

March 9, 2020

Minutes taken by Kathleen Foster

- 9:00 Reconvene. Rein, Hammeke, and Lewis present.
Call to Order. Flag Salute.
- Provided: Vouchers, Checks, review of Minutes of Feb. 10.
- 9:00 Greet Larned High School Wrestling Team, Coaches, Parents, Athletic Director.
- 9:10 Proclamation: To recognize the Larned High School Wrestling Team.
LHS Wrestling team had four individual State Tournament placers.
Samajay Alboyd took First
Dillen Hook took fifth
Michael Saenz took fourth
Brayden Lemuz took fifth
Gatlin Hock, Josh Kramer, and Hector Garcia also qualified for the State Tournament.
Commissioners congratulated all team members, coaches, athletic director, parents, and supporters.
- 9:20 Discussion regarding upcoming Department Chair Items
- 9:30 Department Chair Meeting begins.
Rein shared with Department Chair the update on the Legislative Visit to Topeka.
SB 294 is a tax bill that would disallow raising of property taxes at the County level without extensive and complex notification of individuals via mail and other media sources
- Some counties will raise taxes to provide a cushion and avoid the complicated process of notification if SB 294 passes.
- Also, Pawnee County Legislative Committee members expressed opposition to the possible changes for Qualification of County Appraiser, and other regulations.
- Kurt Demel, Road and Bridge received final approval on emergency funding from FEMA
- Discussed bridges requiring work. Also noted that K-19 bridges are under repair for next 5 months through the state of Kansas.
- Tina Keeler, Appraiser Office. Hammeke asked about property rates going up across the state and explanation. Appraiser Tina Keeler said rural rates are up by 4 % and evaluation is up to each county.
- Rod Wheaton, Solid Waste, update regarding contract for DOC.
- Scott King, County Sheriff, assisted with successful search for missing eleven-year-old boy. Reported on involvement in searching for and apprehending walk-off escapee from LSH.

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Cheryl Hoberecht, County Health Director, gave an extensive update on Coronavirus. Shared information as received from CDC.

Reminded everyone to wash hands thoroughly. To be responsible in decisions and take care of oneself. To self-quarantine if not feeling well. Stay at home rather than coming to work. Urged each department to make a plan to cover absent coworker's work responsibilities.

Mark Wagoner, EM/Zoning, now is the time of year for Hazardous Materials Collection. His office receiving calls regarding where to take items for disposal.

Gail Antenen, Community Corrections, Golden Belt has hooked up new phones. Working on grants. Rural Health Care Grant is due in May.

Kyle Grant, County Extension, internet connection has been installed at the HAAS building.

Club Day at the High schools. Participation in Regionals in Great Bend this week.

Tagged In 25 Calves.

Twenty-eight new 4-H Members

April 30 is Ag Day.

March 27 is Digging Deep Program. Several information sessions to be presented.

Tim Taylor, Custodian, preparing for Lawn maintenance.

Lewis Asked if any of the offices needed maintenance.

Several mentioned window leakage issues.

Lewis asked Tim to do a survey and compile a list of maintenance issues to bring before the Commissioners. Develop a plan.

Kay Schartz, District Court, server installed.

Doug McNett, County Attorney, working with Burdett city regarding legalities of condemning a building and subsequently demolishing and removing debris. Building in question has back taxes since 1991. Requested assistance of truck from Road and Bridge Dept. Kurt Demel said they would schedule it in.

Doug McNett, requested each department keep their internet post information up to date. Put current job vacancies on PC Courthouse website. Remove old outdated info.

Kevin Holt, Clerk's Office, spoke about Shared Leave. If employee signed up to participate in Shared Leave, will soon reflect such on paystub. At this time, "leave days" have not been pulled from paychecks.

McNett shared that Eleven people signed up for shared Leave for this fiscal year. Opportunity to sign up and participate will be available again next year.

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- 10:08 Department Meeting closed - will meet again next month for department updates.
- 10:15 Approval of some vouchers.
- 10:23 Hammeke approval of remaining vouchers.
- 10:45 Checks approved.
- 10:50 Approval of February minutes. Attest by Kevin Holt.
Kevin said he would make sure Joel Davis, Public Information, would receive minutes to put up on PC website.
- Lewis shared that the Legislative Committee would host a coffee hour at city hall on March 28th.
- 11:20 Julie Bugner Smith, Trustee of PVCH Foundation updated Commissioners that two Trustees having completed their term. Nominations for new Trustees
Motion: Lewis made motion to approve two nominees and alternates as presented by the PVCH foundation for the Board of Trustees at PCH. Hammeke Second. Motion Approved.
- Julie Bugner Smith, trustee shared with the Commissioners that a Program on Vaping is planned for August 25 of next year's school year. There will be a speaker.
- Assembly for students in grades 4-5 for both Larned and Pawnee Heights Schools.
- A second program for middle school and high school students from both schools.
- After lunch a program for teachers and others.
Evening program for Parents and community.
Commissioners thanked Julie for all she does for PVCH Trustee Board and PVCH.
- 11:57 Recess—to reconvene at 1:30
- 1:30 Reconvene.
- Kurt Demel, Road and Bridge. As per request from previous week, Kurt has a map on placement of drainage pipes for O and Toles Road Drainage Project. Kirkham and Michael Engineering firm have been on site surveying and documenting benchmarks for placement of drainage pipes.
Map illustrates elevations and modifications for retention pool, ditches, etc.
- Extensive discussion regarding the Projected Plan.
- Kurt stated that on March 16 at 10:30 the representatives from Kirkham and Michael Engineering firm as well as city, township and County Officials will be present for planning meeting with Commissioners. School officials will not be in attendance due to Spring Break.

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Discussion of potential costs and cost share among various entities involved in the development and completion of the Drainage Project.

Lewis requested Kurt Demel provide a breakdown in costs for drainage project and have available at next week's meeting. Demel said he will have such available.

Hammeke asked what could school and township departments pay for over a two-year period.

2:20 Further Discussion about projected plan

Kurt shared that there is a South Central Kansas Association Commissioner and Engineer meeting on March 23rd at the Stafford County Highway Department.

2:25 HEFT Proposal based on 7,500- 9,500 tons of asphalt at price at \$9.50 per ton.
Motion: Hammeke made a motion to accept contract from HEFT and Sons LLC submitted to Pawnee County Highway Department for asphalt mix as presented for 2020. Lewis Second. Motion approved.

Kurt shared that his department has received final approval from FEMA

Back shop floor at Road and Bridge Built has collapsed. Kurt Request to have Commissioners approval to do in house repair. Road and Bridge department has projected cost in budget to cover costs.

Discussed moving forward with construction of office space as an addition to current road and bridge building.

2:46 Adjourned.



For the Board:
Chair, Board of Commissioners



Attest:
County Clerk