executive session, Rick James moved to request the current bidders on the Judicial Project to extend their bids to the end of May, and to immediately rebid the electrical part of the project. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk presented the 2020 Blue Cross & Blue Shield renewal quote. The renewal quote shows a 2.27% increase in total cost at expected claims level, however the fixed costs are down 11.67%. There were no changes in the benefits. The Clerk had budgeted for a 10% increase. Mike Page moved to approve the Blue Cross & Blue Shield Health Insurance Renewal as presented. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Deputy Clerk Cindy Holt discussed purchasing a new payroll system from Tyler Technologies with the Commission. Holt explained the issues we are having with the current payroll system and with support from the current software company. The estimated cost to implement the new system would be \$125,000.00 with recurring annual fees of \$14,036.00. The annual fees would be an increase from the current system of approximately \$8,300.00. Tyler Technologies does have lease/purchase financing available, so the entire cost would not have to come from one year's budget. The Clerk stated that we are not asking for an approval today, but we just wanted to discuss the proposal with the Commission before budgets are set for next year. Tyler Technologies also has other County software available, but that would have to be discussed with other department heads (including the Treasurer) before any decisions were made. The Clerk's office is only considering the Payroll program at this time. Deputy Clerk Holt will contact Tyler Technologies for a firm quote before budgets are approved for next year.

Jackie Messer informed the Commission that CR 1095 will be shut down north of 2000 Road on Tuesday for repairs. Messer presented the Noxious Weed chemical bids and recommends using Nutrien Ag Solutions for 2020. Rick James moved to approve the chemical bid from Nutrien Ag Solutions for the 2020 Noxious Weed chemicals. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Messer asked to hire Charles Schultz as an Equipment Operator at a wage of \$15.2181 per hour (Range 8, Step I). Danny McCullough moved to hire Charles Schultz as requested. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Messer then presented the Noxious Weed Annual Management Plan. Mike Page moved to approve the Noxious Weed Annual Management Plan as presented. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Messer also discussed asphalt overlay projects for the year and agreements with Cities for road repairs. Messer then presented information on guard rails that need to be repaired/replaced this year.

With nothing further on the agenda Danny McCullough moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, May 4, 2020. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commission Chair

Attest:

County Clerk

May 4, 2020

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:06 AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Linn County Courthouse Annex, Mound City, Kansas. Those present were Danny McCullough, Chair; Mike Page, Vice Chair; Rick James, Member; David Lamb, County Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Danny McCullough led the Pledge of Allegiance. Tisha Coleman 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 add/abate/refund order: #2019-97. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve the Sheriff's Monthly Fee Report for April 2020 in the amount of \$1,580.00. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$46,012.97: General, \$39,040.45; Appraiser, \$1.09; Rural Fire, \$3,529.66; Road and Bridge, \$856.94; 911 Telephone Tax, \$1,507.98; County Health Dept., \$326.59; and Elderly, \$750.26. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Galen Anderson reported on AMR's calls for the past month and their activities for the past week. Anderson reported that they are starting to have more transports to the hospital.

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 13 prisoners in house and 6 farmed out to other Counties. Sheriff Friend then reported on the previous week's calls and activities. Sheriff Friend also reported on a chase a few days ago where our Deputies assisted Miami County.

Doug Barlet reported on the severe weather chances for our area today. Barlet also reported on equipment and supplies he has received for the COVID-19 response.

Tisha Coleman reported that we still have only had 6 positive cases in Linn County and all 6 have recovered. Coleman reported that in the past 7 days we have tested 36 people with symptoms or for pre-hospital stays and 23 general population tests. Coleman asked the Commission how they would like to handle everything if we have an outbreak in the County. Rick James stated that he would like to have a meeting to discuss our response. Mike Page stated that he is not an expert and he would rely on Tisha and Dr. Allen for their professional opinions. Coleman stated that Dr. Allen is available by conference call if the Commission needs to talk to him. The Commission stated that they did not have any questions for Dr. Allen at this time.

The Commission discussed a request from a local church to use our outdoor projector and screen. We would definitely need an outside party to sign a waiver for use of the equipment. Chris Martin will check into a smaller, more mobile screen. The Commission thanked Chris Martin for all his recent help.

Andy Mayhugh presented the following Lot Split applications: #20-02 (Spencer) and #20-03 (Holt). Both applications meet all the requirements for a lot split except for the size of the lot. Due to the COVID-19 response, we cannot have a public hearing to approve rezoning to allow the substandard size lots. Both parties have agreed to apply for rezoning as soon as possible, when a public hearing can be held. Mayhugh recommends accepting the Dedication of Right of Way and Issuance of a Rule Exception for cases LS#20-02 and LS#20-03. Mike Page moved to accept Mayhugh's recommendation and accept the Dedication of Right of Way and Issuance of a Rule Exception for cases LS#20-02 and LS#20-03. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 9:49 AM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 20 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 10:09 AM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, Jackie Messer, and Shaun West attended the executive session.

At 10:04 AM Jackie Messer and Shaun West left the executive session.

At 10:09 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Jackie Messer reported on projects Public Works is working on. The Commission and Messer discussed the possibility of hiring some part-time equipment operators.

At 10:26 AM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 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 10:36 AM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Jackie Messer attended the executive session.

At 10:36 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Gary Thompson discussed the new orders from the State Court system concerning reopening District Courts.

With nothing further on the agenda Danny McCullough moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, May 11, 2020. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commission Chair

Attest:

County Clerk

May 11, 2020

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:10 AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Linn County Courthouse Annex, Mound City, Kansas. Those present were Danny McCullough, Chair; Mike Page, Vice Chair; Rick James, Member; David Lamb, County Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Danny McCullough led the Pledge of Allegiance. Doug Barlet opened the meeting with prayer.

Rick James moved to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting as printed. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commission reviewed the YTD Park Report for April 2020.

Mike Page moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$341,022.36: General, \$178,867.87; Employee Benefit, \$72,667.34; Appraiser, \$8,193.10; Rural Fire, \$6,556.18; Road and Bridge, \$61,099.78; Law Enforcement Trust, \$329.28; County Health Dept., \$10,495.90; Elderly, \$2,748.72; and Sewer Dist. #1, \$64.19. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 9:12 AM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 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 9:22 AM. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Doug Barlet attended the executive session.

At 9:22 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

James Brun reported on the number of cases his office is working on. So far 2020 has been busier than 2019.

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

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 15 prisoners in house and 4 farmed out to other Counties. Sheriff Friend then reported on the previous week's calls and activities.

At 9:30 AM Mike Page moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss individual employees' performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the employee; and 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 9:50 AM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and James Brun attended the executive session.

At 9:34 AM James Brun left the executive session and Kevin Friend entered.

At 9:43 AM Kevin Friend left the executive session.

At 9:50 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Doug Barlet reported on last week's storms and stated that we have a chance for severe weather on Wednesday.

Tisha Coleman reported on her activities for the past week. We are still at 6 positive cases in Linn County and all 6 have recovered. The Health Dept. has tested 169 symptomatic people, 24 in the past 7 days.

At 10:00 AM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss individual employees' performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the employee. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 10:10 AM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Jackie Messer attended the executive session.

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

Jackie Messer discussed road issues with the rain that is coming this week. Messer also discussed the water damage to the District Court building and other storm related issues his departments dealt with last week. Messer then discussed Noxious Weed Cost Share procedures and stated that he is advertising for a Noxious Weed Director.

Jackie Messer presented a burial permit request from Peoples Telecom for a road cut on 2000 Road near Maddox Road. Conditional approval pending fee payment. Mike Page moved to tentatively approve Burial Permit #2020-05 as presented, pending the receipt of appropriate fees. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Messer then presented a notice for accepting bids on the demolition and salvage of two buildings on the Courthouse block.

Messer then asked to hire the following people: John Peek, North Shop Mechanic, Range 10, Step D, \$17.0571 per hour; Matt Neal-Cox, Seasonal Tractor Operator, Range 3, Step J, \$10.4401 per hour; Robert Stark, Seasonal Tractor Operator, Range 3, Step J, \$10.4401 per hour; and Craig Cox, Pleasanton Shop Equipment Operator/Mechanic, Range 10, Step A, \$16.6542 per hour. Danny McCullough moved to hire the new employees as requested. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Gary Thompson presented a Notice of Proposal to Vacate Road for a portion of W 2250 Road located in Section 35, Township 19S, Range 21E, previously known as Abram Ice Road. Mike Page moved to publish the Notice of Proposal to Vacate Road and schedule the public hearing for June 8, 2020. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Gary Thompson then stated that a Federal lawsuit has been filed against Dr. Allen and the County by Jackie Taylor and Linda Jo Hisel concerning Dr. Allen's orders concerning COVID-19.

The Clerk discussed phone calls from Jesse Willard, Jessie Cox, and Ali Hamilton concerning the old Prescott Nursing Home and funding for the Trading Post Museum. The Commission advised that since we are still live streaming Commission meetings due to COVID-19, anyone with information or proposals for the Commission should submit their information in writing for the Commission to review.

At 11:05 AM Danny McCullough 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 11:20 AM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Jackie Messer attended the executive session.

At 11:12 AM Jackie Messer left the executive session.

At 11:20 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

With nothing further on the agenda Danny McCullough moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, May 18, 2020. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commission Chair

Attest:

County Clerk

May 18, 2020

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:04 AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Linn County Courthouse Annex, Mound City, Kansas. Those present were Danny McCullough, Chair; Mike Page, Vice Chair; Rick James, Member; David Lamb, County Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Danny McCullough led the Pledge of Allegiance. Tisha Coleman opened the meeting with prayer.

Mike Page moved to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting as printed. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to reschedule the next regular meeting to Tuesday, May 26, 2020, due to the Memorial Day Holiday. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve add/abate/refund order: #2019-98. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$534,631.21: General, \$149,869.14; Appraiser, \$213.50; Rural Fire, \$1,059.91; Road and Bridge, \$228,635.83; Special Machinery, \$153,000.00; County Health Dept., \$1,732.82; and Elderly, \$120.01. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commission held a conference meeting by Zoom with Matt Godinez from SEK Regional Planning Commission and Jessica Hightower concerning grants that are available for small businesses in the County due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We can apply for up to \$300,000.00 to be passed through to businesses with up to 50 employees. We will have to hold a public hearing next week.

Galen Anderson reported on AMR's calls for the past month and their activities for the past week. Anderson reported that they are starting to have more transports to the hospital.

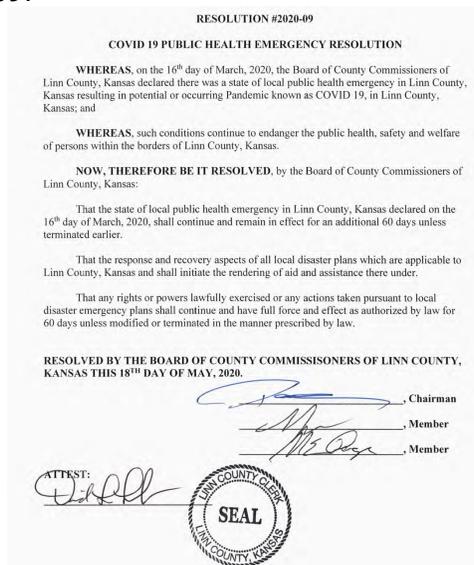
James Brun discussed an internship program he is starting in his office this summer. It will not be a paid position. Brun also presented copies of a press release that he has released concerning resolutions and orders that have been released by the County and County Health Officer/Health Dept. Mr. Brun stated that he was not consulted before any of the orders were released and that all prosecutions relating to County orders would have to be handled by his office. Mr. Brun stated that he is hopeful that he would be included in future discussions that directly impact his office.

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 21 prisoners in house and 4 farmed out to other Counties. Sheriff Friend then reported on the previous week's calls and activities. Sheriff Friend also discussed a protest that is schedule to take place at the Courthouse on Wednesday.

Tisha Coleman reported that the Health Dept. has tested 169 symptomatic people, 32 in the past 7 days, with no new positive cases. (It was discovered shortly after the Commission meeting that there is one new positive case in the County.)

Doug Barlet reported that the generator at the Emergency Operations Center has been installed and discussed last week's weather. Barlet then asked to purchase 6 aluminum tanks for the FD Rangers at \$2000.00 each from TC Iron Designs in La Cygne. The tanks would lower the center of gravity in the Rangers and make them safer to use. Rick James moved to approve the purchase as requested. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Barlet then presented Resolution #2020-09, extending the State of Local Health Emergency for an additional 60 days. Mike Page moved to adopt Resolution #2020-09 as presented. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of Resolution #2020-09:



Gary Thompson stated that we have an application for reduced CD fees for cleanup of a barn from last week's storm from Tommy and Maryann Green located at 19772 E 2250 Road. Mike Page moved to approve the application for reduced C&D fees. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 9:53 AM Mike Page moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 45 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 10:38 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion.

The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Tisha Coleman, Doug Barlet, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 10:26 AM Tisha Coleman and Doug Barlet left the executive session.

At 10:38 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Gary Thompson read the press release that was issued by the Linn County Health Dept. on Friday, May 15th. Following is a copy of the press release:

**Linn County Health Department
902 Main, PO Box 456 Pleasanton, KS 66075
Ph. 913-352-6640 Fax 913-352-6730
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS / COVID-19
PRESS RELEASE – MAY 15, 2020**

Linn County and the Linn County Health Officer have issued a number of orders and guidelines in the past weeks, in an attempt to minimize the impact of the COVID-19 Coronavirus in Linn County. All the orders and guidelines have been consistent with orders and guidelines issued by the Governor and by various other Local, State and Federal agencies. In compliance with the Governor's Ad Astra plan to reopen the Kansas Economy, the Linn County Health Officer issued an order on May 1, 2020, setting out guidelines for Phase 1 of the reopening process. One of the primary concerns of this order was to enable contact tracing in the case of new infections of COVID-19. On May 10, 2020, without taking advantage of any of the many opportunities available to raise their issue to the Health Department, two Linn County citizens filed a petition in Federal District Court claiming that elements of this order violated their civil rights. The County has had no intention of violating anyone's civil rights. The goal of the order has been entirely to protect the citizens of Linn County. The Plaintiff's petition has misstated the intent and effect of the order which is solely to facilitate contact tracing.

The County Health Officer and his staff have worked tirelessly to protect the citizens of Linn County and have no desire or intent to impinge on the rights of those citizens. Effective contact tracing requires certain specific information. Without that information being available, the reopening of the economy that we all so desire could not safely happen. The County's goal has always been to balance the safety and security of the public with the desire to encourage local business to reopen. The information sought under the order in question was the least intrusive amount of information possible to still enable effective contact tracing. The only possible alternative to this approach of contact tracing is to make a public announcement of a known infection and ask people who may have been exposed to reach out to the Health Department. This method is less efficient and less private, and with the present disease, precision and speed are critical. Under applicable privacy policies, only the County Health Department will have access to the contact information in question. County Policies require that the information only be used for the purpose of contact tracing.

