

LYON COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
AUGUST 29, 2024

The Lyon County Board of Commissioners met in Action Session at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers with the following people in attendance:

Rollie Martin, Chairman
Ken Duft, Commissioner
Molly Priest, County Counselor
Vici Smith, Public Relations

Doug Peck, Vice Chairman
Amie Jackson, Deputy Clerk
Dan Williams, County Controller

Others attending the meeting:
Garrett Nordstrom, Southwick House
Bruce Boettcher, BG Consultants
Mike Maresh, Emporia Gazette
Emily Torres, Lyon Co. Attorney's Office

Susan Brinkman, Southwick House
Chip Woods, Lyon County Engineer
Scot Carson, Lyon Co. Appraisers Office
Dennis Paul, resident

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Motion: To Approve the Agenda as presented.

Martin/Duft 3-0

Motion: To Approve the Minutes of the 8-22-2024 meeting.

Duft/Peck 3-0

Motion: To Approve Warrants Payable 8-30-2024 in the amount of \$251,310.35.

Peck/Duft 3-0

Motion: To Approve Payroll Payable 8-30-2024 in the amount of \$385,853.89.

Martin/Duft 3-0

Motion: To Approve Payroll Withholdings Payable 8-30-2024 in the amount of \$251,696.62.

Martin/Peck 3-0

Appointments: no action taken.

Vici Smith, Lyon County Public Relations, presented Commissioners with information about the Renewal Service of CivicEngage and Audio Eye. Provided information on the services provided.

Motion: To Approve the Renewal Services of CivicEngage paid through CivicPlus in the amount of \$8,795.85 to be paid from account 044-00-9001.

Peck/Martin 3-0

Motion: To Approve Audio Eye Compliance package in the amount of \$4,620.00 from CivicPlus to be paid from Fund 044-00-9001.

Martin/Duft 3-0

Personnel changes: no action taken.

Permits: no action taken.

Garrett Nordstrom, Susan Brinkman and Bruce Boettcher presented Commissioners with a request to consider an application for the Southwick House Community Development Block Grant. They provided information about how the facility would be built and run. The plan is to come back in October and provide more information.

Chip Woods presented Commissioners with a request to consider a quote for geological services for the Cottonwood River Bridge.

Motion: To Approve the quote from Terracon for the geological services for the Cottonwood River Bridge on Road P in the amount of \$15,800.00 to be paid from the Special Bridge Fund 033-00-7601.

Peck/Duft 3-0

Public comment: No one present.

Break for 10 minutes.

Public Hearing for the Revenue Neutral Rate for the 2025 Lyon County Budget.

Note: Residents were present during the hearing process.

Motion: To Adopt Resolution 13-24, a Resolution of the County of Lyon, Kansas to Levy A Property Tax Rate Exceeding The Revenue Neutral Rate.

Martin/Peck 3-0

Motion: To Adopt Resolution 14-24, a Resolution of the County Library, Kansas to Levy A Property Tax Rate Exceeding The Revenue Neutral Rate

Martin/Duft 3-0

Public Hearing for the 2025 Lyon County Budget.

Dan Williams, Lyon County Controller, presented many facts on the budget for Lyon County for 2025. He presented that the mil was decreased by .54mil from last year.

Commissioners wanted to express their continued support to Newman Hospital, FHTC, Historical Society, SOS, Senior Centers, Soil Conservation, Extension Office, Crosswinds, CareArc, Fair Board, Corner House, Hetlinger, Main Street, Kanas Legal Services. Total appropriations are \$3,000,518.00.

Motion: To Approve and adopt the 2025 Lyon County Budget as presented.

Martin/Peck 3-0

Reports

Commissioner Martin:

- Attended the Counsel on Aging meeting on Monday afternoon
- Will attend JEDAC on Wednesday
- Thanked all staff, elected officials, and all involved for putting together the budget for next year
- Attended Beef Fest this past weekend

Commissioner Peck:

- No Report

Commissioner Duft:

- Attended Beef Fest
- Calls on road for residents

Deputy Clerk Jackson:

- No Report

Counselor Priest:

- Attended the Newman Regional Health Board meeting on Wednesday
- Lyon County Stepping up at Crosswinds on Tuesday
- Attended Little Lions ribbon cutting
- JEDAC next week

Controller Williams:

- Condolences to the Jackie Leffler family
- Sales Tax was ahead of plan and ahead of last month, yet behind last year at this time
- JEDAC next week

Motion: To move to Legal Executive Session with Commissioners, Counselor Priest, Dan Williams and Vici Smith for attorney client privileges to return at 11:15 a.m.

Martin/Duft 3-0

Meeting returned at 11:15 a.m.

Motion: To Adjourn.

Martin/Duft 3-0

There being no further business before the Board, the next Action Session will take place on September 5, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers.

Attest:

Affirm:

Amie Jackson
Lyon County Deputy Clerk

Rollie Martin, Chairman
Lyon County Commission