

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE GEARY COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
July 8, 2019

Commissioners Present: Keith Ascher, Ben Bennett and Charles Stimatze

Others present: Therese Hoff, Deputy County Clerk and Steve Opat, County Counselor

Chairman Stimatze called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mickey Dean, EDC Director and Craig Bender, MAC Director, and Jeff Underhill, Junction City Commissioner and Chamber Board Treasurer, presented the quarterly update and the 2020 Budget Request:

- Mrs. Dean reported on travels to recruit new businesses. Reviewed the EDC prospect report. Mrs. Dean stated there are a couple smaller prospects coming back to view buildings and space. Ms. Dean stated it has been very busy. She also stated companies are wanting buildings, which are in short supply.
- Mr. Bender gave the MAC Directors Report. Mr. Bender stated MAC continued to focus on job creation, spreading the positive word in our community, working with Fort Riley on Intergovernmental Support Agreements, and working with Region Reimagined on talent recruitment and retention.
- Mr. Bender stated he has met with the High School Soccer coach about continuing to put together a program to start a traveling soccer league in Junction City.
- A general discussion was held regarding aTa Bus services and businesses in the area.
- Mrs. Dean discussed 2020 EDC budget highlights. She is asking for \$365,000.00, which she feels is a reasonable operating budget for the EDC to operate adequately in this community. This budget does not take into account potential annual increases such as rent and utilities. EDC is utilizing \$45,000.00 in carry over in 2020, which is down \$8,000.00 from last year's estimate, to help supplement the deficit but that carryover is depleting and are trying to prepare and reach this income level over the next few years while still being able to expand and improve the capabilities of the division. Mrs. Dean reported there will be approximately a \$21,000.00 increase annually (4 years) for EDC website. There is a \$10,000.00 increase to Conventions & Professional Development to eliminate relying on JC1 for the Director's recruitment travel. This helps JC1 be better prepared to assist with actual project needs as they arise.
- Chairman Stimatze explained how the valuation of Geary County actually went up about 3 million, but there is about 1 million of value that could be lost due to BOTA appeals. He is hoping to get information about final numbers for the EDC and MAC budget by the end of the month. Mrs. Dean stated she thinks it is a conservative budget request for EDC and MAC, and would allow them to benefit Geary County citizens, by creating jobs and bringing industry to Geary County. Mrs. Dean and Mr. Bender left the meeting.

Vanessa Gray, Animal Shelter Director arrived at the meeting.

Jon Thummel, Human Resources Director, presented the weekly report:

- Reported the Director of Community Corrections is requesting the creation of PCN DC1017 as a Juvenile Program Specialist for the fulfillment of their newly awarded reinvestment grant.
Commissioner Bennett moved to approve the creation of the Juvenile Program Specialist for Community Corrections; Commissioner Ascher seconded, and all voted aye.
- Reported that due to an impending departure in August 2019, the Animal Shelter Director is requesting the reclassification of AS1002, Assistant Animal Shelter Director to a Kennel

Technician Lead-worker. The anticipated savings from this request is \$1,850.00, plus benefits on an annual basis. Since the current person in AS1002 is leaving in August, the Animal Shelter Director is requesting to double fill the position to achieve adequate training for a period of approximately four weeks. **Commissioner Ascher moved to approve the reclassification of PCN AS1002 at the Animal Shelter; Commissioner Bennett seconded, and all voted aye.** Ms. Gray left the meeting.

- Reported there will be three days of website training for the County's new website this week. Mr. Thummel left the meeting.

The meeting recessed for lunch from 12:01 p.m. to 1:16 p.m.

Rebecca Nordyke, County Clerk, presented the weekly report:

- Presented Commission Change Orders for approval. **Commissioner Ascher moved to approve Commission Change Orders 2018-656 through 2018-658. Commissioner Bennett seconded, and all voted aye.**
- Discussed the different funds which the commission asked Clerk Nordyke to contact. She will contact the department heads about reductions or changes to their 2020 Budget, which was discussed during the work session last Friday. The commission stated the filling of vacant positions must go through Human Resources, as well as receive commission approval.
- Clerk Nordyke went over the Employees Benefits Fund and cash carryover.

Kay Schmidt, CPA, and Jon Thummel, Human Resources Director arrived at the meeting.

Kay Schmidt, CPA, discussed the 2020 budget:

- Reviewed updated numbers for the 2020 budget that were received in various funds.
- Commissioners asked Mrs. Schmidt about cash carryover, and she explained why the county needs to have adequate cash carryover.
 - Clerk Nordyke informed the commission of the following: Industry standards say to have 3-6 months worth of funding in the budget. The commission instructed Clerk Nordyke to inform the departments to: limit spending and analyze 2019 expenditures for any reductions & provide to Clerk Nordyke by July 17, 2019. If none are provided, the commissioners will make the reduction.
- Mrs. Schmidt stated if the County Departments have more cash carryover than anticipated, it helps the budget for the next year. Mrs. Schmidt and Mr. Thummel left the meeting.

Troy Livingston, Zoning Administrator, presented proposed text amendments to the Geary County Zoning Regulations:

- Discussed parking regulations in the county. There are citizens parking in county right-a-ways or on the road. There is nothing in county regulations with explicit language about parking in the county. This topic was brought up to the Planning Commission, and the question came up about farmers parking equipment in the right-a-way during harvest or working in the fields. Mr. Livingston said that would be a temporary instance and not included in these regulations. KDOT regulations say no parking in right-a-ways, and if violated, a \$10.00 fine would be assessed. The Planning Commission had no problems with making regulations for parking in rural right-a-ways. Mr. Livingston stated violation of county zoning regulations needs to have a consequence of some type. He said to send the violators a letter, stating the vehicle or equipment needs to be moved by a certain time frame, if they don't move it, a fine would be assessed. **Commissioner Bennett moved to approve Resolution 07-08-2019-A- Resolution amending the zoning regulations of Geary County, Kansas regarding parking-to include language explicitly prohibiting parking**

on roads and/or public rights-of-way in the unincorporated portion of Geary County; Commissioner Ascher seconded and all voted aye.

- Discussed the current zoning regulation limiting the minimum lot area for suburban residential lots to 3 acres. Mr. Livingston stated this needs to be changed to 5 acres to promote more development in the county. Mr. Livingston brought it up to the Planning Commission to have it changed it to 5 acres. The Planning Commission agreed to the change. **Commissioner Bennett moved to approve 07-08-2019-B; A Resolution amending the zoning regulations of Geary County, Kansas, regarding maximum lot size for the Suburban Residential District; Commissioner Ascher seconded and all voted aye.** Mr. Livingston left the meeting.

The press conference was held.

Commissioner Ascher moved to approve Resolution 07-08-2019 appointing Dr. Jimmy Jenkins as District Coroner, with the term beginning 07-01-2019 until 07-01-2023; with a base compensation of \$8,000.00 annually, and \$250.00 for each call, subject to review each year of this appointment; Commissioner Bennett seconded, and all voted aye.


Deputy Clerk Hoff presented Commission Meeting Minutes for approval:

Commissioner Bennett moved to approve the commission minutes from July 1, 2019; Commissioner Ascher seconded and all voted aye.

The meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.



CHAIRMAN-COUNTY COMMISSION
CHARLES STIMATZE



DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK
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7-29-19

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