The County's legal representative has made our argument regarding the rights supposedly violated and we will rely on the court to fairly assess the situation and make a reasonable finding. In the meantime, the order in question will soon be superseded by a new order tailored to comply with the Governor's Phase 1.5 Order. The new County Order will be in effect Monday, May 18, 2020, and will be released as soon as it is finalized.

Thompson then discussed the new order that was released yesterday. Tisha Coleman explained Contact Tracing and what its purpose is. Doug Barlet also discussed issues involved with Contact Tracing.

At 11:02 AM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss individual employees' performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the employee. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 11:07 AM. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and County Treasurer Janet Kleweno attended the executive session.

At 11:07 AM the executive session ended. As a result of the executive session, Janet Kleweno informed the Commission that she was increasing Kelly Satchell's wages to \$14.2783 per hour (Range 8, Step A). Danny McCullough moved to approve the increased wages for Kelly Satchell. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

David Lamb presented the Linn County Government Reopening Plan. Jackie Messer stated that he did make a couple of changes to the Park reopening plan and explained those changes. Rick James moved to authorize the County to reopen under the plan that was presented. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of the County Reopening Plan:

<p style="text-align: center;">Linn County Government Reopening Plan: May 15, 2020</p> <p>Courthouse Reopening Plan</p> <p>Starting May 18th, we will go back to full staffing in the offices. Staff will continue to clean public spaces throughout the workday. We have installed physical distancing barriers in office spaces. Some offices have installed plexiglas on their desks or counters. Other offices will install barriers at their doors to keep public from entering the office.</p> <p>We will open the back door only to the public and post a sign asking the public to use hand sanitizer as they enter the building. The hand sanitizer dispenser is already installed near the door. The sign will also advise the public to not enter the building if experiencing any symptoms or if they believe they may have had an exposure to COVID-19, and will ask the public to wear a mask while in the building. The sign will advise public to wait in the hall, with proper social distancing until it is their turn to interact with office staff and will ask public to not bring extra family members or others into the building, one person per transaction with staff. Chairs will be placed in hall with appropriate social distancing for public to wait until it is their turn. Hallway chairs will be routinely wiped down and sanitized between uses whenever possible.</p> <p>Employees should wear masks as recommended by the Governor's Order, CDC and KDHE. Staff will be advised to frequently wash hands with soap and water and only use hand sanitizer after interaction with public when hand washing is not practical. Staff will also be encouraged to avoid interacting with staff from other offices any more than necessary.</p> <p>The Courthouse will only be open to the public from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, giving staff time from 4:00 to 4:30 to do a thorough cleaning at the end of the day.</p> <p>Public restrooms should remain open for public use whenever public is allowed in the facility. Routine cleaning and sanitizing is recommended.</p> <p>Removing office door barriers will be considered at a later date.</p> <p>We will publish notices on our website and Facebook pages advising public of these policies.</p> <p>Other County Buildings</p> <p>The County Attorney plans on continuing to use a buzzer at their door, only allowing public to enter when allowed by staff.</p> <p>Sheriff already has a buzzer at their door and a glass barrier between public and staff. The Sheriff's Office will conduct VIN inspections, Offender Registration, Finger Prints, and other services Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM.</p> <p>The Commission meeting will continue to be limited to 10 people in the room until further notice.</p>	<p>Annex</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">All doors except the front door will be locked.Commission room will remain 10 people maximum.May be used after hours for government use but must be properly cleaned and disinfected after each use.Full staff will work out of the Annex. <p>Senior Centers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Area Aging Meals program will continue to be a grab and go service until June 1 with a very high probability that it will be shut down until June 30. It will be evaluated on June 1 and the 30th.The Centers be closed for rental and other use until the Meals program resumes. The only exception is county or city use. Proper cleaning and disinfecting needs to be done following each use. <p>Road Shops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">No change and the public will be kept from all buildings.The crews will begin to report at normal times with strict instruction to get out of the shops promptly and maintain social distancing.The Equipment Operators will not be allowed to enter the Quarry weight station. <p>Prescott Landfill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Public will not be allowed in the buildings.Scale house window will be the contact with no physical money changing hands. Cash or check into the drop box only.Preferred contact will be by phoning ahead.Employees will begin reporting at the normal times and time clock separation will be practiced. <p>Noxious Weed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Building will remain closed to the Public.Cost Shares will be by phone and email. <p>Park Reopening Plan</p> <p>Fishing – The lake is open for fishing 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.</p> <p>Camping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Camping is open for Linn County Residents only.Camping will be allowed in developed sites only, no camping in tents near the lake. The north area primitive camping is closed, available for day use only.No more than 10 people will be allowed in a group.	<p>Marina Store</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Reopen with limits of 4 customers at a time inside.No customer, self-service food or drinks (Pre-Packaged foods only). <p>Cabins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">May begin taking reservations on or after June 1.Only 5 cabins will be available for rental. <p>Water Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Closed for the season. <p>Shelter houses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Closed for the season. <p>Horse camp and trails</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Horse Camp is closed but day trail rides are allowed. <p>Disinfectant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The both house and laundry will be cleaned at least twice a day.Counters, doors, and interior surfaces will be wiped down frequently.
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Jackie Messer informed the Commission that his crews are working on repairing roads and stated that he got a bid for crack-sealing our hard surface roads. Messer would like to consider doing the crack-sealing ourselves next year. Mike Page moved to approve the bid from Sweeney's Pavement Maintenance in the amount of \$58,471.00 for 10.5 miles of crack-sealing. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Messer then reported on other issues that Public Works is dealing with. The Commission discussed annual inventory procedures with Jackie Messer and Doug Barlet.

The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor discussed the proposed Advisory Election on wind farms. Danny McCullough asked Doug Barlet about the Fair and Rodeo schedule this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Doug Barlet stated that after consultation with the Public Health Officer, the Fair Board voted to cancel the evening grandstand events this year, but to continue with the Fair.

With nothing further on the agenda Danny McCullough moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Tuesday, May 26, 2020. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commission Chair

Attest:

County Clerk

May 21, 2020

The Board of Linn County Commission met in special session at 11:00 AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Linn County Courthouse Annex, Mound City, Kansas. Those present were Danny McCullough, Chair; Mike Page, Vice Chair; Rick James, Member; Cindy Holt, Deputy County Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Rick James led the Pledge of Allegiance. Sheriff Friend opened the meeting with prayer. Following is a copy of the Notice of Special Meeting:

LINN COUNTY, KANSAS
P.O. Box 350, 315 Main St.
Mound City, KS 66868-0350
913-795-2668
Fax: 913-795-2419



COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
First District
Rick James
Second District
Daniel McCullough
Third District
Mike Page

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF LINN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

You are hereby notified that a special meeting of the Board of Linn County Commissioners has been called and will be held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, May 21, 2020 at the Linn County Courthouse Annex, 306 Main St., Mound City, KS 66868. This special meeting has been called for the following purposes:

1. To discuss the building project bids and contracts.
2. To discuss issues related to COVID-19 and State/Local reopening plans.
3. To discuss non-elected personnel issues.

Some of the above may require executive sessions for legal matters under the exception listed in K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) or to discuss non-elected personnel under the exception listed in K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). Action may be taken by the Commission concerning any or all of the topics listed above.

DATED this 20th day of May, 2020.

David L. Lamb,
Linn County Clerk.



David L. Lamb, County Clerk	Kristy Schmitz, Register of Deeds	Daniel Taylor, Noolous Weed
Jane Kluwe, County Treasurer	Gary Thompson, County Counselor	Jessica Hightower, Economic Development
James Dale, County Attorney	Debi Bruner, Artoon County Appraiser	Doug Barlet, Rural Fire / Emergency Mgt.
Kevin Friend, Sheriff		Jessie Messer, Public Works

Commissioners met with River City Constructions through Zoom. They discussed the Justice Center project cost and details. They discussed the Government Building project being postponed, to be rebid at a later date with the hope of securing local contractors. They would like to revisit that portion of the project to see if other cost savings can be found. Danny McCullough asked if the metal storage shed was part of the current Justice Center project. River City said it was not, but they thought it would be covered in contingency money that has been set aside. Chris Martin discussed the issue of the camera system that was removed from the project to reduce cost with the Commission. There has been a lack of communication from River City to in order to justify this as a cost savings. The Commission then discussed the reduction of the number of secure cells and the addition of dorms. The Sheriff stated that the dorms would not be ideal, but they would make it work. He stated it would be an improvement on their current building, but he does not believe it is the best choice. River City needs a decision within a few days as some of the bids expire on Monday, May 25, 2020.

At 11:45 AM Danny McCullough 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 12:00 PM. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Deputy Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 12:00 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 12:00 PM moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss individual employees' performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the employee. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 12:15 PM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Deputy Clerk, Counselor, and Dr. Allen attended the executive session.

At 12:15 AM the executive session ended. As result of the executive session, Gary Thompson read Dr. Allen's resignation letter. Rick James moved to accept Dr. Allen's resignation. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Danny McCullough thanked Dr. Allen for his many years of service with Linn County. Following is a copy of Dr. Allen's resignation letter:

To Linn County Commissioners ,
Effective immediately, I tender my resignation as Linn County Health Officer.

I have been proud to serve Linn County in this capacity for over 20 years and I am proud of those who served with me. Most of this service has been for the county's most needy, without incident and I enjoyed helping immensely. However, the Covid 19 pandemic has changed this situation and I do not expect a return to the past to be possible.

In today's environment of political thuggery , having a busy, independent practice AND volunteering services to the community which have become so intensive, involves too much personal risk. My role has a physician is to tend to the health and general welfare of the community, NOT to be used as a pawn in a political battle. Given the gravity of the situation, most likely, it is time to create a paid, full time position. However, I will always be available to assist with medical expertise if needed.

It has been my pleasure to serve and I wish you well,
Jay Allen MD

Doug Barlet reported on the weather for the weekend. Barlet then asked for guidance and a decision on how to proceed with Orders now that Linn County has no Health Officer. Barlet presented three Orders for the Commission to consider. The Commission discussed the options with Barlet and Tisha Coleman. Barlet and Coleman both recommended Option 1, which would continue with the current orders for two more weeks.

At 12:42 PM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 20 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 1:02 PM. Rick James seconded the

motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Deputy Clerk, Counselor, Tisha Coleman, and Doug Barlet attended the executive session.

At 1:02 PM the executive session ended. As a result of the executive session, the Commission will issue Phase 2, Order from the Linn County Board of Health to go into effect May 22, 2020 at 12:01 AM. Doug Barlet read the Phase 2 Order out loud. Rick James moved to proceed with the Order as read. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. Mike Page opposed stating that he would like to see us follow the recommendations of or Health Officials. The motion passed 2-1. Following is a copy of the Phase 2 Order:



Linn County Health Department
902 Main, PO Box 456 Pleasanton, KS 66075
Ph. 913-352-6640 Fax 913-352-6730



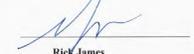
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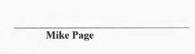
Everyone should continue to use social distancing, wash hands frequently, consider wearing masks when in public settings, and follow available guidance and recommendations.
This Order shall take effect at 12:01 AM on Friday, May 22, 2020.

ORDER of the Linn County Board of Health
May 21, 2020: 3:00 PM
Phase 2

SO ORDERED, this 21st day of May, 2020.
By the Linn County Board of Health


Danny McCullough


Rick James


Mike Page



Emergency Public Health Order issued on this 21st day of May, 2020 to mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic in Linn County, Kansas, pursuant to the authority provided in K.S.A. § 65-119, K.S.A. § 65-129b and K.S.A. § 65-202 and other applicable laws or regulations. This Order officially revokes all previous Orders of the Linn County Public Health Officer/Linn County Board of Health. The Linn County Board of Health recommends Linn County citizens to review any State or Federal Orders that are in place and comply with those orders as required.

Linn County recommends that businesses consider continuing to keep Contact Tracing Records for customers over the next month or two, however, that is optional and shall be left up to the discretion of each business. The Linn County Public Health Department may reach out to a potentially affected business to see if records exist for any date and time in question. Again, participation in this process is voluntary. If records do not exist, the Health Department may post the potential exposure date, times and location/business name through available platforms and ask for anyone who was potentially exposed to contact the Health Department directly.

Records that were collected during the Phase 1, and Phase 1.5 time periods, must be retained by the business for thirty (30) days. If an infection is traced to a customer or employee of one of these businesses, the Linn County Public Health Department may request that the business voluntarily provide these records for the date(s) that person was at the business strictly and solely for the purpose of contact tracing and notification. If a business declines to voluntarily provide the requested records to the Linn County Public Health Department, nothing in this order shall be deemed to prohibit or limit the ability to obtain the records via a judicial search warrant or other legal process. Once 30 days has passed from the date each record set was collected, those records should be destroyed. If a business elects to voluntarily continue to keep records, those records should also be destroyed after 30 days from the date of collection.

Linn County recommends that each individual consider keeping a personal travel log that would include the date, business name/location, time entering and leaving a business to aid the individual in determining their potential for exposure. Again, this is a voluntary process (NOT a requirement) but it would allow someone to check to see if they were in a business on a date/time where they may have been exposed, when that information is posted as described above (same process that was used during the recent measles outbreak in Linn County).

At 1:12 PM Danny McCullough 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 1:27 PM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Deputy Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 1:27 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session. (The County Clerk arrived at the special meeting after the executive session.)

Gary Thompson read a Notice to the People of Linn County. Rick James made a motion to publish the notice stating that the notice is appropriate. Mike Page seconded the motion stating that we need to celebrate our front-line leaders. Danny McCullough opposed publishing the letter stating that he was not in favor. The motion passed 2-1. Following is a copy of the notice:

NOTICE TO THE PEOPLE OF LINN COUNTY:

The County Commission and the Local Health Officer of Linn County, Kansas, were recently the Defendants in a Federal Lawsuit initiated by two Linn County residents and the Kansas Justice Institute, a law firm heavily involved in seeking out publicity through taking on high profile litigation around the state and region. The law suit challenged the right of the County to collect contact information to protect Linn County citizens in case of an infection. A week after filing the lawsuit, the Plaintiffs dismissed it without any conclusive orders having been issued by the Court. Since that dismissal, the plaintiffs and the Justice Center, largely through the Linn County News and other media outlets, have publicly worked to create the impression that they accomplished something for the Citizens of Linn County that could not have been accomplished otherwise and at less expense.

The Editor of the Linn County News has styled herself a "Freedom Fighter" for her role in this exercise of publicity seeking. This self-congratulatory title overlooks the fact the no one in Linn County Government- not the Commission, not the Health Officer, or anyone else- was seeking to take away freedom from her or any Linn County citizen. Rather, the Order challenged by this unnecessary law suit was one intended to help get Linn County businesses back in operation while protecting the employees and customers of those businesses in a totally unprecedented crisis situation.

