

Pawnee County Commissioners
Minutes
January 17, 2022

Present: Lewis, Rein, Hammeke

Called to Order, with the pledge of the Allegiance.

9:06am

Clerk Rein presented payroll report with Checks, payable vouchers with check, draft minutes for review and corrections, approved minutes for signature.

Commissioner Lewis opened the meeting reviewing the updates from the previous week. Commissioner Lewis stated that Steve Kearny and Associates are available for a meeting on January 26th, February 2nd, or 3rd. Commissioner Lewis stated that she spoke with Sheriff King regarding Emergency Management while Deputy Huff is in training, Commissioner Lewis stated the "go to" person would be Register of Deeds, Joel Davis.

Discussion took place regarding the Airport Grant, which was signed. County Attorney McNett explained the grant to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Rein stated the Larned State Hospital security meeting was tomorrow. Commissioner Rein will be attending. Commissioner stated that he spoke to Mayor Nusser regarding the Mammoth contract.

Clerk Rein stated she would like to revisit the holiday policy, stating it is very difficult to interpret due to how the County policy reads. Discussion took place.

Motion by Rein, seconded by Hammeke for executive session for 7 minutes from 9:23 to 9:35 for attorney/client privilege to include Clerk Rein and County Attorney McNett. No action taken.

Commissioner Lewis stated that she spoke to Community Correction Director, Gail Antenen regarding a bill. Commissioner Lewis stated it was for drug testing machines.

10:00am

Kurt Demel, Road and Bridge, Noxious Weed, and Zoning Department head. Kurt updated the Commissioner on cleaning out the Culvert for ILS to pump lagoon waste into a private farmers field. Kurt updated the Commissioners regarding a box structure in Pleasant Ridge TWP between J and K road that is not considered a bridge, piles are in bad shape. Kurt discussed how he would like to replace the structure. Kurt would like to have it reviewed by Kirkham Michael for drainage. Kurt stated the homes in this location are in a flood zone. From a Zoning perspective they would need to have an engineer study done. Discussion took place regarding the approximate cost of the study and the structure. Commissioners asked if the project could be done by May. Weight limit posting is up but semis still are driving across the structure. Drainage study will probably need to be completed, estimated \$10,000.00. Commissioner stated to go ahead and have the drainage study done.

Kurt updated the Commissioners on a public hearing on February 2, 2022 at 7:00, for a Conditional Use Permit discussion for MidWest Energy, Inc. Hearing.

Kurt discussed current projects his crew is working on. Kurt stated they are doing pretty good on chemical spray material. Price discussion took place on these items.

Road Crossing permit for Golden Belt Telephone Assn Inc. to bore S road directly East of the Intersection of 310th Ave, Bore 310 A.

Motion by Rein, seconded by Hammeke to approve Road Crossing project permit for Golden Belt Telephone as presented. Motion Passes,3-0.

Motion by Rein, seconded by Hammeke to enter into executive session for a period of 5 minutes from 10:22 to 10:27 for personnel to include Clerk Rein and Kurt. Motion passes 3-0. No action taken.

Regular Session Reconvened. Motion by Rein, seconded by Hammeke, Road and Bridge employee to be granted an additional 10 days administrative leave for as presented. Motion carries 3-0

Clerk Rein spoke to the Commissioners regarding timecards. She explained that time sheets are printed and signed by employees and then brought to the Clerk's Office. Clerk Rein asked if the Commissioners would have any issues if EMS marked the Employee approval boxes to verify their time, due to some of them being out in the County and not in town for signatures

Rod presented the contract for Larned State Hospital and Department of Corrections. Rod explained that he is needing the commissioners to approve the contract information but not the contract.

Motion by Rein, Seconded by Hammeke to approve the Contract information for 2022 for LSH and DOC regarding solid waste contract. Motion passes, 3-0.

Rod discussed the conversation he had with Sunflower Diversified, and they stated that Sunflower was not available to accept the cardboard, so Rod took the Cardboard to the Great Bend landfill. Rod stated he will call Sunflower a couple of days in advance to see if Sunflower is available to accept the recycling.

Clerk Rein presented the signed ambulance title for Burdett's old ambulance.

Clerk Rein presented the KAC membership in the amount of \$2,000.00 for membership dues. Discussion took place regarding the membership. Commissioners agree to pay the membership dues this year, with the hopes KAC will become more active than in the past couple of years.

Discussion took place regarding needing receipts for credit card payments. Discussion took place.

KCAMP grant was discussed and was awarded to Pawnee County Emergency Management.

Ray Colglazier has resigned from Keysville Township due to moving out of the area. Discussion took place.

11:00

Commissioner recessed regular session to attend the LEPC Meeting: Those present were PN CO Commissioners, Clerk Rein, Doug McNett, Pawnee County Attorney, Christian Pearson, Center for Counseling, Kara Lawrence, Pawnee County EMS Director, Melanie Urban, Pawnee Valley Community Hospital Administrator, Brad Eilts, City of Larned Manager, William Nusser, City of Larned Mayor, Brian Spencer, USD 496 Superintendent, Bryce Wachs, USD 495 Superintendent, Cheryl Hoberecht, Pawnee County Health Administrator, Lance Duft, City of Larned Police Department, Buddy Tabler, Tiller and Toiler.

