

Pawnee County Commissioners
Minutes
February 7, 2022

- Present: Commissioners: Lewis, Rein and Clerk Rein
- 9:05 Meeting was called to order, opened with the pledge of allegiance.
- Clerk Rein presented payable vouchers and checks for present year and minutes for review and corrections.
- Bob spoke with Scott Brunner regarding the follow-up meeting. Brunner indicated they would like to host the luncheon on March 21st at noon in their auditorium. This will be an educational luncheon focusing on the State Hospital.
- Discussed the wire transfers that were processed last week from both the County and Pawnee Valley.
- 9:50 Tom Giessel and Tim George stopped by with the paperwork for the hospital. Doug McNett joined the meeting. He will scan and send the paperwork to BOK. They will file the deed paperwork on February 15th.
- 9:57 – 10:02 Executive Session for Attorney Client privilege to include Doug McNett and the Commissioners. No Action Taken.
- 10:05 Kurt Demel, Road & Bridge/Noxious Weed Administrator.
- They will be hosting a retirement party for Kenneth Shelton on February 17th from 1-3 pm.
- He has an employee taking his CDL test today in Colby.
- Discussed Kirkham Michael's engineering services for the structure replacement on 210th Avenue and Eakin's Proposal.
- Gave updates on North Toles. Kirkham Michael will benchmark some elevations beginning of March.
- Discussed rescheduling the zoning meeting. They won't have to republish, they will just call everyone in.
- 10:30 Stacey Rein, County Clerk
- Presented Resolution 2022-R-002 for the Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program. The Commissioners will need to sign a new resolution each year if we wish to continue to participate in the program.
- Commissioner Rein made motion to accept Resolution 2022-R-002. Motion passed 2-0.**
- Clerk Rein gave updated information regarding the Midwest Energy Grant for the Burdett Fire Department. The grant was for Burdett Fire Department to purchase a Grain Tube. The grant money must pass through the County. The local match will come out of the Emergency Management budget. Clerk Rein will deposit the money and re-issue the check to Burdett Fire Department.
- Updated the Commissioners on Golden Belt Telephone's computer replacement schedule. Commissioner Rein suggested we send this copy to Department Heads and discuss at the next Department Head meeting.
- Gave the Appraiser's 2021 Kansas Crude Oil Price Schedule.

11:00-11:20

LEPC Meeting

In attendance were the following: Commissioners Lewis, Rein and Hammeke; Stacey Rein, County Clerk; Doug McNett, Co Attorney; Joel Davis, Register of Deeds; Kurt Demel, R&B/Nox Weed Administrator; Kara Lawrence, EMS Director; Cheryl Hoberecht, Health Administrator; Wayne Gore; Bud Tabler, Tiller and Toiler; Dusty Thacker; Brian Stahlecker; Kara Rath, Larned City Clerk; Brian Spencer, USD 496 Superintendent; Alex Filbert, Chamber of Commerce/Economic Development Director; Scott King, Sheriff; Vanessa Feldman, 911 Dispatch Director; Lindsey Dinkel, LSH; Lesa Dipman, LSH Superintendent; Antonio Hearn; Shaun Boese, Burdett/Rozel Fire Department; Bryce Wachs, USD 495 Superintendent.

Cheryl Hoberecht gave COVID stats. The COVID numbers are trending down. In the past 2 weeks the total positive cases were 97, the past week was 34 positive and we currently have 59 active. They are testing every day. Still giving vaccinations. KDHE is no longer contact tracing. It is up to the positive individual to do their own contact tracing. Cheryl gave KDHE's guidelines and informed the specifics can be found on KDHE's website.

Wayne Gore – Prison had a breakthrough case. They are doing surveillance testing. In the last 2 weeks they had 56 positive staff cases and 26 positive offender cases, no hospitalizations. Currently they have 2 staff cases and 1 offender case. They have a 98% vaccination rate for offenders in work release program.

Lesia Dipman – Currently have 23 staff out and 1 positive patient. 4 units are on quarantine. They are contact tracing and testing all patients. Dipman gave an update on the fire. A heater had caught fire, there was minor damage. They had to evacuate patients and moved them to other units. They have received all clear to move patients back in, they are hoping to do so this week.

Melanie Urban, PVCH – Currently they have zero positive patients admitted. Still seeing in ER but not requiring hospital admission. Everything is going well. They are still waiting on antibodies but are treating with remdesivir outpatient now.

Cheryl Hoberecht added that Tornado awareness month is coming up. There will be a County wide drill.

Commissioner Rein informed in the interim Joel Davis will be acting as Emergency Management director until Josh Huff returns from KLETC.

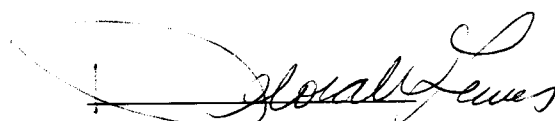
Hospital and PVCH will be teaming up for Heart Health Awareness on February 15th for public training. More details to come.

Commissioner Lewis stated if another meeting is needed to call and schedule, they are now on an as needed basis.

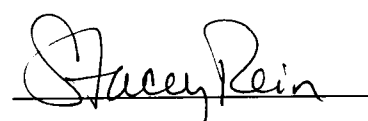
Commissioner Rein added the next countywide leadership meeting will be on March 21st at the Larned State Hospital. More details to come later.

11:30

Motion for adjournment.



For the Board:
Chair, Board of Commissioners



Attest:
County Clerk