The Plaintiffs have attempted to leave the impression that the County or the County Health Officer took an adversarial position in regard to certain constitutional freedoms. They fail to state, or perhaps to even understand, that as soon as the Commission and the County Health Officer became aware of concerns about elements of the Phase I plan, the County began steps to revise it to accommodate those concerns. They also fail to make it clear that the first notice the County had of their position and concerns was AFTER they had already rushed to Federal District Court and filed their petition.

Why would the plaintiffs choose to file a suit that cost the taxpayers of Linn County money and time, rather than opening discussions with County officials about revising the Phase I order? Only they can really say, but their behavior and that of the Linn County News and the Kansas Justice Institute, would support the idea that their goal was not the correction of a problem but the garnering of as much publicity as possible.

The order objected to by the plaintiffs was authorized by state statute; its intent was to protect Linn Countians and to facilitate the re-opening of business in the County; and the attitude of the County leadership in regard to revising the order was clearly one of cooperation and flexibility. But rather than pointing out their areas of concern and working WITH the County to make clarifications and improvement, the Plaintiffs rushed to file their law suit and to send out their new releases to draw attention to the straw man they had created. They had no discussion with or notice to the County Commission or the County Health officer...although there apparently WAS discussion between one or more of the plaintiffs and the current County Attorney, James Brun, but he, like the plaintiffs, chose NOT to share that discussion with the Commission.

The plaintiffs have implied, or perhaps even stated, that their decision to dismiss their law suit without receiving any supporting order from the judge, was a "victory". That is not the case. But even if they had been victors, the losers are the people of Linn County who want and deserve leaders in government, politics and the media, that work together to achieve the best possible outcome for the County, at the least unnecessary cost, and without regard to personal vindictiveness and the desire for attention.

LINN COUNTY COMMISSION

Rick James stated that we have lost a good Medical Director and Public Health Officer that served Linn County for 20 plus years with no pay. It will cost the county unsaid amount of money to replace him and pay for the lawsuit.

Jackie Taylor addressed the Commission stating that County Attorney, James Brun, was not involved in the lawsuit at all. Taylor also discussed her reasoning on issuing the lawsuit.

At 1:51 PM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss individual employees' performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the employee. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 2:01 PM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Sheriff Friend attended the executive session.

At 2:04 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

The Commission then discussed the building projects.

At 2:07 PM Danny McCullough 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 2:22 PM. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 2:19 PM the executive session ended. As a result of the executive session the Commission has decided to defer the decision to move forward with the building project until Tuesday, May 26, 2020, until more information can be obtained.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Tuesday, May 26, 2020. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commission Chair

Attest:

County Clerk

May 26, 2020

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:01 AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Linn County Courthouse Annex, Mound City, Kansas. Those present were Danny McCullough, Chair; Mike Page, Vice Chair; Rick James, Member; David Lamb, County Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Danny McCullough led the Pledge of Allegiance. Gary Thompson opened the meeting with prayer.

Mike Page moved to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting and the May 21st special meeting as printed. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve add/abate/refund orders: #2019-99 through #2019-101. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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

Mike Page moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$317,640.40: General, \$156,074.67; Employee Benefit, \$92,696.67; Appraiser, \$8,044.80; Rural Fire, \$8,552.39; Road and Bridge, \$42,743.90; Law Enforcement Trust, \$297.66; County Health Dept., \$7,987.74; and Elderly, \$1,242.78. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Linda Meisel reported the current activities of the County Attorney's Office. Meisel also presented a press release from the County Attorney.

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 18 prisoners in house and 4 farmed out to other Counties. Sheriff Friend then reported on the previous week's calls and activities.

Tisha Coleman reported on her activities for the past week. There are now 8 positive cases in Linn County.

Jessica Hightower stated that we have awarded all 9 of our Youth Employment Grants.

Chris Martin discussed loaning out our projector and screen. Martin stated that the screen we have now cannot be loaned out for use without County employee setup. Martin suggested a purchasing a kit that could be loaned out with a screen that is easier to set up if we are going to allow other entities to use our system. An inflatable screen would cost under \$300.00. Martin then discussed the sound system for the Livestream of the Commission meetings. The total cost would be \$2,115.00.

Doug Barlet reported on the weather for the week. Barlet also presented a check from the State for the Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$18,576.00. Barlet then asked to hire Barbara Cochran as a Probationary Firefighter for Station 920 (Pleasanton). Mike Page moved to hire Barbara Cochran as requested. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 9:25 AM Mike Page moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss individual employees' performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the employee; 10 minutes to discuss the acquisition of real estate, pursuant to exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6), concerning preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real estate; and 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 10:10 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Tisha Coleman attended the executive session.

At 9:44 AM Tisha Coleman left the executive session.

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

At 10:11 AM the Chair opened a public hearing concerning CDBG Funds. Carey Spoon, SEK Regional Planning Commission, explained the process for the CDBG Funds for Economic Development and Micro Grants for up to \$300,000.00. No public comment was received. At 10:13 AM the Chair closed the public hearing. Spoon then presented the application and documentation that needs to be approved by the Commission to apply for the grants. The Counselor reviewed all the required documentation. After review by the County Counselor, Mike Page moved to adopt Resolution #2020-10 and to approve and sign all documentation required for the CDBG Funds. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of Resolution #2020-10:



The Clerk informed the Commission that the Secretary of State's Office is offering reimbursement for extra election expenses due to COVID-19. Linn County is eligible for up to \$9,340.96. The Clerk submitted a request for \$8,600.52 for expenses that have already been incurred and are proposed for later in the year. The Secretary of State's Office reviewed the submission and stated that they will send \$2,098.16 for the expenses that have already been incurred and will reimburse for the additional expenses when invoices are submitted.

Jackie Messer discussed asphalt patching that is planned for this year. Messer stated that no one came to look at the buildings that we are going to demolish, so he is waiting to see what bids come in for the project. Messer then discussed repairs that need to be made to wing walls on a bridge on Zenor Road. Messer also discussed other projects the Public Works Dept. is working on.

At 10:37 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 10:52 AM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 10:52 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

With nothing further on the agenda Danny McCullough moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, June 1, 2020. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commission Chair

Attest:

County Clerk

At 9:54 AM Jessica Hightower left the executive session and Tisha Coleman entered.

At 10:07 AM Doug Barlet entered the executive session.

At 10:21 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 10:25 The Board of Commissioners convened as the Board of Health. Doug Barlet asked about the sale of fireworks. The Board of Health stated that they had no issue with the sale of fireworks. Barlet stated that there are some large events coming up that will need to know about limits of the number of people for gatherings and also asked about any new orders for our County Park. The Clerk asked about opening the north door on the Courthouse. The Board of Health stated that they have no issue with opening the north door. Jackie Messer asked about fully opening the County Park. Rick James moved to open the County Park for camping and to keep the cabins closed for another week. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-1. (Mike Page voted no.)

Gary Thompson then read a proposed statement from the Linn County Board of Health. Jackie Messer also asked about opening the Road and Bridge Shops to the public and about the restrictions on our Transportation Program. Currently we are not allowing shopping or restaurant stops on trips with our transportation program. Doug Barlet stated that those services would not have been allowed until Phase III if the Governor's orders were still in effect. Rick James moved to issue the Advisory Statement that was read by Gary Thompson. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of the Advisory Statement:

ADVISORY STATEMENT FROM LINN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH:

June 1, 2020-

The Linn County Board of Health urges all citizens to continue to follow the guidance found in the Governor's Ad Astra plan, Phase 2 (modified). This includes limiting mass gatherings to no more than 15 persons (when social distancing is not possible/practical), practicing appropriate hygiene and social distancing and wearing masks when you cannot social distance.

The recent increase in Linn County cases is a concern, and the Board will be watching these numbers closely to determine whether it appears that Linn Countians are being appropriately cautious about their social interactions. The Board appeals to the Citizens of Linn County to voluntarily protect themselves, their families, and others by continuing to follow the guidance offered above. If further mandatory orders appear to be needed to protect the health of the County's citizens, the Board of Health will issue those orders in the days to come.

Linn County Board of Health/Linn County Commission

Danny McCullough

Mike Page

Rick James

At 10:42 AM the Board of Commissioners reconvened.

Jackie Messer discussed current projects that Public Works is working on. Messer reported that we received no bids for the demolition of the two buildings on the Courthouse block. Messer also discussed the proposed Zenor Road bridge project. The Federal Government is willing to participate in the project. Messer then informed the Commission that the Parker Library Board has also asked for the County to do the demolition of their building. Mike Page moved to authorize the County demolition of the old Parker Library. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Messer then discussed political signs on County right-of-ways and signs in other areas in the County. Messer also discussed septic tanks and holding tanks. Our current regulations only allow masonry tanks for septic tanks, but doesn't address holding tanks. Gary Thompson would like to review our regulations and discuss it next week. Messer then asked for permission to bid on a trailer on purple wave to replace an old trailer. Mike Page moved to allow Messer to bid on the trailer. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk & Treasurer discussed the Bond Payments and Sales Tax Income. The Treasurer also discussed investments that are needing to be renewed and she needs to know how long to invest the funds.

The Clerk asked about the extra overtime and hazard pay that has been paid during the pandemic. Rick James moved to go back to normal pay policies effective with the pay period that started this week. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commission and Sheriff discussed the building project and the decision to rebid and reduce the cost. The Sheriff agreed that the decision to rebid needed to be done.

At 11:30 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss individual employees' performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the employee; and 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 Noon. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Jackie Messer attended the executive session.

At 11:45 AM Jackie Messer left the executive session.

At Noon the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 12:01 PM 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 12:16 PM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 12:16 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 12:17 PM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 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 12:27 PM. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 12:27 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 12:28 PM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 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 12:38 PM. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 12:38 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

The Commission discussed items on the Tabled Items list, with no action taken. The Commission and Clerk also discussed the funding for the Historical Society.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, June 8, 2020. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commission Chair

Attest:

County Clerk

June 8, 2020

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Linn County Courthouse Annex, Mound City, Kansas. Those present were Danny McCullough, Chair; Mike Page, Vice Chair; Rick James, Member; David Lamb, County Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Rick James led the Pledge of Allegiance. Sheriff Friend opened the meeting with prayer.

Rick James moved to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting as printed. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commission reviewed the YTD Park Report for May 2020.

Mike Page moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$334,474.50: General, \$163,843.58; Employee Benefit, \$97,275.57; Appraiser, \$8,327.80; Rural Fire, \$7,491.67; Road and Bridge, \$46,116.42; Law Enforcement Trust, \$349.83; 911 Telephone Tax, \$54.70; County Health Dept., \$8,766.87; Elderly, \$2,183.30; and Sewer Dist. #1, \$64.76. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to allow the Chair to sign the updated Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan for the building project. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to allow the Chair to sign the Client Representation Letter with Diehl, Banwart, Bolton, CPAs PA, for the 2019 County Audit. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Gary Thompson presented an application for reduced dumping fees from the City of Mound City for a property owned by Eric & Tammy Snyder located at 215 N. 4th Street, Mound City. Mike Page moved to approve waiving the C&D fees as requested. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Galen Anderson reported on AMR's calls for the past month and their activities for the past week. Anderson also presented a printed copy of last month's calls and response times.

Doug Barlet discussed the weather for the week.

Tisha Coleman reported on her activities for the past week. We have had 11 positive cases of COVID-19 in Linn County, all 11 have recovered. The Health Dept. has tested 310 people in the County.

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 14 prisoners in house and 4 farmed out to other Counties. Sheriff Friend then reported on the previous week's calls and activities.

Jessica Hightower informed the Commission that we were awarded \$132,000.00 through the CDBG program. The administration fees will be around \$6,000.00. We will have a contract to sign next Monday before our grant money is available.

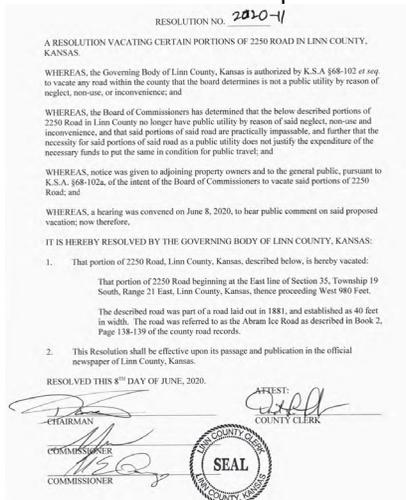
At 9:32 AM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss individual employees' performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the employee; and for 20 minutes 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 10:02 AM. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, Tisha Coleman, and Doug Barlet attended the executive session.

At 9:41 AM Doug Barlet let the executive session.

At 9:46 AM Tisha Coleman left the executive session.

At 10:02 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 10:05 AM the Chair opened the hearing to vacate a portion of W. 2250 Road. Gary Thompson explained the proposed vacation. Steve Green commented that he is the owner of the property and he is in favor of vacating the road. No other public comment was given. At 10:10 AM the Chair closed the hearing. Mike Page moved to adopt Resolution #2020-11, approving the order vacating a portion of W. 2250 Road located in Section 35, Township 19S, Range 21E, previously known as Abram Ice Road. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of Resolution 2020-11:



Andy Mayhugh presented grants of easement associated with Lot Splits #20-04 and #20-05. Danny McCullough moved to accept the grants of easement as presented. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Doug Barlet informed the Commission that the State is recommending moving to Phase 3 of the Governor's reopening plan. Barlet explained the details of Phase 3. At 10:16 AM the Board of Commissioners convened as the Board of Health. Danny McCullough moved to approve an Advisory Statement from the Linn County Board of Health, moving Linn County to Phase 3 of the Governor's Ad Astra Plan. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of the Advisory Statement from the Linn County Board of Health:

ADVISORY STATEMENT FROM LINN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH:
June 8, 2020-

The Linn County Board of Health urges all citizens to continue to follow the guidance found in the Governor's Ad Astra plan, Phase 3, beginning today. This includes limiting mass gatherings to no more than 45 persons (when social distancing is not possible/practical), practicing appropriate hygiene and social distancing and wearing masks when you cannot social distance.

The Board will be watching the County's infection numbers closely to determine whether it appears that Linn Countians are being appropriately cautious about their social interactions. The Board appeals to the Citizens of Linn County to voluntarily protect themselves, their families, and others by continuing to follow the guidance offered above and in the Governor's Ad Astra plan. If mandatory orders appear to be needed to protect the health of the County's citizens, the Board of Health will issue those orders in the days to come.

Linn County Board of Health/Linn County Commission

Danny McCullough
Mike Page
Rick James

Jackie Messer discussed issues with the Transportation Program and the Senior Centers. At 10:21 AM the Board of Health adjourned and the Board of Commission reconvened.

