

LYON COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES  
OCTOBER 27, 2011

The Board of Lyon County Commissioners met in Action Session at 8:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers with the following people in attendance:

Scott Briggs, Chairman  
Teresa Walters, Commissioner  
Marc Goodman, County Counselor

Rollie Martin, Vice Chairman  
Tammy Vopat, County Clerk  
Dan Slater, County Controller

Others attending part of the meeting:  
Kay Calvert, League of Women Voters  
Jeff Cope, Sheriff  
Tobey Kelly, Security

Russ Morgan, Gazette Reporter  
Mark McKenna, Facilities

Call to Order

**Motion:** To Approve the Agenda as amended. Martin/Walters 3-0

**Motion:** To Approve the Consent Agenda as follows: Walters/Martin 3-0

- a) Approve the minutes of the 10-20-2011 meeting.
- b) Approve the Sheriff's Department purchasing a shredder for the records area from Dick's Business Machines for a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00, to be paid from Fund #17. (This shredder is a replacement of a shredder purchased in 1996).
- c) Approve the Utility Agreement from Westar Energy for Lyon County Bridge Project #56-C-4527-01. Lyon County Bridge #955.6-488.0.
- d) Approve Personnel Change Authorizations.
- e) Approve payment for Kansas County Appraiser's invoice, in the amount of \$1,788.30 to be paid from Fund #010-25-7652.

Reports

Commissioner Walters:

- Sunday I attended the 4-H Recognition. As always, it was great to help recognize the positive contributions of the 4-H youth and their families. The Club Leaders are also to be commended for their hard work and dedication to youth development.
- This evening I will be attending the Program Advisory Dinner at Flint Hills Technical College. This is an opportunity for the college to recognize the advisors for the programs offered at the college.

- Tomorrow evening I will be attending a reception at the ESU President's residence.
- Monday I will be attending the "Pink Heals" tour at Flint Hills Mall. Emporia was chosen as a site for this event, which will feature several pink fire trucks and other activities in support of the fight against all women's cancers, not just breast cancer.

Commissioner Martin:

- Attended the Fairground Improvement Committee meeting.
- Next Tuesday is the JEDAC meeting.
- We may look at possibly listing warrants payable on the website.

Commissioner Briggs:

- I will be attending a South East Region Emergency Management meeting in Greenwood County.
- Gave facilities directions to sign service agreement for the annual fire inspection.
- The second public meeting for mitigation planning will take place on November 9<sup>th</sup> at the sheriff's department.

Dan Slater:

- Will attend Flint Hills Technical Advisory Committee meeting tonight.
- Sales tax numbers were very good this month.

Mark Goodman:

- Yesterday I attended an SOS Summit meeting. The focus was calling upon proper and complete investigation and prosecuting those crimes.
- Next Wednesday I will attend a meeting in Topeka.
- Tuesday I will attend the JEDAC meeting.
- Another big surge of children being taken into protective custody along with juvenile crime.

Tammy Vopat:

- Waiting on Greenwood County to submit levies so I can finalize setting my levies in preparation of the tax bills. I will start the process tomorrow morning and plan to work through the weekend to finish up.

**Motion:** To Approve Payroll Payable 10-28-2011 in the amount of \$222,862.43.  
Martin/Walters 3-0

**Motion:** To Approve Payroll Withholdings Payable 10-28-2011 in the amount of \$244,784.85.  
Briggs/Martin 3-0

Dan Slater discussed the amount of warrants payable this week. Warrants included appropriations, Reading tornado and Bowyer Community Building expenses.

Commissioner Briggs: noted Reading tornado expenses should be reimbursed but the time period involved is a factor. Multi-Capital Outlay fund has not been funded for several years. Commissioner Martin indicated 89 disasters this year across the United States. Marc Goodman reminded commission that reimbursement from the government doesn't cover all the costs resulting from a disaster. Dan Slater discussed the importance of having a safety net with multi-year, without those dollars, how would the county have covered the costs of the tornado and accepting the gift of the Bowyer Community Building which incurred costs for the county also. Commissioner Martin discussed long term needs with road and bridge equipment. Challenges lie ahead.

**Motion:** To Approve Warrants Payable 10-28-2011 in the amount of \$1,013,282.60. Briggs/Walters 3-0

Jeff Cope: Discussion of purchasing policy, wanting the ability to take advantage of getting the best purchase price for vehicle purchases.

**Motion:** To Approve waiving the existing Purchasing Policy for the Sheriff's Department for 2012 vehicle purchases and authorization to move funds between line items in Fund #17 allocated to the Sheriff. Walters/Briggs 3-0

Discussion of multi-year: Commissioner Martin indicated a possible sales tax funding for multi-year. Marc Goodman recommended laying the groundwork with the legislature, allowing the ability to go over the cap with an election in August 2012. Commissioner Martin said misconception out there that money would be used for fairgrounds only but it will be used for reserve and capital improvements such as replacement of road and bridge equipment. We need to create a cash flow for the county and ask the legislature to waive the sales tax cap. Concerns of the condition of the jail was mentioned, Commission indicated they would like to start the groundwork to initiate the process with the legislators. Commissioner Walters asked about the timing with the money and mentioned the PBC options. Marc Goodman indicated commission should consider contacting bond counsel to ensure the existing PBC can act on behalf of the county. Commission directed counsel to organize bond council and Dan Slater to contact Dave Arteberry.

**Motion:** To move to Proprietary Executive Session with Commissioners, Mark McKenna, Tobey Kelly, Dan Slater and Marc Goodman, to return at 9:30 a.m. Briggs/Walters 3-0

Meeting reconvened at 9:30 with directions given to Mark McKenna and Tobey Kelly.

Break

Public Comment: no one present.

**Motion:** To move to Legal Executive Session with Commissioners, Marc Goodman, to return at 10:00 a.m. Briggs/Walters 3-0  
Meeting reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

**Motion:** To Adjourn. Briggs/Walters 3-0

There being no further business before the Board, the next Study Session will take place on November 2, 2011 and the next Action Session on November 3, 2011.

Attest:

Affirm:

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Tammy Vopat  
Lyon County Clerk

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Scott Briggs, Chairman  
Lyon County Commission