

Pawnee County Commissioners

Minutes

January 10, 2022

Present: Commissioners: Lewis, Hammeke, Rein and Clerk Rein

9:02 Meeting was called to order.

Clerk Rein presented draft minutes for corrections and review, payables vouchers and checks for the 13th month as well as for calendar year 2022, clerks report, interim statement, agenda.

Motion by Rein to nominate Deborah Lewis for the Chair position of the Pawnee County Commissioners for year 2022. Motion passes 2-0.

Motion by Hammeke to nominate Bob Rein for Vice Chair of the Pawnee County Commissioners for year 2022. Motion passes 2-0.

Motion by Rein, seconded by Hammeke to adopt resolution 2022-R-001, a resolution Waiving GAAP Procedures for Fiscal Year 2022 as presented. Motion passes, 3-0.

Motion by Rein, seconded by Hammeke to use Larned Tiller and Toiler as the official newspaper for Pawnee County. Motion passes. 3-0.

Motion by Rein, seconded by Hammeke to declare Fusion Bank, Farmers Bank and Trust, Equity Bank and Bank of the West as the official depositories for Pawnee County. Motion passes, 3-0.

9:56

Sheriff King and Undersheriff Atteberry met with the Commissioners, also present for the meeting was County Attorney McNett and Buddy Tabler, Larned Tiller and Toiler. Sheriff King and Undersheriff Atteberry presented expenses for John Freeman Colts escape for Pawnee County Sheriff's Department. Sheriff King is requesting a letter and expenses be sent to the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability, c/o Laura Howard, Secretary of Kansas Department for Aging and Disability, with a carbon copy sent to Governor Laura Kelley.

Sheriff King presented the breakdown of cost and wages to the Commissioners for John Freeman Colt Case. Sheriff King stated this cost included the trip to Utah to interview Mr. Colt as well and the U-Haul rental needed to bring back evidence. Sheriff King updated the Commissioner on where Mr. Colt is currently being held. County Attorney McNett stated that he has been federally indicted.

The Commissioners agreed to compose a letter to send with copy of the expenses to the State of Kansas, Department for Aging and Disability for the expenses incurred in the John Freeman Colt Case.

Sheriff King and Undersheriff Atteberry spoke of the most recent escapee. Sheriff King stated the farmers alert went out prior to Larned State Hospital contacting 911 Dispatch. Undersheriff Atteberry stated that is one of his talking points at the meeting with Larned State Hospital on Tuesday. Commissioner Rein asked if he could also attend, Commissioner Rein plans on attending.

Sheriff King discussed the daily census at the Larned State Hospital has decreased from 72 to 62, and they were notified that they would not be accepting any new patients. Sheriff King spoke of the Mental Health Crisis for the public and those incarcerated that they lower numbers do not help those in need.

Chair Lewis asked if a meeting needed to be set up between the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services needed to be set up. Discussion took place. Chair Lewis will contact Steve Kearny, Kearney and Associates to set this meeting up.

10:40

Tim Taylor, Maintenance Supervisor spoke to the Commissioners regarding the quotes from Larned K-Lawn, LLC for lawn service for the Courthouse lawn. Tim stated to the Commissioners that Pro Green no longer comes to Larned. Discussion took place.

Motion Rein, seconded by Hammeke to approve the contract for the 4-step application to be paid out of County General Fund. Motion passes, 3-0.

Tim also discussed job descriptions. Commissioners requested that he revise the job descriptions and bring them to the Commissioners for approval.

Kurt Demel, Road and Bridge, Noxious Weed and Zoning Department Head approached the Commissioner to sign a new employee's payroll change notice.

Motion by Rein, seconded by Hammeke to accept the payroll change notice dated 1/11/2022 for Road and Bridge Department as presented. Motion passes, 3-0.

Discussion took place regarding ILS and the previous conversation last week. Kurt stated the letter is for liability if there is a waste spill that ILS would be responsible for the cleanup.

Kurt informed the Commissioners that he is sending an employee to Noxious Weed School.

Kurt stated he and an employee will be in Topeka March 1-3, 2022, for the Annual Noxious Weed conference to get recertified to spray.

11:00

Cheryl Hoberecht, Pawnee County Health Department Head met with the Commissioners to ask if they could meet as the Board of Health.

11:03

Commissioners recessed as Pawnee County Commissioners and Came to Order as the Board of Health. Also present for the meeting was County Attorney McNett, and Larned Citizen Lindsey Perez.

Cheryl explained presented the KDHE Recommendations for Isolation & Quarantine with the new CDC guidelines. Chair Lewis asked Ms. Perez if she had something to add or if she was here to be informed. Ms. Perez presented information on vitamins and other regiments that are researched to be helpful to prevent COVID 19. The Commissioners thanked Ms. Perez for information.

Discussion took place regarding the new recommendation for Isolation and quarantine. The five days and masking for 5 days per the new CDC guidelines.

Motion by Hammeke, seconded by Rein with further discussion to follow the recommendations for isolation and quarantine for the Pawnee County Health Department guidelines as a response to COVID-19. Additional discussion took place regarding the recommendations. Motion pass, 3-0.

11:14

Motion to Adjourn as Board of Health and reconvene as Pawnee County Board of Commissioners.

11:14

Cheryl updated the Commissioners on the current COVID-19 numbers: 67 cases in the past 14 days, 34 cases in the past 7 days, 43 cases in the past 10 days, 19 cases in the past 5 days. Cheryl stated that Barton County has identified an Omicron case.

Discussion took place regarding upcoming deadlines for the Pawnee County Health Department such as grants and reports. Cheryl stated she would like to use some of her grant funds to repaint and get new carpet for the health department.

11:23

Steve Lewis, Comfort Systems updated the Commissioners on the work completed on the boiler. Steve stated that the project came in about \$1,000.00 under the estimated amount.

Steve presented information regarding the Hot Water loop which heats the jury room and the large courtroom. Discussion took place.

Steve stated the Treasurer's office is getting a sewer smell, which is being caused by the sewer line that is split on the top.

Clerk Rein presented change orders from the appraiser's office, and the report from the storm damage assessments.

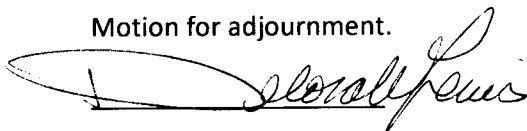
Motion by Rein, seconded by Hammeke to approve change orders 2021-21 through 2021-35 as presented. Motion passed, 3-0.

Clerk Rein presented a grant check that has been awarded to the Burdett Fire Department. Clerk Rein stated that a letter was attached to the grant application stating Pawnee County could do an in-kind match of \$1,000.00. Commissioners as well as Clerk Rein stated they were unaware of this grant application. It was discussed that Emergency Management Director wrote the letter for the in-kind match. Chair Lewis asked Clerk Rein if she could please obtain a copy of the letter that was attached to the grant application. Chair Lewis asked that the check be held on to until further information is received.

Clerk Rein wanted to discuss the support agreement from Manatron (Augmentum). Clerk Rein informed the Commissioners that Debbie from Computer Information Concepts, Inc (CIC), thought the Courthouse would be fully functioning with CIC by June 1, 2022. Clerk Rein requested a letter to cancel current software support.

12:01

Motion for adjournment.



For the Board:
Chair, Board of Commissioners



Attest:
County Clerk