Jackie Messer discussed current Public Works projects. Rick James moved to allow up to \$18,000.00 for repairs to a tractor. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Messer also discussed helping USD 344 with a drainage cleanup behind the school and a drainage issue behind a building the County is renting on Main Street. Messer then discussed tanks for septic systems. Bobby Young discussed his research on polyurethane versus concrete tanks. Young recommends requiring concrete tanks. The Commission asked Young to get more information from other Counties before the Commission makes a decision. The Commission and Jackie Messer then discussed maintaining roads and cleaning ditches.

The Commission, Clerk, & Counselor discussed Ambulance bids.

At 11:44 AM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss the acquisition of real estate, pursuant to exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6), concerning preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real estate. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 11:59 AM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 11:59 AM the executive session ended. As a result of the executive session, Rick James made the following motion: As a part of our efforts to redesign and reduce the size of our building project to come in within our agreed budget, I proposed we purchase the house at 120 S. 4th Street in Mound City for \$202,000.00 to use to relocate some of the departments into less expensive space. We will work with the architects to work out details over the next few weeks. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk presented the following 2021 Budget Requests: Commissioner, \$81,550.00, no change; EMS, \$12,000.00, no change; Juvenile Intake, \$60,000.00, \$12,000.00 decrease; Counselor, \$164,500.00, \$29,500.00 increase; 4-H Building, \$31,000.00, no change; Fair Building, \$3,000.00, no change; Fair Premium, \$20,000.00, no change; Linn County 911, \$55,000.00, no change; Equipment Reserve, information only, not a budgeted fund; 911 Telephone Tax, \$125,000.00, no change; Special Alcohol, \$2,000.00, no change; Special Park & Recreation, \$1,200.00, no change; and Sewer Dist. #1, \$37,000.00, no change. After review and discussion, Mike Page moved to tentatively approve the Budget Requests as presented. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

With nothing further on the agenda Danny McCullough moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, June 15, 2020. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commission Chair

Attest:

County Clerk

June 15, 2020

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:03 AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Linn County Courthouse Annex, Mound City, Kansas. Those present were Danny McCullough, Chair; Mike Page, Vice Chair; Rick James, 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 3-0.

Mike Page moved to schedule a special commission meeting on June 17th at 10:00 AM to meet with Goldberg Group Architects and River City Construction. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$210,307.33: General, \$143,717.59; Appraiser, \$1,287.32; Rural Fire, \$1,570.88; Road and Bridge, \$61,975.38; County Health Dept., \$1,088.10; Reg. of Deeds Tech., \$543.00; and Elderly, \$125.06. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Louis Aloï reported on AMR's calls for the past month and their activities for the past week. Aloï reported that their call numbers are increasing.

Tisha Coleman updated the Commission on current projects/issues in the Health Dept. Coleman reported that we have tested 354 symptomatic patients, 61 community testing (non-symptomatic people), and we still have had 11 total positive cases.

Janet Kleweno presented the 2021 Treasurer Budget Request in the amount of \$209,493.06 (\$4,061.98 decrease). Mike Page moved to tentatively approve the 2021 Treasurer Budget in the amount of \$209,493.06. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 15 prisoners in house and 3 farmed out to other Counties. Sheriff Friend then reported on the previous week's calls and activities.

Jessica Hightower presented the contract for the CDBG grant. Mike Page moved to approve Grant Agreement No. 20-CV-039 and to allow the Chair to sign the agreement. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Pam Cannon updated the Commission on current projects in her department. Interim Appraiser Deb Bruner updated the Commission on the Appraiser's Office. Bruner reported that one of the Appraiser's vehicles is broken down and one of the Public Works mechanics is working on it.

Jessica Hightower presented a new contract with the SEK Regional Planning Commission for administering our CDBG Grant. Mike Page moved to approve the new contract with the SEK Regional Planning Commission. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 9:55 AM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss trade secrets, pursuant to the trade secrets exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(4), concerning a potential business in the County. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 10:00 AM. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Jessica Hightower attended the executive session.

At 10:00 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Jackie Messer discussed questions he has been receiving about old abandoned/vacated roads in the County. Danny McCullough moved to follow State Statutes (K.S.A. 68-115a) concerning open but unimproved roads. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Gary Thompson reviewed the County and State regulations about signs on road right-of-ways. Thompson stated that our regulations do not allow any signs in our right-of-ways.

Messer then reported on projects the Public Works Depts. are working on. Messer also gave the Commission an inventory update. Messer discussed storm damage to roofs on County property in the La Cygne area.

Nathan Fawson presented the 2021 SEK Mental Health Budget Request in the amount of \$114,736.00 (\$3,341.00 increase). Mike Page moved to tentatively approve the 2021 SEK Mental Health Budget in the amount of \$114,736.00. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Karen Tuggle presented the 2021 Soil Conservation District Budget Request in the amount of \$43,000.00 (\$3,000.00 increase). Rick James moved to tentatively approve the 2021 Soil Conservation District Budget in the amount of \$43,000.00. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 11:25 AM Mike Page moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss individual employees' performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the employee; and 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 11:50 AM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Jackie Messer attended the executive session.

At 11:45 AM Jackie Messer left the executive session.

At 11:50 AM the executive session ended. As a result of the executive session, Danny McCullough moved to temporarily increase Matt Ernest's pay to \$16.6542 per hour (Range 10, Step A) for 60 days, for his increased Noxious Weed duties. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commission reviewed the building plans to prepare for Wednesday's special meeting. The Sheriff and Commission discussed the plans for the jail portion of the building.

With nothing further on the agenda Danny McCullough moved to adjourn until 10:00 AM Wednesday, June 17, 2020. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

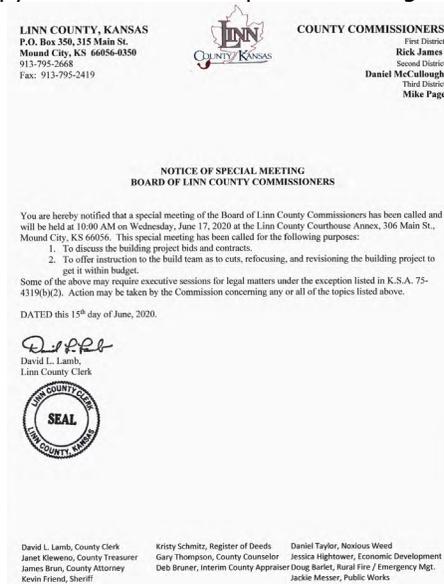
Commission Chair

Attest:

County Clerk

June 17, 2020

The Board of Linn County Commission met in special session at 10:00 AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Linn County Courthouse Annex, Mound City, Kansas. Those present were Danny McCullough, Chair; Mike Page, Vice Chair; Rick James, Member; David Lamb, County Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Also present were representatives from Goldberg Group Architects and River City Construction. Rick James led the Pledge of Allegiance. David Lamb opened the meeting with prayer. Following is a copy of the Notice of Special Meeting:



The Commission, Goldberg Group Architects, and River City Construction discussed proposals to lower the cost of our building project. The meeting started with a review of the current floor plans as they were bid. Then the discussion moved on to scope reductions and the possibility of reduced prices from subcontractors due to the current market. There was also discussion of using some existing buildings for storage and/or office space instead of demolishing the buildings. The Commission reminded everyone that they are determined to do the project within budget, and according to the language that was on the ballot and approved by the voters.

At 11:11 AM the Chair asked for public comment. Larry Hall asked if we could pay off the bond and refinance? Gary Thompson stated that we are looking into options on our bonds, but that at the current time, bond rates are high. Jim Johnson asked if the Sheriff is comfortable with a 96 bed jail? Sheriff Friend stated that he is comfortable with that size and he is comfortable with the fact that we are doing what was presented to the voters.

The Commission agreed to schedule another meeting with River City Construction and Goldberg Group Architects on July 8th at 10:00 AM to discuss revisions to the building plans.

With nothing further on the agenda Danny McCullough moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, June 22, 2020. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commission Chair

Attest:

County Clerk

June 22, 2020

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Linn County Courthouse Annex, Mound City, Kansas. Those present were Danny McCullough, Chair; Mike Page, Vice Chair; Rick James, Member; David Lamb, County Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Danny McCullough led the Pledge of Allegiance. Gary Thompson opened the meeting with prayer.

Mike Page moved to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting as printed. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Rick James moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$311,242.25: General, \$137,725.35; Employee Benefit, \$103,114.05; Appraiser, \$8,025.05; Rural Fire, \$5,936.23; Road and Bridge, \$44,642.70; Law Enforcement Trust, \$301.90; County Health Dept., \$10,179.27; and Elderly, \$1,317.70. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Louis Aloï reported on AMR's calls for the past month and their activities for the past week. Aloï also reported that there will be helicopter training for First Responders this Thursday.

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 14 prisoners in house and 3 farmed out to other Counties. Sheriff Friend then reported on the previous week's calls and activities, including a homicide in Mound City Saturday.

Lori Simmons presented the 2021 District Court Budget Request in the amount of \$200,300.00 (\$10,000.00 increase). Mike Page moved to tentatively approve the 2021 District Court Budget in the amount of \$200,300.00. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jackie Messer reported that Public Works will start chip sealing after the 4th of July. Messer also reported that we are done with all our contracted expenses on the Hecke project in the Pleasanton Industrial Park. Messer presented a request from Lake Region Solid Waste Authority for a \$4,600.00 contribution from Linn County for 2021 (no change from 2020). Mike Page moved to approve the request from the Lake Region Solid Waste Authority. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Messer then discussed cleaning at the Senior Centers after rental, due to COVID-19. Messer suggested hiring a contract person to clean after rentals. Gary Thompson recommended not renting the facilities until we are out of the phases of the State COVID-19 Plan. The Commission agreed with Gary Thompson's recommendation.

Tisha Coleman reported on her activities for the past week and an immunization clinic that is coming up this week. We have had 13 positive cases of COVID-19 in Linn County, 2 are still active.

Doug Barlet asked for permission to spend \$30,000.00 for bunker gear, and \$10,000.00 for the annual vehicle safety inspections and pump testing. Those amounts were budgeted for this year. Danny McCullough moved to approve the expenses as requested. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Kristy Schmitz presented the 2021 Register of Deeds Budget Request in the amount of \$126,446.72 (\$8,146.72 increase). Mike Page moved to tentatively approve the 2021 Register of Deeds Budget in the amount of \$126,446.72. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 9:52 AM the Chair asked for public comment. Chris Felix stated that her husband took over the trash route that Dave Cummings used to have, and last week he was informed that he needed to go to Prescott to dump trash. Jackie Messer stated that we are not allowed to allow commercial dumping at our compactor sites due to our policy and State regulations.

At 10:03 AM Mike Page moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss individual employees' performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the employee; and for 20 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 10:33 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 10:06 AM Judge Harth entered the executive session.

At 10:18 AM Judge Harth left the executive session.

At 10:21 AM Jackie Messer entered the executive session.

At 10:29 AM Jackie Messer left the executive session.

At 10:33 AM the executive session ended. As a result of the executive session and acting as the Linn County Board of Health, Rick James moved to approve the Re-Opening Plan for the Linn County District Court as recommended by the County Health Dept., with the understanding that at the request of the Chief Judge, the Board of Health will review the plan for needed changes. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of the District Court Re-Opening Plan:

Linn County District Court Re-opening Recommendations

1. All entrances must have signage directing patrons to self-screen before attempting entry. The signage must include directing patrons to wear mask (suggested), 6' physical distance between persons, and not enter if sick or been exposed or traveled to state of required quarantine and self-screening questions.
2. All patrons are suggested to voluntarily state name, and method of contact how to get a hold of them, before entry, enables notification of exposure, if occurs.
3. Only one patron may be in the entry vestibule at any time.
4. All patrons must be screened prior to entry using the attached screening questions.
5. If available, all entrants will be subject to touchless temperature screening.
6. All individuals will wear facial covering if not maintaining a 6 foot distance from others, suggested.
7. Cough/sneeze screens must be installed in the following locations:
 - a. The clerk's office
 - b. The court services officer meeting space
8. The district court will set aside specific hours to address the court-related needs of patrons who advise they are especially vulnerable to or at high risk for contracting COVID-19. Patrons who use this specific time period are not required and will not be asked why they are vulnerable or high risk.
9. Interior floors should be marked at 6 foot intervals.
10. Court staff or deputies engaged in the screening process will wear an N95 mask and eye protection during screenings. The mask will be changed if becomes wet and/or daily.
11. Court security will be provided 4 PPE kits in case of a health crisis.
12. No more than 6 people unless judge or delegate of the court may congregate in the Court Services waiting area. Patrons in this area must observe appropriate social distance, unless of the same household. Any additional chairs must be removed.
13. Hand sanitizer must be available in every location patrons or court personnel are permitted.
14. Any common surface must be sanitized between users.
15. Social distancing must be observed in the courtroom gallery, unless of the same household.
16. Any litigant or lawyer in front of the bar must wear a mask.
17. Masks must be worn if counsel approach the judge or court staff in the courtroom. As an alternative, a cough/sneeze guard may be installed at the front of the bench.
18. Any chairs which are not needed because of social distancing requirements should be removed.
19. Only 6' social distancing must be maintained, 3 patrons should be in the clerk's office at any time. Those patrons must be socially distanced according to the floor markings. Business in the clerk's office must be limited to 10 minutes or less.
20. Common use surfaces must be cleaned between uses.
21. All work spaces must be cleaned between users.
22. The district court should explore the use of a disinfectant fogger when available.

John Platt presented the 2021 Tri-Ko Budget Request in the amount of \$82,499.00 (\$2,403.00 increase). Rick James moved to tentatively approve the 2021 Tri-Ko Budget in the amount of \$82,499.00. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Pam Cannon presented the 2021 GIS Budget Request in the amount of \$146,700.00 (no change). Rick James moved to tentatively approve the 2021 GIS Budget in the amount of \$146,700.00. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Andy Mayhugh presented 5 grants of road easement for lot split purposes, located on 1200 Lane and on Phillips Road. Danny McCullough moved to accept the grants of road easement as presented. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jackie Messer discussed the request from USD 344 for assistance with the cleanup of the drainage area behind the school. Mike Page moved to enter into the agreement with USD 344 as presented and to authorize Jackie Messer to sign the agreement. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Deb Bruner presented the 2021 Appraiser Budget Request in the amount of \$357,000.00 (\$19,000.00 increase). Mike Page moved to tentatively approve the 2021 Appraiser Budget in the amount of \$357,000.00. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commission discussed options for an advisory vote on wind farms in the County.

David Lamb presented the following 2021 Budget Requests: Clerk, \$143,579.00 (\$4,579.00 increase); Election, \$89,000.00 (\$600.00 increase); Fair Association, \$129,000.00 (\$500.00 increase); Debt Service (Sales Tax), \$921,531.26 (\$500.00 increase); and Capital Improvement (Construction), \$12,960,709.00 (\$153,259.00 increase). After review and discussion, Rick James moved to tentatively approve the 2021 Budget Requests as presented. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, June 29, 2020. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commission Chair

Attest:

County Clerk

June 29, 2020

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Linn County Courthouse Annex, Mound City, Kansas. Those present were Danny McCullough, Chair; Mike Page, Vice Chair; Rick James, Member; David Lamb, County Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Danny McCullough led the Pledge of Allegiance. Kevin Friend opened the meeting with prayer.

