

LYON COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES  
MARCH 3, 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  
Dan Slater, County Controller

Rollie Martin, Vice Chairman  
Tammy Vopat, County Clerk  
Michael Halleran, Asst. County Counselor

Others attending part of the meeting were:

Rob Gilligan, Emporia Gazette  
Chip Woods, Road & Bridge  
Gary Stapp, Appraiser  
Sam Seeley, Zoning  
Chuck Boyce, I.T Dept.

Fred Kurzen, Road & Bridge  
Bruce Boettcher, BG Consultants  
Monica Springer, Emporia Gazette  
Jonathan Mullinax, I.T. Dept.

Call to Order

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

**Motion:** To Approve Warrants Payable 3-4-11 in the amount of \$121,453.48. Briggs/Walters 3-0

**Motion:** To Approve Payroll Payable 3-4-11 in the amount of \$217,291.25. Briggs/Martin 3-0

**Motion:** To Approve Payroll Withholdings Payable 3-4-11 in the amount of \$149,979.33. Briggs/Walters 3-0

**Motion:** To Approve the minutes of the 2-24-11 meeting. Briggs/Martin 3-0

Reports

Commissioner Walters:

- Thank you to all the department and staff that participated in the Emergency Management Exercise.
- City Commission is having a public meeting next Tuesday to discuss establishing a historic district in downtown Emporia.
- Unfortunate fire incident at the Americus Library.

Commissioner Martin:

- I was unable to attend the Emergency Management Exercise due to previous commitments.
- Last Thursday I met with KBS officials for the Bowyer Community Building contractors on scope of work.
- Monday I attended the Council on Aging meeting. LCAT shelters still in the plans and numbers of children being raised by their grandparents were discussed.
- Wednesday evening I attended the Lyon County Extension Board meeting, information on extension districts was discussed.
- I attended a Fairground Improvement Sub Committee meeting.
- Friday morning is the canvass for the primary election.
- Sales tax numbers were up.

Commissioner Briggs:

- I participated in the Emergency Management Exercise this week. This was a good learning experience.

Dan Slater:

- EOC was very time consuming but was good exposure to officials we will work with in this kind of situation.
- Month end has been started.
- New staff on board in the I.T. department.
- Sales tax numbers were good.

Michael Halleran:

- I will not be present during the canvass.

Tammy Vopat:

- The primary election went very well, voter turnout was 17%.
- Participated as the Public Information Officer for the Emergency Management Exercise this week. Very good information came from working together and brainstorming ideas.
- Advanced voting starts again on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Chip Woods & Fred Kurzen: Discussion of bridge replacement over Allen Creek.

**Motion:** To Approve Commission signing a contract with BG Consultants for Bridge Replacement Project 56 C-4528-01 (Project Number 08-SM), over Allen Creek on Road K, North of Road 190 and encumber the \$63,180.00 fee from the Special Road & Bridge Fund 033-00-7601. Briggs/Walters 3-0

Discussion of temporary road closing of Road U between Road 190 and Road 200.

Bruce Boettcher, BG Consultants: Discussion of the contract for the Rural Water District #1 and the Notice to Proceed.

**Motion:** To Approve the Commission signing the Contract Agreement and Notice to Proceed for the Rural Water District #1 Project. Walters/Martin 3-0

**Motion:** To move to Executive Session, Legal with Commissioners and Michael Halleran, to return at 9:15 a.m. Briggs/Walters 3-0  
Meeting reconvened at 9:15 a.m. with information.

Gary Stapp, Appraiser: Reporting on department updates. The overtime requested earlier was not needed and valuations were mailed on time with no extension needed. Overall the appraised real estate values are down approximately 0.5%. Addressing inequities in property valuations.

Break

Public Comment: Chuck Boyce introduced Jonathan Mullinax who has recently joined the I.T. Department.

Discussion of donation of monies to the After Prom and Graduation Parties for each area high school. Commission noted that a request from the schools is required and also the money donated is non-tax dollars.

**Motion:** To Approve monies from the Drug Forfeiture Fund 85 in the amount of \$1,500.00 to each area high school for Alcohol and Drug Free "After-Prom Parties" for Spring 2011, upon a request being received by the Lyon County Attorney's Office. Briggs/Martin 3-0

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Commissioner Walters discussed the Downtown Wellness Program. This program may involve and include local businesses, more information to follow.

**Motion:** To move to Executive Session, Legal, with Commissioners, Michael Halleran, Sam Seeley and Dan Slater, to return at 10:30 a.m.

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Meeting reconvened at 10:30 a.m. with a request for an extension until 11:00 a.m. Briggs/Walters 3-0  
Meeting reconvened at 11:00 a.m. with directions given to Michael Halleran. Briggs/Walters 3-0

**Motion:** To Adjourn.

Briggs/Walters 3-0

There being no further business before the Board, the next Study Session will take place on March 9, 2011 and the next Action Session on March 10, 2011.

Attest:

Affirm:

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Tammy Vopat  
Lyon County Clerk

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Scott Briggs, Chairman  
Lyon County Commission