

Pawnee County Commissioners  
Minutes  
January 3, 2022

Present: Commissioners: Lewis, Hammeke, Deputy Clerk Quinn  
Absent from meeting was Commissioner Rein and Clerk Rein

9:03 Meeting was called to order.

Deputy Clerk Quinn presented approved minutes for signatures, draft minutes for corrections and review, payroll report with checks, Commissioner's mail.

9:39 Commissioner Rein joined the meeting via telephone. Discussion took place regarding Golden Belt Telephone Broadband grant proposal to Pawnee County. Commissioner Hammeke stated he spoke to County Attorney McNett, and he will be abstaining from the vote.

**Motion by Lewis, seconded by Rein to agree to the county commitment contingent upon receiving second half of ARPA funds, Pawnee County will pledge \$997,375.00 towards the Broadband Grant application for Golden Belt Telephone for rural Pawnee County Broadband services, contingent on Golden Belt Telephone receiving the 75%/25% Broadband Grant Motion passes 2-0, Commissioner Hammeke abstained from vote.**

The Commissioners discussed the Bajillon (Mammoth) contract, and it was decided to table the contract until the January 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

9:45 Kurt Demel, Road and Bridge, Noxious Weed and Zoning Department Head brought in a request by ILS Feed yard. Kurt stated ILS contacted him regarding a road in wanting to have the county clear out a culvert, so they may insert a 10-inch drainage hose through the culvert to drain their lagoons. Discussion took place. It was requested by the commissioners that additional information is gathered prior to deciding on this request.

Kurt discussed OS75 bridge and opportunities. Discussion took place.

Kurt updated the Commissioners that his crew went out on Saturday for snow removal. Kurt stated he had all 7 of his guys out. Staffing issues were discussed. Commissioners gave permission for Kurt to hire Part-time employees to help with snow removal on the weekend if it is within his budget.

Kurt stated his crew will begin working on phase 3 of North Broadway project. Crew is also working putting reflectors the older bridges.

Kirkham and Michael will begin their bi-annual bridge inspection.

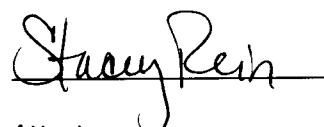
10:33 Rod Wheaton, Solid Waste Department Head presented 2 payroll change notices for CDL-A \$1.00 differentials.

**Motion by Lewis to approve payroll change notices for 2 employees with Solid Waste for \$1.00 CDL-A pay differential dated December 27, 2021. Motion passes 2-0.**

10:43 Motion for adjournment.



For the Board:  
Chair, Board of Commissioners



Attest:  
County Clerk