

Pawnee County Commissioners Minutes Jan. 4, 2021

9:05

Chairman Rein called the meeting to order. Commissioners Hammeke and Lewis in attendance.

Given to Commissioners: Agenda, Minutes 12/28 to be corrected, Minutes 12/21 to be signed, vouchers, pending change orders 2020-13, 2020-14.

**Hammeke moves to accept pending change orders, 2020-13 and 2020-14 abatements to Treasurers Tax Roll as presented. Lewis seconds. Motion carries (3-0).**

Cheryl Hoberecht – Public Health asked about the LEPC meeting. Wanted a clarification on SPARKS funds – was told to check with Mark Wagner.

9:47

Seth McFarland – new director of the Santa Fe Trail Center - stopped by to introduce himself and report on the work being done at the Center, plans for Kansas Day and beyond. He reminded Commissioners that the Trail Center is the repository for County Records. He invited the Commissioners to meet at the Santa Fe Trail Center.

10:05

Tina Keeler – Appraisers Office – reported that Workman’s Comp Insurance for the Appraiser should be going down because of a reclassification of the job, beginning Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. The Neighborhood Revitalization Program was discussed.

10:10

**Lewis moves to go into an executive session for 10 minutes for personnel exception with Tina Keeler in attendance. Hammeke seconds the motion. The motion carries (3-0)**

10:15

Regular Session resumes. No action taken.

10:25

Tami Keenan – Treasurer- brought in papers concerning transfers to the public health department out of 6 mil account.

10:30

Scott King – Sheriff- joined the meeting. When the new phones were put in, they got a bill from another company saying we broke their contract and owed them \$600.00. The Office can not find the contract and the company has not provided one. Will look into it further. He gave an update on activities in the County.

11:00

Regular Session recesses to attend LEPC meeting.

In attendance: Bob Rein, Philip Hammeke, Deborah Lewis, Mark Wagner, Joel Davis, Doug McNett and Cheryl Hoberecht. On Zoom: Laura Smith – Country Living, Scott King – Sheriff, Kara Lawrence – EMS, Wayne Gore – DOC, Brent Hemken- Highway Patrol, Melanie Urban – PVCH, Julie Krampe, Brian Stahlecher – LSH, Bryce Wachs – USD 495, Casey Robinson – USD 496, Brad Eilts – City Manager. Heart of Kansas.

Cheryl Hoberecht – Public Health – reported 490 cases in the community, 1,012 in Pawnee County, 44 in the last 14 days, 24 in the last 7 days, 7 deaths. Down some but expected to rise again after this holiday.

Must have 10 people lined up to receive vaccine before they can open the vial because must be administered within 6 hours of opening. They are taking appointments for Health Care Workers and will be busy the next two days.

Laura Smith – Country Living. On Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> Walgreens will administer the first round of the Pfizer vaccine for residents and staff. Second round of shots and any more wanting the first shot will be scheduled later. Not all staff have signed up to get the shot – all but one resident have signed up.

Lesia Dipman – LSH. Have not received the vaccine yet. 3 Staff tested positive, 24 active. Residents 27 active.

Bryce Wachs – USD 495. Tomorrow is the first day back in school.

Brad Eilts – City Manager. Questioned why people are not taking the vaccine. Cheryl responded the main reason is lack of Research. They want to see how people are affected before they get theirs.

Wayne Gore – DOC. No inmate active cases. Clear for the last two weeks. One unit is still on quarantine. 3 staff are positive.

Heart of Kansas. Are giving shots at the clinic. First priority is staff and High Risk patients as defined by the KDHE.

Melanie Urban – PVCH. Have received 2 shipments of the Phizer vaccine. Health Care workers are first. May transfer some doses to LSH or the nursing home. Will hold a Town Hall for associates to answer questions about the need to take the vaccine. May also hold one for the general public. The hospital does not require getting a shot to keep employment.

PVCH has decals about wearing masks to give out to businesses.

11:35

LEPC meeting ends – Regular Session resumes.

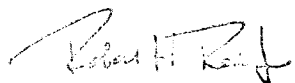
Mark Wagner reported the deadline for SPARKS funds to be spent is now March. An audit is necessary for the Office of Recovery.

Rebecca brought in checks to be signed. Commissioners approved all vouchers and signed all checks.

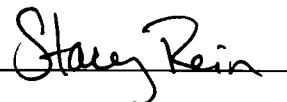
Minutes of the December 28 meeting were corrected.

12:00

Meeting adjourned.



For the Board:  
Chair, Board of Commissioners



Attest:  
County Clerk