Rick James moved to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting as printed. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$228,075.29: General, \$110,269.35; Appraiser, \$2,386.41; Rural Fire, \$1,994.41; Road and Bridge, \$111,338.39; 911 Telephone Tax, \$2.69; County Health Dept., \$555.97; Elderly, \$1,408.07; and Sewer Dist. #1, \$120.00. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Louis Aloï reported on AMR's calls for the past month and their activities for the past week.

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 16 prisoners in house and 7 farmed out to other Counties. Sheriff Friend then reported on the previous week's calls and activities.

Tisha Coleman reported on last week's vaccination clinic and reported on the WIC program. The Health Dept. has tested 468 people for COVID-19, 59 in the last week. We now have 15 positive cases in the County (two new cases in the last week). Coleman also reported on the drive-through food drive this week.

Gary Thompson presented a proposed Advisory Statement concerning COVID-19. Mike Page moved to approve and publish the Advisory Statement as presented. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of the Advisory Statement:

ADVISORY STATEMENT FROM LINN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

June 29, 2020-

The Linn County Board of Health urges citizens to continue to follow the guidance found in the Governor's Ad Astra plan, Phase 3. This includes limiting mass gatherings to no more than 45 persons (when social distancing is not possible/practical), practicing appropriate hygiene and social distancing and wearing masks when you cannot social distance.

The Board will be watching the County's infection numbers closely to determine whether it appears that Linn Countians are being appropriately cautious about their social interactions. The Board appeals to the Citizens of Linn County to voluntarily protect themselves, their families, and others by continuing to follow the guidance offered above and in the Governor's Ad Astra plan. If mandatory orders appear to be needed to protect the health of the County's citizens, the Board of Health will issue those orders in the days to come.

Linn County Board of Health/Linn County Commission

Danny McCullough
Mike Page
Rick James

Doug Barlet presented a Firefighter employment application for Melissa Shroyer for Station 960. Mike Page moved to hire Melissa Shroyer as a Probationary Firefighter for Station 960 (Prescott). Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Doug Barlet and Don Proffitt presented the 2021 Rural Fire Budget Request in the amount of \$651,502.00 (\$16,646.00 increase). Mike Page moved to tentatively approve the 2021 Rural Fire Budget in the amount of \$651,502.00. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Doug Barlet presented the 2021 Emergency Management Budget Request in the amount of \$178,001.00 (\$39,601.00 increase). Danny McCullough moved to tentatively approve the 2021 Emergency Management Budget in the amount of \$178,001.00. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Barlet then discussed the SPARK/CARES Act funding that will be coming to Linn County. We should receive around \$1.9 million for COVID-19 response. Mike Page moved to designate the County Clerk as the contact person for the SPARK program for the County. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. (County Clerk as contact for SPARK.)

Gary Thompson read a Proclamation honoring Dr. Jay Allen for his years of service to the County as the Public Health Officer and the Medical Director for our Health Dept. Rick James moved to approve the Proclamation as presented. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. State Senator Caryn Tyson also thanked Dr. Allen for his service to the County. US Representative Watkins is sending a flag that has been flown over the Capitol to Dr. Allen. Following is a copy of the Proclamation:

LINN COUNTY, KANSAS
P.O. Box 350, 315 Main St.
Mound City, KS 66066-0350
913-795-2868
Fax: 913-795-2419

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
First District
Rick James
Second District
Daniel McCullough
Third District
Mike Page

PROCLAMATION
Honoring Dr. Jay Allen

WHEREAS, Dr. Jay Allen has served the people of Linn County, Kansas, for over 22 years as the County Health Officer; and

WHEREAS, throughout that time, Dr. Allen has also served the County through providing a wide variety of types of assistance to the Linn County Rural Fire District #1, the Linn County Office of Emergency Management, and the Linn County Health Department; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Allen, in particular, has provided direction for Linn County's COVID-19 Pandemic response, the County's response to the Measles Outbreak of 2017, and the County's response to the H1N1 Pandemic of 2009; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Allen unselfishly responded to the Joplin, Missouri tornado of 2011 and was responsible for assisting in the establishment of a functional field hospital after the destruction of St. John's Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, all of Dr. Allen's service and assistance to the community during the past 22 years has been offered without compensation or recognition;

NOW THEREFORE, the Linn County Board of Commissioners hereby honors and recognizes Dr. Allen for his dedicated and unselfish service to Linn County and, in behalf of the people of Linn County, offers Sincere Thanks to him for his dedicated service to the County and its people.

Adopted this 29th day of June, 2020, by the Governing Body of Linn County, Kansas.

Danny McCullough, Chairperson
Rick James, Member
Mike Page, Member

ATTEST:
David Lamb, County Clerk

David L. Lamb, County Clerk
Janet Mawenski, County Treasurer
James Brun, County Attorney
Kevin Friend, Sheriff

Kristy Schmitz, Register of Deeds
Gary Thompson, County Counselor
Deb Bruner, Interim County Appraiser
Jackie Messer, Public Works

(vacant), Noxious Weed
Jessica Hightower, Economic Development
Doug Barlet, Rural Fire / Emergency Mgt.
Jackie Messer, Public Works

Dr. Allen thanked the Commission and thanked Doug, Tisha, and everyone else he has worked with at the County level.

Rick James moved to take a 5 minute break. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Caryn Tyson discussed the SPARK program and how it works. Tyson discussed the budget shortfalls at the State level and asked that the Commission be diligent with the County budget. Tyson also discussed the Tax Transparency bill that passed and was then vetoed by the Governor and other bills that may come up next year.

Chris Martin presented the 2021 IT Budget Request in the amount of \$151,670.00 (\$5,180.00 increase). Mike Page moved to tentatively approve the 2021 IT Budget in the amount of \$151,670.00. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Tisha Coleman presented the 2021 Health Dept. Budget Request in the amount of \$394,667.00 (\$141,590.00 increase). Danny McCullough moved to tentatively approve the 2021 Health Dept. Budget in the amount of \$394,667.00. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Rick James moved to authorize the Chair to sign the Real Estate Purchase Contract on the property located at 120 S 4th Street, Mound City. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 10:59 AM Danny McCullough 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 11:14 AM. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 11:14 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 11:15 AM Danny McCullough 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 11:30 AM. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 11:30 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Kevin Friend presented the 2021 Sheriff Budget Request in the amount of \$2,670,383.00 (\$212,602.00 increase). Danny McCullough moved to tentatively approve the 2021 Sheriff Budget in the amount of \$2,670,383.00. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

David Lamb presented the 2021 Economic Development Budget Request (for Jessica Hightower) in the amount of \$91,000.00 (no change). Mike Page moved to tentatively approve the 2021 Economic Development Budget in the amount of \$91,000.00. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

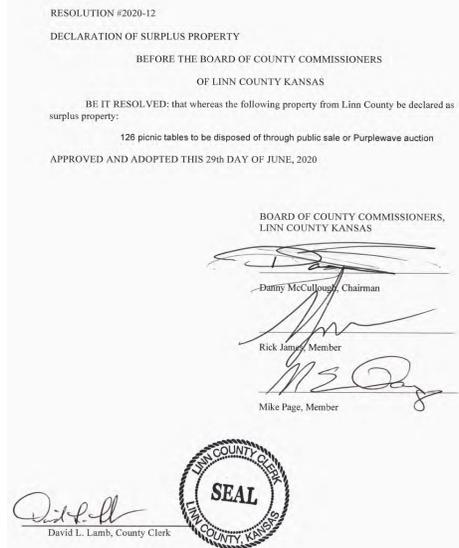
The Commission discussed the Wind Farm Advisory Election/Survey.

Danny McCullough moved to take a 5 minute break. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 12:53 PM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss individual employees' performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the employee. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 1:03 PM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Jackie Messer attended the executive session.

At 1:03 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Mike Page moved to adopt Resolution #2020-12, declaring 120 picnic tables as surplus property. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of Resolution #2020-12:



Jackie Messer presented the following 2021 Budget Requests: Mike Page moved to tentatively approve the Custodian Budget in the amount of \$102,400.00 (\$2,900.00 increase). Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Mike Page moved to tentatively approve the Airport Budget in the amount of \$55,200.00 (no change). Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Mike Page moved to tentatively approve the Elderly Budget in the amount of \$221,300.00 (no change). Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Rick James moved to tentatively approve the Planning & Zoning Budget in the amount of \$114,375.00 (\$6,825.00 decrease). Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Mike Page moved to tentatively approve the Noxious Weed Budget in the amount of \$115,100.00 (\$31,675.00 decrease). Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Mike Page moved to tentatively approve the Solid Waste Budget in the amount of \$651,680.00 (\$54,430.00 increase). Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Mike Page moved to tentatively approve the Park Budget in the amount of \$302,000.00 (\$10,500.00 increase). Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Mike Page moved to tentatively approve the Road & Bridge Budget in the amount of \$4,306,925.00 (\$473,095.00 increase). Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commission discussed opening the Splash Park at the County Park. Mike Page moved to not open the Splash Park at the County Park due to the rise in the COVID-19 cases. Rick James seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Deputy Clerk, Cindy Holt presented the following 2021 Budget Requests: Contingency, \$2,325,000.00 (no change); Windfall, \$3,000,000.00 (no change); Historical Society, \$40,000.00 (no change); Special Building, \$75,000.00 (no change); DARE, \$775.00 (\$143.54 increase); and Crime Victim Assistance, \$0.00 (no change, no longer using this budget). After review and discussion, Mike Page moved to tentatively approve the 2021 Budget Requests as presented. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commission then discussed the 2020 Courthouse Budget Request, \$456,000.00 (\$142,400.00, increase). The increase is due to a proposed payroll system. Mike Page moved to tentatively approve the 2021 Courthouse Budget as presented. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, July 6, 2020. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

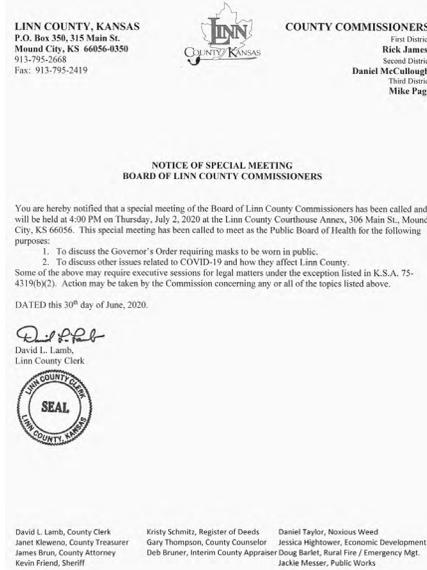
Commission Chair

Attest:

County Clerk

July 2, 2020

The Board of Linn County Commission met in special session at 4:02 PM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Linn County Courthouse Annex, Mound City, Kansas. Those present were Danny McCullough, Chair; Mike Page, Vice Chair; Rick James, Member; David Lamb, County Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Also present were: Doug Barlet, Tisha Coleman, Sheriff Friend, and various citizens of the County. Danny McCullough led the Pledge of Allegiance. Gary Thompson opened the meeting with prayer. Following is a copy of the Notice of Special Meeting:



Gary Thompson reviewed the Executive Order from the Governor concerning wearing masks in public. The Commission and Counselor then reviewed HB 2016, allowing the Board of County Commissioners to issue orders that are less stringent than the Governor's Executive Orders. Thompson then listed the following options: The Commission could do nothing, let the Executive Order take effect, enforcement would be through a civil process, not criminal; take steps to limit the order, exempt the County; eliminate some requirements but leave others; or eliminate requirement, but encourage businesses to set their own requirements. Thompson suggests discussing the effectiveness of masks, discussing the impact on civil liberties, discussing the degree of risk such as our at-risk population versus our low positive cases so far, the risks of requiring masks now versus total shutdown later, and the political symbolism of requiring masks.

Rick James discussed the lack of a way to regulate/enforce this order.

Tisha Coleman discussed our local situation, we currently have a total of 17 positive cases since the pandemic starting and now have two active cases. We have also had more trouble with contact tracing on recent cases. Two more states have been added to the Kansas list of required quarantine after travel. Kansas has seen an increase of cases since the Governor's orders changed to recommendations.

The Commission called the County Attorney to get his stance on the prosecution of violations of the Governor's Executive Order. Mr. Brun stated that if the Commission chooses to follow the order, he does have some discretion, but he will follow what he is required to do. Mr. Brun also stated that enforcement by law enforcement will be very difficult.

The Commission asked the public in attendance if they are in favor of the Governor's Executive Order. Only 3 people in the room were in favor of requiring masks, there were approximately 27 people in the room. Janet Kleweno stated that most people who are worried will wear masks. Another person commented on ADA requirements and accommodations. Another person stated he would fight for other's rights to wear masks and he would fight for other's rights to not wear masks. The next person stated that we should have more information about who is vulnerable and it is his own responsibility to take care of his own health, forcing mask wearing is wrong. The next person stated that she has a background in nursing and believes that it your right to choose if you wear a mask. Another person stated that we should trust people to make decisions for themselves. The final person commenting stated that we were seeing a decline in cases until the rioting issue, and now it has gone back up.

At 4:56 PM Mike Page moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 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 5:06 PM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 5:06 PM the executive session ended. As a result of the executive session, Gary Thompson read a proposed resolution exempting Linn County from Executive Order #20-52. Mike Page moved to adopt Resolution #2020-13, exempting Linn County from the Governor's Executive Order #20-52. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of Resolution #2020-13:

RESOLUTION # 2020-13

An Order Exempting Linn County, Kansas from the Face Mask Provisions of Executive Order 20-52

WHEREAS the Governor of Kansas has issued Executive Order No. 20-52, mandating the use of face masks in all public areas; and,

WHEREAS such mandate includes civil penalties for persons who do not wear face masks in public; and,

WHEREAS Kansas House Bill 2016, Section 33 authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to issue orders relating to public health that include provisions that are less stringent than the provisions of an executive order effective statewide issued by the Governor; and,

WHEREAS the board has consulted with the local health officials and following such consultation, the board has determined that the use of face masks in public is not necessary to protect the public health and safety of the county;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Commissioners of Linn County, Kansas, sitting both as the Board of Commissioners and as the Board of Health of the county, that the Board hereby determines and orders that the use of face masks in public is not required in Linn County, Kansas, and that Linn County shall be exempt from the face mask provision of Executive Order No. 20-52, but that citizens of the County are encouraged to use face masks when in public.

