

SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION

DATE: June 02, 2014
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
CALL TO ORDER: Chair Linenbroker
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chair Linenbroker
INVOCATION: Rex Petty (Liberal Ministerial Alliance)
LOCATION: 515 N. Washington
Commission Chambers
Liberal, KS 67901

PRESENT
COMMISSIONERS: Ada Linenbroker
C.J. Wettstein
Jim Rice
Doug LaFreniere
Randy Malin

COUNTY
ADMINISTRATION: April Warden

LEGAL COUNSEL: Dan Diepenbrock

CLERK'S OFFICE: Stacia D. Long

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Ivanhoe Love gave an update on the Truancy Program. He introduced three of the Truancy Officers who had students present to visit with the commissioners about what the program has done for them.

1. APPROVE AGENDA: ADDITION/DELETIONS

Commissioner Rice moved to add Agenda Item Rodeo/Fair Association 4A to the agenda and to approve the agenda. Commissioner LaFreniere seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

ITEMS	DATE	AMOUNT	NUMBERS
Minutes (Special Mtg)	May 13, 2014	N/A	N/A
Minutes	May 19, 2014	N/A	N/A

Payroll	May 12, 2014	\$299,411.47	N/A
Payroll (Sage/OK)	May 12, 2014	\$ 19,938.19	N/A
Vouchers	June 02, 2014	\$267,247.26	156957-157169
Abates	June 02, 2014	\$ 7,512.54	N/A
Escapes	June 02, 2014	\$ 747.04	N/A
Crossing Permits	June 02, 2014	N/A	14-18

REQUISITIONS

DEPARTMENT	ITEM	VENDOR	AMOUNT	LINE ITEM
County Technology	(4)Computers/App	HP Direct	\$6,803.55	4-100-31166-250
County Technology	(2)Computers/Clerk	HP Direct	\$2,683.45	4-100-31166-250

Commissioner LaFreniere moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Malin seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

3. NEW EMPLOYEES

None Present

4. THERMAL IMAGE CAMERA

Commissioner LaFreniere moved to approve the purchase of a Thermal Image Camera in the amount of \$9,639.00 from Conrad Fire Equipment for the Fire Department, with funds to come out of the Rural Fire Equipment. Vice Chair Wettstein seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

Mike Rice, Rural Fire chief advised that he would be seeking bids for replacement of the 2008 Vehicle in his department. He advised that they will be looking for a truck with a Utility Body because they are heavier and can store more equipment. They will be keeping the 2008 truck as a spare.

4A RODEO/FAIR BOARD

Ty Lewick, Treasurer for the Seward County Five State Free Fair Association addressed concerns he had with the recent activity in trying to bring a PRCA Rodeo to Seward County. Lewick explained the displeasure of the Fair Board regarding a Commissioner and a lady named Renae who are going out and soliciting donations to put on a PRCA Rodeo, leading businesses to believe they are representatives of the Fair.

Mr. Lewick expressed the Fair Associations apprehensions with this as they have to go out in our community and raise a large amount of money to put on events at the Fair and that Commissioner Wettstein and Renae's actions is undercutting their

fundraising and making it look like they do not know what is going on.

Lewick went on to explain that the Fair Association was interested in putting on a PRCA Rodeo, however backed out when Seward County was going to have ownership of the rodeo. Lewick stated the Fair Association felt they should have ownership of the rodeo if they were the ones going to put it on and pay for it. The Fair Association had come to the Commissioners in a prior meeting asking for additional funding to put on the Rodeo and the Commission denied their request. Lewick also explained that even if ownership with the rodeo could have been worked out, the Fair Board was running out of time to successfully get everything lined out with the rodeo and their funding had also been allocated to other events before the rodeo was presented to them as a possibility. The Fair Association is interested in the PRCA Rodeo being a part of the Fair in future years.

Commissioner Wettstein responded to Lewick's concerns stating a Rodeo Group, Limited Partnership has been formed to bring an annual PRCA Rodeo to Seward County. Wettstein stated after several attempts and scenarios presented to the Fair Association for them to put on the rodeo and the Commission deciding that the County should not put on a rodeo, about 12 individuals came together to form the Rodeo Group and bring the PRCA Rodeo to Seward County.

Wettstein continued to say the rodeo group is made up of private citizens and that only one business had been asked to make a donation, and that was the bank in which the rodeo group was opening up their checking account in. Wettstein explained that if businesses and numerous individuals are stating they have been hit up by him, Renae, or anyone in their group to solicit funds on behalf of the Fair Board, they are lying.

Wettstein explained his efforts and the efforts of the rodeo group was to simply bring a rodeo to Seward County as they see the importance of bringing local events to our community and it wasn't going to happen without their efforts and investment of their own money. Each of the 12 individuals of the rodeo group have each invested their own money.

Commissioner LaFreniere wanted to know what could be done to put an end to the allegations taking place and for everyone to work together. Mr. Lewick stated he felt there was miscommunication and the issue had been resolved.

No action was taken on this item.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Legal

Commissioner Malin moved to recess into executive session for consultation with our attorney which would be deemed privileged in the attorney client relationship under K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) for 10 minutes, to include Dan Diepenbrock, County Counsel and April Warden, County Administrator and Brock Theiner, Landfill Director. To reconvene in the Commission Chambers at 6:41 p.m. Vice Chair Wettstein seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

The meeting recessed into Executive Session at 6:31 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 6:41 p.m.

No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session

6. ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

April Warden, County Administrator presented an update to the Commission.

7. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Each of the Commissioners had an opportunity to report on liaison meetings they had attended during the last two weeks.

8. SUGGESTION CARDS

There were no suggestion cards.

ADJOURN

Commissioner LaFreniere moved to adjourn. Vice Chair Wettstein seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Ada Linenbroker, Chairperson
Seward County Commission

Stacia D. Long
Seward County Clerk