

LYON COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
DECEMBER 5, 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
Joe Torres, Deputy Clerk
Dan Williams, County Controller

Others attending the meeting:
Robbie Weiss, Facilities Director
Melissa Landis, Empower House Ministries
Amanda Davis, Gazette Reporter
Chris Bartel, Commissioner-elect
Christina Dains, resident

Chip Woods, County Engineer
Tobey Kelly, Sheriff's Department
Tagan Trahoon, KVOE Reporter
Bradley St. Bonnett, resident
Brandon Rains, 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 11-27-2024 meeting. Duft/Peck 3-0

Motion: To Approve Warrants Payable 12-6-2024 in the amount of \$223,017.65. Peck/Duft 3-0

Motion: To Approve Payroll Payable 12-6-2024 in the amount of \$486,921.15. Martin/Duft 3-0

Motion: To Approve Payroll Withholdings Payable 12-6-2024 in the amount of \$344,804.13.
Martin/Peck 3-0

Appointments: Next week we will be making two appointments to the Newman Regional Health Board. We need to find someone to represent Lyon County on the Emporia Enterprises Board.

Personnel changes: Commissioners reviewed the payroll and personnel changes for this week.

Motion: To Approve the payroll and personnel changes for 12-6-2024. Martin/Duft 3-0

Permits: no action taken.

Robbie Weiss, Lyon County Facilities, presented Commissioners with the bids for the Lyon County Courthouse IT Generator Installation project. BG Consultants, Inc. has made a recommendation to award the bid to Funk Electric Inc.

Motion: To Accept the IT Generator bid from Funk Electric Inc. in the amount of \$63,294.00 to be paid from the sales tax fund 017-00-9021. Duft/Peck 3-0

Chip Woods, Lyon County Engineer, presented the Commissioners with a quote from Alfred Benesch & Company for the 2025 Biannual Bridge Inspection. He also asked the commission to consider approving to send a request for proposals for a covered truck parking building at the Lyon County Highway Department. Protection of these trucks is not only a matter of ensuring operational efficiency but also a cost-effective investment in preserving essential assets.

Motion: To Approve the quote from Alfred Benesch & Company for our 2025 Biannual Bridge Inspection for \$251,000.00 with \$100,000.00 to be paid from the Special Bridge Fund 033-00-7601 and \$151,000.00 from the Road & Bridge Fund 011-00-7162. Martin/Duft 3-0

Motion: To Approve sending a request for proposals for a covered truck parking building at the Lyon County Highway Department. Duft/Martin 3-0

Vici Smith, Public Relations Manager, asked the commission to consider approving the renewal of Archive Social, our social archiving subscription for 2025. It was stated that this coverage, is an umbrella coverage over all of Lyon County's social media.

Motion: To Approve the renewal of Archive Social, our social media archiving subscription for 1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025 for a total of \$7,547.40 to be paid from account 044-00-9001. Duft/Peck 3-0

Public comment: Chris Bartel made it known that he has received negative feedback on the request for a covered truck parking building for the Road and Bridge Department. He also has received unfavorable comments on the request to pay the City of Emporia for the Quik Trip infrastructure.

Break until 10:00 a.m.

Dan Williams, County Controller, asked the commission to consider approving to pay the City of Emporia for the Quik Trip infrastructure as agreed. This is a previous agreement that was made about 2½ years ago. The commission made it known that they were very displeased with previous actions by the city and that they wanted to be very careful how they were to handle this payment to the city. After much discussion, it was decided rather than pay the city at this time, they would encumber the funds until sometime after the start of the project. Dan Williams was instructed to hold this money until directed by the commission to release it.

Motion: To Approve the encumbrment of money to pay the City of Emporia \$250,000.00 for the Quik Trip infrastructure as agreed from sales tax account 017-00-9001. This money is to be dispersed upon the completion of the infrastructure of the roadways for this project. This will be for Lyon County's part for economic development. Martin/Peck 3-0

Melissa Landis, Empower House Ministries, and Tagan Trahoon, Board Member, presented the Commission with an update on Empower House Ministries. They delivered a 2024 Commission Report to the Commissioners and thoroughly went over it. The commission expressed their appreciation to Melissa and Tagan for their hard and diligent work associated with Empower House Ministries.

Tobey Kelly requested the commission to approve paying TCS Upfitting for the installation of equipment to upfit 5 new Chevy Silverados for the Sheriff's Office.

Motion: To Approve paying TCS Upfitting for the installation of equipment to upfit 5 new Chevy Silverados for the Sheriff's Office \$51,310.76 to be paid from account 017-00-9031 and \$23,481.25 to be paid from account 010-17-7600. This would make the total cost \$74,792.01. Duft/Peck 3-0

Commissioner Martin:

- I attended the JEDAC meeting Wednesday morning.
- I attended the Emergency Response Team meeting to exchange information on how agencies are going to respond to the recent loss of jobs. I offered the use of the Anderson Building on the Lyon County Fairgrounds if needed. There will be another task force meeting next Wednesday at 8:00 a.m.
- I attended the Newman Regional Health Board meeting Wednesday afternoon.
- I will attend the annual Extension Council meeting on Monday.
- Next week we will have two meetings. There is a request for a road vacation and two department head evaluations that will be handled during these meetings.
- The Employee Recognition will be next Thursday at 11:00 a.m.

Commissioner Peck:

- I attended the Newman Hospital Board meeting Wednesday afternoon.
- Monday evening will be the Extension dinner.
- There will be a Community Corrections Board meeting Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. by Zoom.
- Republican Party meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the Annex.
- I will be attending the Road Viewing on Wednesday.
- I have an appointment at 1:30 p.m. with the RDA on Wednesday.

Commissioner Duft:

- I just returned from attending the KAC Conference in Wichita, Kansas.
- I will attend the annual Extension Council meeting on Monday.
- I will attend the Road Viewing next Wednesday.

Deputy Clerk Torres:

- No report

Counselor Priest:

- I attended the Economic Advancement Committee meeting Tuesday morning.
- I attended the KAC Conference in Wichita, Kansas this week.
- I will be attending the Extension dinner on Monday.
- I will attend the Stepping Up meeting at Cross Winds on Tuesday.
- Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. will be the Planning and Zoning Appeals Board meeting at the Annex.
- Next Wednesday and Thursday evening will be the Seasonal Celebration at White Auditorium.

Controller Williams:

- I attended the Economic Advancement Committee meeting.
- I attended the JEDAC meeting Wednesday morning.
- I attended the Newman Board meeting Wednesday afternoon.
- Gave the sales tax report.
- The last day for Commissioner Approval of capital expenditures is December 19, 2024.

Motion: To Adjourn.

Martin/Duft 3-0

There being no further business before the Board, the next Action Session will take place on Thursday, December 12, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers.

Attest:

Affirm:

Joe Torres
Lyon County Deputy Clerk

Rollie Martin, Chairman
Lyon County Commission