Adopted on this 2nd day of July, 2020.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS and BOARD OF HEALTH LINN COUNTY, KANSAS

Chairman

Member

Member



Attest: County Clerk

At 5:11 PM Danny McCullough 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 5:26 PM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 5:26 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

With nothing further on the agenda Danny McCullough moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, July 6, 2020. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commission Chair

Attest:

County Clerk

July 6, 2020

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:03 AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Linn County Courthouse Annex, Mound City, Kansas. Those present were Danny McCullough, Chair; Mike Page, Vice Chair; Rick James, Member; David Lamb, County Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Danny McCullough led the Pledge of Allegiance. Sheriff Friend opened the meeting with prayer.

Mike Page moved to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting and the July 2nd special meeting as printed. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve the Sheriff's Monthly Fee Report for June 2020 in the amount of \$7,237.50. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$367,317.86: General, \$166,119.72; Employee Benefit, \$123,577.08; Appraiser, \$8,394.33; Rural Fire, \$5,331.45; Road and Bridge, \$50,202.35; Law Enforcement Trust, \$315.76; County Health Dept., \$10,572.90; Elderly, \$2,731.90; and Sewer Dist. #1, \$72.37. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Nick Philpott reported on AMR's calls for the past month and their activities for the past week.

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 17 prisoners in house and 4 farmed out to other Counties. Sheriff Friend then reported on the previous week's calls and activities.

Jackie Messer reported on the Public Works activities for the week. Messer reported that he found two belly dump trucks and the crew has been trying them out.

Doug Barlet presented Resolution #2020-14, County Coronavirus Relief Fund. After Doug Barlet and Gary Thompson explained the resolution, Mike Page moved to adopt Resolution #2020-14 as presented. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of Resolution #2020-14:

County Coronavirus Relief Fund Resolution 2020-14

WHEREAS, securing the health, safety, and economic well-being of our residents is Linn County's top priority;

WHEREAS, Linn County is facing both a public health and economic crisis – the pandemic and public health emergency of COVID-19 – which has resulted in illness, quarantines, school closures, and temporary closure of businesses resulting in lost wages and financial hardship to Kansas citizens;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared a pandemic on March 11, 2020;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States pursuant to Sections 201 and 301 of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. § 1601, et seq, and consistent with Section 1135 of the Social Security Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 1320b-5), declared a national emergency that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency beginning March 1, 2020;

WHEREAS, as of this date, in Linn County there have been 18 reported positive cases of COVID-19, including no deaths with a likely second wave of COVID-19 cases expected in the Fall;

WHEREAS, the Linn County must remain flexible to account for the evolving nature and scope of the unprecedented public health emergency posed by COVID-19, while also simultaneously beginning the process of safety, strategically, and incrementally reopening business and facilitating economic recovery and revitalization;

WHEREAS, for the aforementioned and other reasons, and in recognition and furtherance of my responsibility to provide for and ensure the health, safety, security, and welfare of the people of the Linn County, Linn County has determined that the evolving public health and economic threats posed by COVID-19 require a proactive approach to provide immediate financial relief and long-term economic investment to communities within Linn County;

WHEREAS, in these challenging times, this Linn County will do whatever it can to avoid immediate dangers to the health, safety, and welfare of our constituents and prepare for future waves of COVID-19, including providing guidance and support for local municipal and educational entities who are making difficult and important decisions to protect the health and safety of their populations and facing significant economic challenges;

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2020 the State Finance Council approved the Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas (SPARK) Taskforce's proposal to distribute \$1,971,536 to Linn County help address the health and economic challenges inflicted by COVID-19 based on Linn County's population and impact from COVID-19 with funds provided for reimbursement of COVID-19 related costs and as direct aid unless otherwise approved by the SPARK Taskforce.

Be it resolved that, pursuant to the authority vested in the Linn County Board of County Commissioners, including the authority granted to this body by Resolution 2020-09, in order to

begin the process of safely, strategically, and proactively providing communities within Linn County the resources they need to both mitigating the spread of COVID-19 and invest in long-term economic recovery, Linn County Board of County Commissioners accepts any funds appropriated to Linn County by the State of Kansas through the State's Coronavirus Relief Fund pursuant to the following terms designed to ensure the lawful use of funds and transparency, equity, and accountability:

- Section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security ("CARES") Act, as codified in 42 U.S.C. § 801, provides the eligible purposes for which Coronavirus Relief Fund ("CRF") payments may be used. Under 42 U.S.C. § 801(d) funds may be used for:
 - necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
 - not accounted for in the budget most recently approved for the county as of March 27, 2020; and
 - incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020.
- The following are examples of public health expenditures allowed pursuant to paragraph 1.a. above and 42 U.S.C. § 801(d):
 - COVID-19 related expenses of public hospitals or clinics
 - COVID-19 testing and quarantine costs
 - Payroll of employees substantially dedicated to COVID-19 mitigation or response
 - Expenses for establishing and operating public telemedicine capabilities
 - Technological improvements to facilitate distance learning
 - Improving telework capabilities
 - Grants to small businesses to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by required closures
 - Government payroll support program
 - Unemployment insurance costs related to COVID-19
- The following are examples of public health expenditures NOT allowed pursuant to paragraph 1.a. above and 42 U.S.C. § 801(d):
 - Damages covered by insurance
 - Payroll or benefits for employees not substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to COVID-19
 - Expenses that will be reimbursed under any federal program
 - Reimbursement to donors for donating items or services
 - Workforce bonuses other than hazard pay or overtime
 - Severance pay
 - Legal settlements
- Additionally, as outlined in guidance issued by the Congressional Research Service on April 14, 2020, "Coronavirus Relief Fund payments may not be used to directly account for revenue shortfalls related to the COVID-19 outbreak. Such funds, however, may indirectly assist with revenue shortfalls in cases where expenses paid for by the Coronavirus Relief Fund would otherwise widen the gap between government outlays and receipts."
- To ensure the effective and timely oversight of local and state spending, and pursuant to a motion passed by the SPARK Taskforce on June 2, 2020, Linn County will comply with the following reporting and recoupment structure:
 - On August 15, 2020, counties will provide a first reconciliation of CRF funds. This reconciliation will constitute any additional receipts to be reimbursed through the CRF and a plan for spending the flexible direct aid and any unused funds provided to the county pursuant to the allowable expenditures outlined in 42 U.S.C. § 801(d). The SPARK Taskforce will approve the submitted direct aid spending plan in a timely manner upon receipt.
 - Additionally, any funds held by a county that have not been appropriated through the county's direct aid plan by August 15, 2020, for expenditures to occur prior to December 30, 2020, must be returned to the State for recoupment by September 15, 2020.
 - On September 15, 2020, counties will provide a second reconciliation of CRF funds. This reconciliation will constitute any additional receipts to be reimbursed through the CRF and an accounting of all additional spending as approved through their respective direct aid plan.
 - On November 1, 2020, counties will provide a third reconciliation of CRF funds. This reconciliation will constitute any additional receipts to be reimbursed through the CRF and an accounting of all additional spending as approved through their respective direct aid plan.
 - On December 1, 2020, counties will provide a fourth reconciliation of CRF funds. This reconciliation will constitute any additional receipts to be reimbursed through

the CRF and an accounting of all additional spending as approved through their respective direct aid plan.

- If a public educational or municipal entity has locations in more than one county, the entity should be treated as located in the county in which the entity's principal office or headquarters is located.

8. The COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately impacted racial minorities within the State of Kansas, illustrating long-standing health disparities for African-American, Latino, and other racial minority populations in the United States. Accordingly, Linn County will consider and incorporate efforts to address such disproportionate impacts on racial minorities in its direct aid plan.

9. As provided in 42 U.S.C. § 801(f), the Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury determines whether CRF payments have been used for eligible purposes. Fund payments that are deemed to have been used for ineligible purposes are treated as a debt owed by the implementing government to Treasury. This resolution signifies that, upon approval, Linn County agrees to cooperate with any audits or inquiries by the Department of the Treasury concerning CRF funds and agrees to pay any debt incurred to the Department of the Treasury due to ineligible expenditures of appropriated CRF funds.

10. Linn County understands that the United States Department of the Treasury or the Governor's Office of Recovery may issue guidance regarding the transfer, expenditure, reimbursement, or other use of CRF funds.

This document shall be filed with the Linn County Clerk. It shall become effective as of July 06, 2020.

Resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Linn County, Kansas this 06th day of July, 2020.

_____, Chairperson
 _____, Member
 _____, Member

ATTEST:

 County Clerk



Tisha Coleman sent a message about COVID-19 testing. As of Thursday, we have conducted 85 tests, 32 due to an outbreak in another County. There were no new hospitalizations, but we did have new positive tests, bringing our total to 18, 5 are currently active cases. Coleman's message also stated that last week's food drive had 180 vehicles with 548 people. There is some food left and she is reaching out to food pantries, vulnerable populations, and Churches.

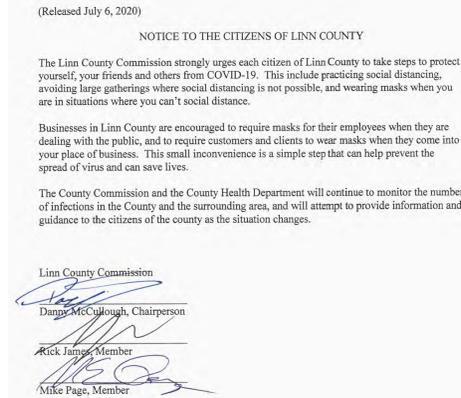
At 10:27 AM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss individual employees' performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the employee; and for 10 minutes 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 10:47 AM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Jackie Messer attended the executive session.

At 10:33 AM Jackie Messer left the executive session.

At 10:47 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Gary Thompson read a notice about the mask requirement from the State and Linn County's response. Danny McCullough moved to issue the notice as presented. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of the notice:



The Commission discussed the proposed advisory election/survey concerning wind farms.

The Commission reviewed the County Attorney Budget Request. Danny McCullough moved to tentatively approve the 2021 County Attorney Budget in the amount of \$355,395.00 (\$32,710.00 increase). Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commission and Clerk discussed the proposed budgets that have been submitted by the departments.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, July 13, 2020. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commission Chair

Attest:

County Clerk

July 13, 2020

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:01 AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Linn County Courthouse Annex, Mound City, Kansas. Those present were Danny McCullough, Chair; Mike Page, Vice Chair; Rick James, Member; David Lamb, County Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Danny McCullough led the Pledge of Allegiance. Jeff Fulk 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 add/abate/refund orders: #2019-102 through #2019-104. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commission reviewed the YTD Park Report for June 2020.

Mike Page moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$413,802.67: General, \$43,908.61; Employee Benefit, \$160.35; Appraiser, \$495.01; Rural Fire, \$4,931.91; Road and Bridge, \$360,732.40; 911 Telephone Tax, \$1,511.83; County Health Dept., \$1,622.45; and Elderly, \$440.11. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Chairman read a card from the Mound City United Methodist Church stating that they are praying for the County during this pandemic.

Mike Page read a request from the Lake Region Solid Waste Authority stating that they need an Alternate Representative from Linn County for their Board.

Jeff Boyd reported on AMR's calls for the past month and their activities for the past week.

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 15 prisoners in house and 8 farmed out to other Counties. Sheriff Friend then reported on the previous week's calls and activities.

Tisha Coleman reported that the Health Dept. has tested 41 people in the last week for COVID-19. We now have 18 positive cases in the County (6 cases are active). Coleman discussed testing and turn around time for the test results.

At 9:16 AM Public Comment. Scott Biggerstaff, stated that he has moved to the Sugar Valley Lakes area and is applying for our Noxious Weed Director position.

At 9:19 AM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss individual employees' performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the employee; and for 35 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 10:04 AM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Jackie Messer attended the executive session.

At 9:22 AM Jackie Messer left the executive session and Tisha Coleman entered.

At 10:04 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 10:05 AM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 20 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 10:25 AM. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Tisha Coleman attended the executive session.

At 10:09 AM Jackie Messer entered the executive session.

At 10:16 AM Jackie Messer left the executive session.

At 10:25 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Mike Page moved to appoint Danny McCullough as an Alternate Board Member to the Lake Region Solis Waste Authority. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jackie Messer asked to move Tod Moeller to the Asphalt Foreman position. Mike Page moved to promote Tod Moeller to the position of Asphalt Foreman at a wage of \$19.4255 per hour (Range 12, Step A). Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Messer then discussed upcoming interviews for the Noxious Weed Director position. Messer reported that the company that wanted to put windmills in Linn County has taken their test tower down and stated that they are no longer interested in Linn County. Rick James stated that if there is no current interest in Linn County, he is fine with not having an Advisory Election and letting the Comprehensive Plan handle the survey of the public. We do want confirmation in writing that the company is not interested in Linn County. Messer then reported on current Public Works projects. Messer also asked about purchasing a belly dump truck. Mike Page moved to allow up to \$39,500.00 to purchase a belly dump truck. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Doug Barlet informed the Commission that our disaster declaration is about to expire, but we can extend the declaration and have it remain in effect until it is terminated by the Commission. Rick James moved to adopt Resolution #2020-15, extending our disaster declaration. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of Resolution #2020-15:

RESOLUTION #2020-15

COVID 19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on the 16th day of March, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners of Linn County, Kansas declared there was a state of local public health emergency in Linn County, Kansas resulting in potential or occurring Pandemic known as COVID 19, in Linn County, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, such conditions continue to endanger the public health, safety and welfare of persons within the borders of Linn County, Kansas.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Linn County, Kansas:

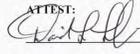
That the state of local public health emergency in Linn County, Kansas declared on the 16th day of March, 2020, shall continue and remain in effect until terminated by the governing body.

That the response and recovery aspects of all local disaster plans which are applicable to Linn County, Kansas and shall initiate the rendering of aid and assistance there under.

That any rights or powers lawfully exercised or any actions taken pursuant to local disaster emergency plans shall continue and have full force and effect as authorized by law until terminated in the manner prescribed by law by the governing body.

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LINN COUNTY, KANSAS THIS 13TH DAY OF JULY, 2020.

 , Chairman
 , Member
 , Member

ATTEST:




Barlet then discussed the SPARK funding and what we need to do. We need to have a committee to work on our reporting/funding requirements. The suggestions for a committee are David Lamb, Doug Barlet, Tisha Coleman, Kevin Friend, Jackie Messer, Jessica Hightower, and a Commissioner. All of the Commissioners stated that they are willing to help. The Committee will meet tomorrow at 10:00 AM to start working on the report and to discuss ideas. The Clerk also discussed the possible need of additional help for the administrative work for this funding and the effect of this funding on the County budget.

At 11:06 AM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss individual employees' performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the employee; and for 50 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 12:06 PM. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Doug Barlet attended the executive session.

At 11:20 AM Doug Barlet left the executive session.

At 12:06 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 12:07 PM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 20 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 12:27 PM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, Sheriff Friend, and Tisha Coleman attended the executive session.

At 12:22 PM James Brun joined the executive session by phone.