Melanie stated how she wanted to update everyone about COVID higher admissions. KU Med has 850 staff out, Salina Regional is seeing 1/3 of OR staff out. PVCH currently has 3 staff out. Melanie explains that it is not just COVID, but are also in critical patient needing ICU care. PVCH has its first patient placed on ventilator. Wait time is 48 hours to get patients transferred out. KU Med stated that they accept 15% currently due to the large number of people coming through their Emergency Department. Surgery is starting to be postponed due to lack of employees, lack of medication, oral antivirals. Switch in medication due to the new variation, testing supplies are to be reserved, Melanie stated that they can do multiple tests, which test for Influenza A and B, Strep and COVID-19. Melanie stated the "sky is not falling at PVCH", but wanted to let everyone be aware of how things are going. Now getting patients in their 30's and 40's with severe conditions. Blood donations are at an all time low, encouraging people to

donate. PVCH is capable of doing ventilators. PVCH has 3 ventilators. Melanie stated the Emergency Department has a recovery room with three bays if needed for a make shift ICU. Better off keeping patients in the Emergency Department due to the extra medical equipment. Melanie feels PVCH has good processes in place to care for the patients. Higher pressure oxygen on hand. Melanie stated they are working to hold more patients.

Cheryl Hoberect tested more people doing saliva. Return time for test results are 48 to 72 hours. KDHE has 90 identified cases in the 14 days. Cheryl updated the group on the CDC recommendations. The recommendations state for general population for positive lab confirmed COVID test regardless of vaccination status is to stay at home for 5 days if fever free for 24 hours with no medication and symptoms are resolving you can leave your home, but need to continue to wear a mask for 5 additional days. KDHE has been turning cases over to them. Cheryl has been notified their close contacts 48 hours prior to fever, 15 minutes close contact. Cheryl gave an update of the COVID numbers 53 cases in 7 days, 58 active cases in 10 days.

Cheryl reviewed the booster recommendations per vaccines brands. Cheryl reviews the quarantine discussion. Two doses for Pfizer and Moderna, if you received those vaccines longer than 5 months ago you are considered no longer completely vaccinated.

Kara Lawrence stated their department hasn't had illness in their department; EMS did deny a transport to Kansas City from another county's hospital. Due to COVID, Kara stated the only patient transfers is for Pawnee Valley Community Hospital.

Mr. Spencer, USD 496 Superintendent is looking to have school, very few cases. Most of them are the family members who are testing positive. Mr. Spenscr asked what is the best way to get an appointment for vaccination. Cheryl reviewed the protocol. Patients can choose which vaccine they wish to have. Cheryl stated it is best to call first thing in the morning to get an appointment scheduled. Cheryl stated there is not as much demanded for the Johnson and Johnson Vaccine.

Mr. Wachs, USD 495 Superintendent, stated not a ton of staff or students out. Steady increase over the past few weeks. Mr. Wachs stated they will be keeping their normal procedures. Board policies, allows them to since KDHE will no longer be doing contact tracings.

Cheryl stated the LSH has some cases as well staff out. Cheryl also stated the DOC has s some cases and staff out.

Possibility of having another meeting in approximately 2 or 3 weeks. Per KDHE Health Departments are not to do any contact tracing.

Reconvened to regular session. Commissioners continued the conversation of finding a township clerk for Keyesville. Discussion took place.

Clerk Rein updated the Commissioners regarding CIC accounts. Is it a possibility of combining the fund of the Health Department? Clerk Rein stated that she spoke to Aaron at VonFeldt, Bauer and VonFeldt. Commissioner Rein addressed concerns of tracking information. Additional discussion took place. Clerk Rein explained that reports can be run by date. Clerk Rein stated training begins on Monday for the new computer system.

Discussion took place regarding the budgeting for next year and how to clean up items.

VonFeldt, Bauer and VonFeldt letter of engagement and a letter of understanding of services, were reviewed by the Commissioners.

Motion by Rein, seconded by Hammeke to approve both Understanding of Services for the audit and Letter of Engagement between Pawnee County and VonFeldt, Bauer and VonFeldt as presented. Motion passes 3-0,

Clerk Rein stated that she sent the letter to Aumentum. There is a 60-day notice for cancelation. Clerk stated the conversation has begun between Aumentum and Pawnee County.

CIC stated that we should be fully functioning by June 1, 2022. Clerk Rein discussed the termination date with Aumentum. Discussion took place regarding the interpretation of the letter. Clerk Rein stated she will call for clarification on the two months.

Motion by Rein, seconded Hammeke to appointment Cory Johnson as the Keysville Township Clerk to be effective immediately. Motion passes, 3-0

Clerk Rein stated that she has a meeting with Seth McFarland, Santa Fe Trail Director to discuss the scanner over at the Santa Fe Trail and the scanner here at the Courthouse. Seth is wanting to start the OPUP system. He spoke to the OPUP software company, the cost of time \$750.00, for the first 3 hour and an additional \$250 hour.

Computers will have to be replaced, for this system. Clerk Rein would like to know how long the scanner will support the software.

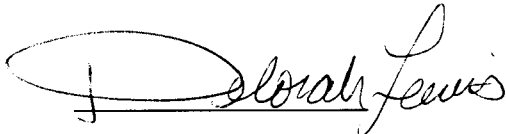
Discussion took place on the carryover for historical collection, Clerk Rein stated she believe an appropriation that was made to Santa Fe Trail Center

Computer cost from GBT would be \$1200.00, they have computers in stock. Clerk Rein stated the scanner would have to move to the back room to allow for supervision.

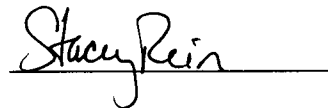
Clerk Rein stated she received some Larned Bucks for an employee that is no longer with the county. Commissioners suggested that contact be made and mail the Larned Bucks to him unless he would like for them to donated to a charity in his name.

12:16

Motion for Adjournment



For the Board:
Chair, Board of Commissioners



Attest:
County Clerk