At 12:27 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 12:28 PM 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 12:43 PM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, Sheriff Friend, Tisha Coleman and James Brun (by phone) attended the executive session.

At 12:43 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 12:45 PM 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 1:00 PM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, Sheriff Friend, and Tisha Coleman attended the executive session.

At 12:47 PM Sheriff Friend left the executive session.

At 1:00 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Gary Thompson read a proposed Advisory Statement from the Linn County Board of Health/Linn County Commission. Rick James moved to issue the Advisory Statement as presented. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of the Advisory Statement:

ADVISORY STATEMENT FROM LINN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH:

July 13, 2020-

Summary of the Current Regulations and Recommendations regarding COVID-19 in Linn County:

1. Ad Astra Plan-

In order to protect the Citizens of Linn County and to help keep the businesses of the county open and the economy running, the Linn County Board of Health urges citizens to continue to follow the guidance found in the Governor's Ad Astra plan, Phase 3, which the Governor has extended.

The Ad Astra Plan, Phase 3, which is still in effect, continues to limit mass gatherings to no more than 45 persons (when social distancing is not possible/practical), and encourages practicing appropriate hygiene and social distancing.

2. Executive Order No. 20-52- Masks-

The Commission recently approved Resolution No. 20-13, which exempted Linn County from the Mandatory provisions of Executive Order No. 20-52. This means that the County will not enforce the Mandatory wearing of masks in public. However, the County Commission STRONGLY encourages residents to protect themselves and others, and contribute to the re-opening of our economy (and to keeping our economy open), by wearing masks in any situation where they are indoors in a public space or outdoors in a public space and cannot or will not be able to maintain at least a 6 foot separation from other persons.

3. Quarantines-

Linn County is required by state statute to take "all known measures to prevent the spread" of COVID-19. The statutes specifically require and authorize the Board of Health, through its staff, to issue Quarantine Orders to individuals who have been exposed to the virus. The goal of these quarantines is to isolate these individuals until it is clear that they are not infected, so that they do not spread the virus to friends, family and others during the "asymptomatic" period of the virus's life-cycle. There is a statutory appeal process for any person who is subject to a quarantine order.

The Linn County Board of Commissioners is concerned about the recent increase in infections in Linn County and surrounding counties, and around the State and Country, and will be watching the County's infection numbers closely to determine whether it appears that Linn Countians are being appropriately cautious about their social interactions. The Board appeals to the Citizens of Linn County to voluntarily protect themselves, their families, and others by continuing to follow the guidance offered above and in the Governor's Ad Astra plan, to wear masks where appropriate and to comply with quarantine orders when necessary.

Linn County Board of Health/Linn County Commission

Danny McCullough
Mike Page
Rick James

The Clerk and Commission discussed budgets and agreed to schedule a budget workshop next Monday afternoon.

With nothing further on the agenda Danny McCullough moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, July 20, 2020. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commission Chair

Attest:

County Clerk

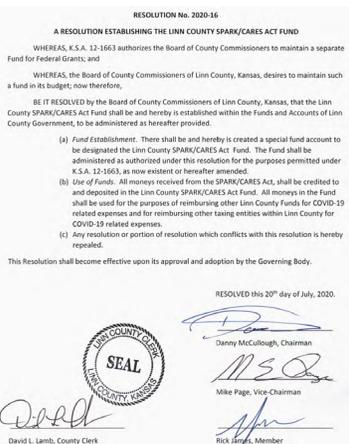
July 20, 2020

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Linn County Courthouse Annex, Mound City, Kansas. Those present were Danny McCullough, Chair; Mike Page, Vice Chair; Rick James, Member; David Lamb, County Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Danny McCullough led the Pledge of Allegiance. Sheriff Friend opened the meeting with prayer.

Mike Page moved to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting as printed. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$528,444.65: General, \$354,197.34; Employee Benefit, \$100,824.99; Appraiser, \$8,232.10; Rural Fire, \$6,399.44; Road and Bridge, \$46,832.13; Law Enforcement Trust, \$361.89; County Health Dept., \$9,847.14; Elderly, \$1,714.34; and Sewer Dist. #1, \$35.28. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk presented Resolution #2020-16, establishing the SPARK/CARES Act Fund in our accounting system. Danny McCullough moved to adopt Resolution #2020-16 as presented. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of Resolution #2020-16:



The Clerk gave the Commission a report from the Health Dept., stating that we have had 25 positive cases of COVID-19 in Linn County, 9 are still active.

Galen Anderson reported on AMR's calls for the past month and their activities for the past week. Anderson also reported that AMR has a Supervisor position that is open.

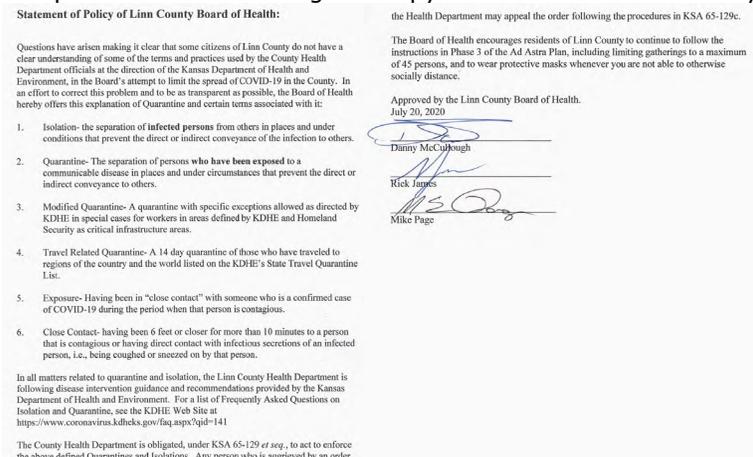
The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 13 prisoners in house and 11 farmed out to other Counties. Sheriff Friend then reported on the previous week's calls and activities and thanked AMR for their help with an accident this weekend.

County Treasurer Janet Kleweno presented the Interest Report and Delinquent Tax Report. 2020 2nd Quarter Interest was \$66,633.96, YTD Interest was \$253,714.64. Delinquent Real Estate Tax as of June 30, 2020 is \$780,025.94. Delinquent Personal Property Tax as of June 30, 2020 is \$38,570.01.

Doug Barlet discussed the weather for the week. Barlet reported that we had one additional case of COVID-19 this weekend, so we are up to 26 cases now. Barlet stated that he and Tisha Coleman have no authority to dictate how other organizations handle any public events. The Board of Health is the authority that can cancel or set restrictions on public events.

Jackie Messer reported that we received around \$2,200.00 from the sale of the picnic tables. This week Public Works is working on chip sealing roads. Messer and Sheriff Friend discussed enforcing traffic laws within lake developments. Messer also discussed various other projects the Public Works Dept. are working on this week.

Gary Thompson informed the Commission that we are closing on the house on 4th Street this week. Thompson presented documents that need to be signed by the Commission for the closing. Rick James moved to authorize the signing of the acknowledgement of the purchase of the property at 120 S. 4th St., Mound City, KS. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Thompson then presented a statement on the policies for quarantine and isolation due to COVID-19. Mike Page moved to approve the Statement of Policy of Linn County Board of Health as presented. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of the Statement of Policy:



At 10:04 AM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss individual employees' performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the employee; and 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 10:44 AM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Doug Barlet attended the executive session.

At 10:15 AM Doug Barlet left the executive session.

At 10:44 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 10:46 AM Rick James 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 11:16 AM. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Doug Barlet attended the executive session.

11:01 AM Doug Barlet left the executive session.

At 11:16 AM the executive session ended. As a result of the executive session, Rick James moved to enter into a contract with Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas for Physician Consulting Services in the amount of \$750.00 per month. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commission reviewed bids for Ambulance services. The only bid received was from American Medical Response (AMR). AMR bid the following 4 options: Option A - No change from current service, \$927,982.00 per year; Option B - Add a 3rd transporting ambulance with no other changes, \$1,119,503.00 per year; Option C - Current service with higher mileage allowance, \$895,000.00 per year; and Option D - Add 3rd transporting ambulance with higher mileage allowance, \$1,086,521.00. The Commission will discuss the options at next week's meeting.

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 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 12:03 PM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

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

The Commission and Clerk discussed the 2021 budget proposals. The Clerk informed the Commission that we will have to make significant cuts to the budget proposals to stay within our tax lid. The Commission will discuss the budget proposals again at next week's meeting.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, July 27, 2020. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commission Chair

Attest:

County Clerk

July 27, 2020

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:03 AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Linn County Courthouse Annex, Mound City, Kansas. Those present were Mike Page, Vice Chair; Rick James, Member; David Lamb, County Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Mike Page led the Pledge of Allegiance. Kevin Friend opened the meeting with prayer.

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

Doug Barlet reported that we now have 30 positive cases in the County (6 cases are active). Barlet also thanked everyone that has worked on the COVID-19 response.

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

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 10 prisoners in house and 10 farmed out to other Counties. Sheriff Friend then reported on the previous week's calls and activities.

Jackie Messer discussed Public Works projects for the week. Messer informed the Commission that we did get a \$40,000.00 reimbursement from FEMA for storm damage, the rest of the money (over \$600,000.00) should be coming in the next couple of months.

At 9:17 AM the Vice-Chair asked for public comment. Mike White asked about an AMR response with someone he knows. Galen Anderson discussed a complaint that was received about a month ago. Anderson stated that the incident is being investigated at the State level.

Mike Page moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$335,248.08: General, \$133,888.20; Employee Benefit, \$16.30; Appraiser, \$872.69; Rural Fire, \$2,857.42; Road and Bridge, \$196,538.66; County Health Dept., \$408.23; and Elderly, \$666.58. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

At 9:24 AM Mike Page moved to take a 5 minute break and then recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss individual employees' performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the employee; and for 40 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 10:19 AM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Jackie Messer attended the executive session.

At 9:39 AM Jackie Messer left the executive session.

At 10:19 AM the executive session ended. As a result of the executive session, Gary Thompson discussed the Governor's Executive Order requiring school districts to require students to wear masks. The State Attorney General has stated that under the Statute passed by the Legislature in May, Commissioners have the authority to overturn the Governor's order requiring masks in schools, and that schools have Home Rule Authority to make their own decisions regarding the Governor's Executive Order. Gary Thompson stated that in his opinion, the Commission should leave that decision up to the school districts. The Commission agreed that the decision should be left up to the school districts. Mike Page moved not to act on the Governor's Executive Order, leaving the decision up to the school districts. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

The Clerk and Commission reviewed the bid from AMR for ambulance service. The Commission will make a decision next week when all Commissioners are present.

The Clerk presented the 2021 Employee Benefit Budget Request in the amount of \$3,380,000.00 (\$306,000.00 increase). Rick James moved to tentatively approve the 2021 Employee Benefit Budget in the amount of \$3,380,000.00. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

The Clerk and Commission discussed the 2021 Budget proposals. The Clerk is still working on finalizing the 2021 Budget for approval to publish next week.

With nothing further on the agenda Mike Page moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, August 3, 2020. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

Commission Chair

Attest:

County Clerk

August 3, 2020

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Linn County Courthouse Annex, Mound City, Kansas. Those present were Danny McCullough, Chair; Mike Page, Vice Chair; Rick James, 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. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$253,023.54: General, \$125,220.06; Employee Benefit, \$54,621.29; Appraiser, \$8,027.49; Rural Fire, \$3,350.81; Road and Bridge, \$49,067.50; Law Enforcement Trust, \$298.31; County Health Dept., \$10,081.03; Elderly, \$2,339.87; and Sewer Dist. #1, \$17.18. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Galen Anderson reported on AMR's calls for the past month and their activities for the past week. Anderson also reported that they have established a helicopter landing at Louisburg.

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 11 prisoners in house and 10 farmed out to other Counties plus 1 on a mental health hold. Sheriff Friend then reported on the previous week's calls and activities.

Doug Barlet thanked everyone that has helped with the COVID response.

Tisha Coleman reported that we have had 35 positive cases of COVID-19 in Linn County, 9 are still active. Coleman also discussed the Governor's comments last week that she may go back to Phase 2. Coleman then reported that JoDee Smith has resigned and would like approval to advertise that position. The Commission agreed to allow Coleman to advertise for the position as requested.

Jackie Messer reported on the week's activities for Public Works. Messer discussed drainage issues around the 4-H Building. Messer will work on options and discuss with the Commission at a later meeting.

At 9:24 AM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss individual employees' performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the employee; and for 25 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 10:04 AM. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Jackie Messer attended the executive session.

At 9:32 AM Jackie Messer left the executive session and Tisha Coleman entered.

At 9:52 AM Tisha Coleman left the executive session.

At 10:04 AM the executive session ended. As a result of the executive session, Tisha Coleman discussed a grant from KDHE that can be used for a one time salary adjustment for Health Dept. employees at no cost to the County. Danny McCullough moved to pay the one time adjustment of 10% of salary to the Health Dept. employees that are working directly with the COVID response. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Commission discussed the ambulance service bids from AMR. The Commission and Clerk also discussed the proposed 2021 Budget. Rick James moved to approve the AMR Bid Option C, \$895,000.00 per year. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. After lengthy discussion on the budget, the Commission agreed to cut the Sheriff's request to add three additional Dispatchers in 2021. This will also result in a decrease in the Employee Benefit budget. The Commission also agreed to use the money that is available from that reduction to fund payments for a Medical Director/Consultant and to increase the road rock line item in the Road & Bridge Budget. The Commission also agreed to add a 1% COLA to the budgets. The result of these changes will cause a slight decrease in the County mill levy. The Clerk will make the requested changes and publish the Notice of Budget Hearing this week. The Budget Hearing will be held on August 17th.

With nothing further on the agenda Danny McCullough moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, August 10, 2020. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commission Chair

Attest:

County Clerk

August 10, 2020

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:04 AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Linn County Courthouse Annex, Mound City, Kansas. Those present were Danny McCullough, Chair; Mike Page, Vice Chair; Rick James, Member; David Lamb, County Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Danny McCullough led the Pledge of Allegiance. Sheriff Friend opened the meeting with prayer.

Mike Page moved to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting as printed. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve add/abate/refund orders: #2019-105 and #2019-106. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve the Sheriff's Monthly Fee Report for July 2020 in the amount of \$3,122.50. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$77,513.07: General, \$65,155.65; Employee Benefit, \$16.30; Appraiser, \$1,297.67; Rural Fire, \$3,875.40; Road and Bridge, \$1,413.33; 911 Telephone Tax, \$1,515.85; County Health Dept., \$2,133.57; Elderly, \$2,039.75; and Sewer Dist. #1, \$65.55. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

David Lamb reported that as of Thursday, we had 38 positive cases of COVID-19. There were three additional positive cases this weekend, bringing our total to 41.

Galen Anderson reported on AMR's calls for the past month and their activities for the past week. Anderson also presented a written report of July's calls and discussed other issues AMR is dealing with.

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 16 prisoners in house and 10 farmed out to other Counties. Sheriff Friend then reported on the previous week's calls and activities.

Mike Page moved to approve and sign a 3 year employment agreement with Jessica Hightower. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Doug Barlet reported on the weather for the week. Barlet also discussed the COVID-19 cases in the County.

Jackie Messer discussed projects the Public Works Dept. is working on. Messer suggested replacing a bridge at K31 and Botkin Road. Messer then presented a permit to bury water line requested by RWD #2 located on 600 Road, east of K52. Mike Page moved to approve Burial Permit #BP2020-06 as presented. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Gary Thompson presented applications for reduced dumping fees. Rick James moved to approve a request for reduced dumping fees from the City of Pleasanton for a property owned by Robin Umphenour, located at 917 Main St., Pleasanton, KS. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Mike Page moved to approve a request for reduced dumping fees requested by Tanglewood Lakes POA, but deny the request for the County to provide containers because Tanglewood Lakes POA is not a taxing entity. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Gary Thompson then presented a proposed resolution extending the moratorium on Wind Farms in the County. Mike Page moved to adopt Resolution #2020-17, extending the moratorium on Wind Farms until December 1, 2021. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of Resolution #2020-17:

RESOLUTION NO. ~~2019-04~~ 2020-17
A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE MORATORIUM IMPLEMENTED BY RESOLUTION NO. ~~2019-04~~
WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Linn County, Kansas, is charged with and empowered to regulate land use within the County; and
WHEREAS, there is growing interest in commercial Wind Energy Production in Linn County; and
WHEREAS, the regulation of Wind Energy Production falls within the land use regulation powers granted to the Governing Body of the County; and
WHEREAS, there is also significant growing opposition to Wind Energy Production in the County; and
WHEREAS, the County's current zoning regulations and current Comprehensive Plan does not address the issue of allowing or regulating Wind Energy Production; and
WHEREAS, the development and regulation of Wind Energy Production may impact property rights and land use in the County; and
WHEREAS, revisions to the County's zoning regulations and Comprehensive Plan are necessary for the County Planning and Zoning Board and the Governing Body to make reasonable and equitable decisions concerning the possible development of Wind Energy Production in the County; and
WHEREAS, in order to assure the quality and fairness of said revisions, the County Commission, the Planning and Zoning Board and County Zoning Staff need the opportunity to retain professional consultants experienced and knowledgeable regarding Comprehensive Plans, Zoning Regulations, and Wind Energy Production; and
WHEREAS, it may ultimately be advisable to conduct an advisory election or opinion polling in the County to ascertain the views of the citizens about Wind Energy Production; and
WHEREAS, the County Commission implemented a Moratorium on actions regarding Wind Energy Productions by the approval of Resolution No. ~~2019-04~~ and
WHEREAS, the County Commission and staff continue at this time to work on the needed Revision of the Comprehensive Plan; and
WHEREAS, the County Commission continues to study the need and procedure for conducting an advisory election on the Wind Energy issue; and

WHEREAS, the Moratorium implemented by Resolution No. ~~2019-04~~ will expire on December 1, 2020, before the completion of the Comprehensive Plan revision and before an advisory election could be reasonably scheduled;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF LINN COUNTY, KANSAS:

1. The Moratorium on accepting, processing, approving or disapproving applications for zoning changes to allow, disallow, or otherwise regulate wind energy production in Linn County, Kansas, is hereby extended to December 1, 2021, unless terminated earlier by a vote of the County Commission or unless extended by a vote of the County Commission.
2. This Resolution shall be effective as of its approval and publication in the official newspaper of the County.

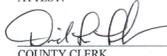
RESOLVED THIS 10 DAY OF August, 2020.


Danny McCullough, Chairman, Linn County Commission


Rick James, Commissioner


Mike Page, Commissioner

ATTEST:


COUNTY CLERK



The Commission, Counselor, and Andy Mayhugh discussed proposals to vacate roads. Pam Cannon has prepared Proposal to Vacate Road notices for the Commission to approve. Mike Page moved to approve publishing the Proposals to Vacate Roads for the roads formerly known as Cawby Road and Dottson Road, and to schedule the hearing for Sept. 14th. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following are copies of the Proposals to Vacate Roads:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LINN COUNTY, KANSAS

PROPOSAL TO VACATE ROAD

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the board of county commissioners that the following described stretch of road, to-wit:

Beginning at a point approximately 1480' south of the North Quarter Corner of Section 20, Township 19 South, Range 24 East, thence running south along the center of Section 20 to the South Quarter Corner of Section 20, Township 19 South, Range 24 East.

The above described road was laid out in 1894, and established 40 feet wide. The above road is a portion of the Cawby road described in Book 3 Page 200 of the county road records.

Is not a public utility by reason of neglect, non-use, and in-convenience; has become practically impassable, and the necessity for said road as a public utility does not justify the expenditure of the necessary funds to repair said road or put the same in condition for public travel; and

WHEREAS, the board of county commissioners proposes to vacate and abandon said road without benefit of formal petition and in accordance with Section 68-102a of G. S. 1949;

NOW THEREFORE it is proposed that said above described road be vacated, and the county clerk is hereby instructed to give notice of the proposed vacation by publication once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county, setting forth the description of said road proposed to be vacated.

ACTION will be discussed and taken by said board of county commissioners at their regular meeting on Sept. 14, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LINN COUNTY, KANSAS by

Attest: 
County Clerk




Chairman



BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LINN COUNTY, KANSAS

PROPOSAL TO VACATE ROAD

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the board of county commissioners that the following described stretch of road, to-wit:

Beginning at the SW corner of SE4 of SE4 of Section 19, Township 19 South, Range 24 East, (being the intersection of vacated Lewis Road, county road record Book 4 Page 69) thence running east along the south section line of Sections 19 and 20, terminating at the right bank of the Marais Des Cygne river in Section 20, Township 19 South, Range 24 East.

The above described road was laid out in 1894, and established 40 feet wide. The above road was the Dottson road described in Book 3 Page 116 of the county road records.

Is not a public utility by reason of neglect, non-use, and in-convenience; has become practically impassable, and the necessity for said road as a public utility does not justify the expenditure of the necessary funds to repair said road or put the same in condition for public travel; and

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LINN COUNTY, KANSAS by

Attest: 
County Clerk




Chairman



At 10:05 AM the Chair asked for public comment. None was given.

At 10:05 AM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss individual employees' performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the employee; and for 25 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 10:50 AM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 10:24 AM Doug Barlet entered the executive session.

At 10:42 AM Doug Barlet left the executive session and Jackie Messer entered.

At 10:50 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Doug Barlet asked for permission to order COVID rapid testing equipment for up to \$50,000.00. Mike Page moved to approve the purchase of the rapid testing equipment as requested. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 11:02 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 11:32 AM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 11:10 AM Larry Goldberg and Kevin Rost from Goldberg Group Architects entered the executive session.

At 11:32 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

At 11:33 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 12:03 PM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, Larry Goldberg, and Kevin Rost 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 Danny McCullough 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 12:19 PM. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, Larry Goldberg, and Kevin Rost attended the executive session.

At 12:19 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

With nothing further on the agenda Rick James moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, August 17, 2020. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commission Chair

Attest:

County Clerk

August 17, 2020

The Board of Linn County Commission met in regular session at 9:04 AM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Linn County Courthouse Annex, Mound City, Kansas. Those present were Danny McCullough, Chair; Mike Page, Vice Chair; Rick James, Member; David Lamb, County Clerk; and Gary Thompson, County Counselor. Danny McCullough led the Pledge of Allegiance. Jeff Fulk opened the meeting with prayer.

Mike Page moved to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting as printed. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Page moved to approve the following pays/special pays, totaling \$612,376.14: General, \$193,754.72; Employee Benefit, \$85,868.78; Appraiser, \$8,551.87; Rural Fire, \$9,001.43; Road and Bridge, \$299,599.85; Law Enforcement Trust, \$339.07; County Health Dept., \$12,081.46; Elderly, \$2,478.96; and Special Park & Recreation, \$700.00. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Jessica Hightower reported that we have awarded our first CDBG-CV grant for \$3,000.00 to Hand-Written Hair Studio. Rick James moved to allow the Chair to sign the CDBG-CV grant as presented. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Sheriff reported the current prisoner count. There are currently 13 prisoners in house and 6 farmed out to other Counties. Sheriff Friend then reported on the previous week's calls and activities.

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

Tisha Coleman reported that we have had 50 positive cases of COVID-19 in Linn County, 9 are still active.

At 9:18 AM Mike Page moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss trade secrets, pursuant to the trade secrets exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(4), concerning a potential new business in the County; and then for 15 minutes to discuss individual employees' performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the employee. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 9:43 AM. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Jessica Hightower attended the executive session.

At 9:30 AM Jessica Hightower left the executive session and Tisha Coleman entered.

At 9:43 AM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Gary Thompson read proposed Resolution #2020-18, declaring August 24th as a County-Wide Day of Appreciation for the Linn County Health Dept., Emergency Management, and others that have helped with the COVID-19 response. Mike Page moved to adopt Resolution #2020-18 as read. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following is a copy of Resolution #2020-18: (Signed copy will be scanned into minutes after the 8/24/20 meeting.)



Mike Page moved to approve overtime for Exempt Employees responding to COVID-19, retroactively effective to 8/9/20. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 9:50 AM Rick James moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting and reconvene as the Board of Canvassers. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Danny McCullough moved to appoint Courtney Calkins to the Board of Canvassers to replace Mike Page. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Election Officer David Lamb reviewed the results of the election and the Post-Election Audit with the Board of Canvassers. The Board of Canvassers then reviewed the 92 Provisional Ballots. Rick James moved to accept the recommendation of the Election Officer to not count 38 provisional ballots, and to count the remaining 54 provisional ballots provided the correct ballot style is in the envelope. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 10:14 AM the Board of Canvassers went to the Courthouse to run the provisional ballots through the ballot scanner. At 10:40 AM the Board of Canvassers returned to the Annex. The Clerk announces that there were 3 more ballots in the Provisionals that could not be counted, so the final count on Provisionals is 51 Yes, 41 No. Rick James moved to adjourn the Board of Canvassers' meeting, and reconvene the Board of Commission meeting. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

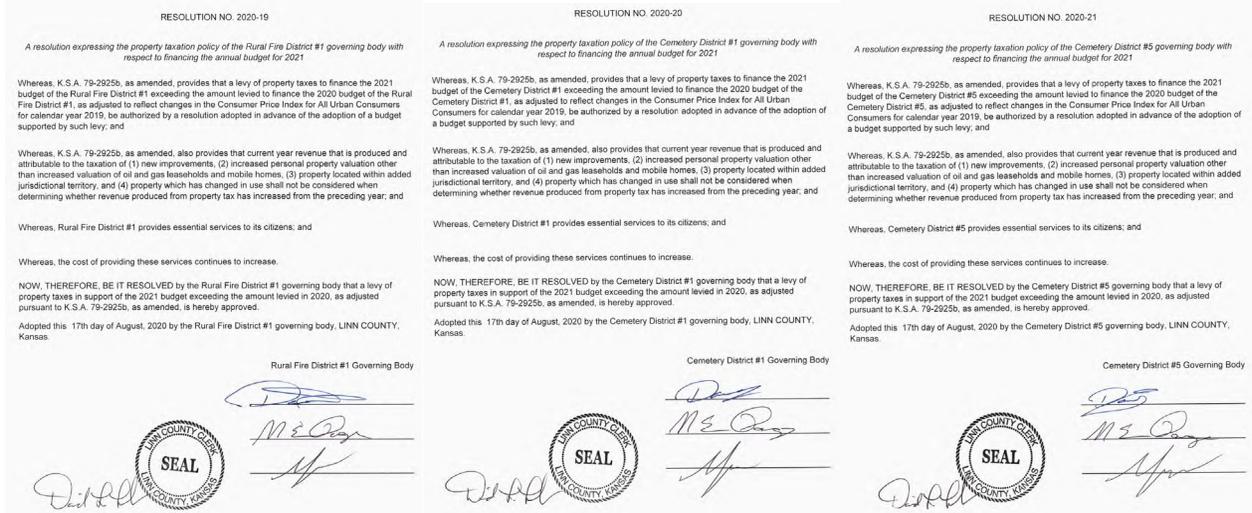
Jackie Messer reported on current projects for the Public Works Depts.

At 10:44 AM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss individual employees' performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the employee; and for 5 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 10:59 AM. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Jackie Messer attended the executive session.

At 10:59 AM the executive session ended. As a result of the executive session, Jackie Messer asked to hire David Southwick as the Noxious Weed Director at a wage of \$15.4206 per hour, Range 9, Step A. Mike Page moved to hire David Southwick as requested. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Messer also asked to hire Donnie Snyder as an Equipment Operator at a wage of \$15.4206 per hour, Range 9, Step A. Mike Page moved to hire Donnie Snyder as requested. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. (It was later discovered that Messer quoted an incorrect salary for Snyder, the correct salary is listed later in the minutes.)

At 11:09 AM the Chair asked for public comment. None was given.

At 11:09 AM the Chair opened the 2021 Budget Hearing. The Chair asked for public comment, none was given. At 11:10 AM the Chair closed the 2021 Budget Hearing. Mike Page moved to adopt Resolutions #2020-19, 2020-20, and 2020-21, all relating to the tax lids on special districts within the County budget. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Rick James moved to approve the 2021 County and Special Districts Budgets as published. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Following are copies of Resolutions #2020-19, 2020-20, and 2020-21:



At 11:17 AM Danny McCullough moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss individual employees' performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), to protect the privacy of the employee. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 11:32 AM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, Counselor, and Deb Bruner attended the executive session.

At 11:32 AM the executive session ended. As a result of the executive session, Rick James moved to hire Rachel Jackson as a Field Appraiser at a wage of \$14.2783 per hour, Range 8, Step A. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Rick James moved to increase Dustin Schuler to the Appraiser III position at a wage of \$16.6542 per hour, Range 10, Step A, due to additional training that Schuler has completed. Mike Page seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk, Commission, and SPARK Committee discussed the Cares Act/SPARK Funding and the reports that are due today. Mike Page moved to approve the submission of the SPARK Funding reports with adjustments to the building project and other obvious items to bring the funding within limits. Danny McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

After discovering an error in the wage requested for a new hire, Mike Page moved to approve the wage for Donnie Snyder at a rate of \$15.2181 per hour, Range 8, Step I. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

At 12:36 PM Mike Page moved to recess from the Board of Commission meeting into executive session for 20 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 12:56 PM. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Commission, Clerk, and Counselor attended the executive session.

At 12:56 PM the executive session ended. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

With nothing further on the agenda Danny McCullough moved to adjourn until 9:00 AM Monday, August 24, 2020. Rick James seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commission Chair

Attest:

County Clerk