

February 3, 2020

Minutes taken by Kathleen Foster

- 9:00 Reconvene. Lewis, Hammeke and Rein present.
Call to Order, and Flag Salute.
- 9:03 Deborah Lewis: Discuss the content of SB 294, which would affect how the County can budget each year.
Compose letter of concern to be sent to Lobbyist, Steve Kearney.
Kearney will be at the hearing/testimony on February 5th in Topeka
- 9:35 Tina Keeler, County Appraisal, Introducing new employee: Nancy Young. Nancy will be responsible for Personal Property and Field Reviews.
Deborah Lewis asked Tina when hearing would be on SB 177 and SB 309.
Tina Keeler will look on the website for hearing dates
Lewis indicated Commissioners would send a future letter of concern
Keeler reported that the County Appraisal truck is in shop for needed service
- 9:37 Commissioners review letter to be sent to Lobbyist regarding concern of SB 294 content.
- 9:42 **Motion by Lewis send letter in opposition of SB 294 to lobbyist, Steve Kearney, for him to present at the Senate Assessment and Taxation committee hearing. Hammeke seconded. Motion carried.**
- 10:00 Doug McNett Delivered additional vouchers from his office.
- 10:00 Hammeke - Payables Approved
- 10:03 Lewis - List items to be on agenda for Leadership Task Force Meeting in afternoon.
- 10:12 Lewis received email from Steve Kearney affirming he will submit Commissioners' letter of concern regarding SB 294 to the Senate Committee on Feb. 5th.
- 10:15 Lewis shared an email was received from Cheryl Hoberecht, County Department of Health regarding Coronavirus.
- 10:17 Rein shared info on Chamber Member Health Care Fund and potential health insurance for Chamber members.
- 10:18 Hammeke inquired about Boiler Repair. Lewis reported Boiler is repaired.
Courthouse has heat.
- 11:15 Tina Keeler, Appraiser's Office, requested time to speak with Commissioners.
- 11:20-11:25 Executive Session – **Motion by Hammeke to go into Executive Session for Personnel. Seconded by Lewis. Motion Carried.**
Lewis, Rein, Hammeke, and Tina Keeler

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- 11:26 Out of Executive Session – No Action Taken
- 11:29 Tina Keeler, Appraisal Office.
Keeler expressed to the Commissioners her concern regarding a delay from the Clerk's office involving a tax abatement filing. Commissioners approved the tax abatement three weeks ago which would generate a tax bill. However, the filing has not yet been processed. Keeler commented she has spoken with staff in Clerk's office.
- 11:32 Lewis shared that an email was received from Extension Office dated 1/17/2020 stating that the Pawnee County Extension Office and the Chamber of Commerce are applying for "Healthy Kansas Grant."
- 11:35 Recess to SFTC Museum and Library for the Leadership Task Force Meeting.

Pawnee County Leadership Meeting - February 3, 2020
Attended by Individuals Representing Pawnee County: (Attendees List attached)

- 12:30 Rein began Leadership Task Force Meeting...
Rein, Chairperson: Stated meeting would be an informal discussion - All present encouraged to voice their thoughts, keeping in mind the purpose of the afternoon is to identify "Talking Points" regarding continued Pawnee County Economic Growth and Development and other issues.

Talking Point: Legislative issues and the value of going to Topeka to speak with Senators and House members regarding SB and HB that effect Pawnee County Legislative Task Force Members: Kim Barnes, Deborah Lewis, Rita Kurtz, Brad Eilts.

Nusser stated that letter in opposition to SB 294 is being sent - concern again expressed regarding tax evaluation and ceiling on mill levy.
Truth in Taxation

Talking Point: Relief for Citizens of Pawnee County regarding Property Tax
Nusser: Find some Tax Relief thru adjustment in tax bill.

Talking Point: EMS Service to Burdett being covered by Larned EMS Department-
Consider making EMS County Wide Department
Set up a committee with stake holders involved in EMS service; Cheryl, Mark, City of Burdett, PVCH, EMA, Brad Eilts.

Talking Point: Revisit Mil Levy - seeking reduction of property tax -
Nusser expressed concern about the tax burden of citizens in Pawnee County.

Talking Point: Medicaid Expansion – Complex –
Awareness of how implementation will effect Pawnee County.

Talking Point: LAVTR –
Nusser stated must make sure LAVTR stay in the State Budget.

Talking Point: State Hospital budget-
Mobile competency evaluations.

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Talking Point: State Hospital needs assistance with staffing Nursing and Security Positions

Issues involved are salary increase steps across the board.
Retention of trained, valued staff.
Longevity should be rewarded.

Talking Point: Legislative Department of Transportation proposed policy

Talking Point: William stating his opinion that State is trying to get more local funds to fund state mandates.
KDPT Comprehensive Plan...

Talking Point: State continues to pass bills and make moves to decrease funding to rural Counties.

Urban counties are favored in receiving state monies.

Talking Point: Importance of the Census and correlation for receiving funding monies.

Talking Point: City of Larned Projects

Nusser shared Grant for Water Project approved for City of Larned.

Other Projects:

1. Swimming Pool
2. Water tower
3. Moffet Stadium

Talking Point: People moving to Larned and surrounding Pawnee County area a positive impact.

Talking Point: Bring young adults back to live and work in the Community – Getting young adults involved.

How to Connect the Community to Neighborhood Revitalization.

Talking Point: Tourism and Economic Impact

National Park Fort Larned and the tourism monies brought to Pawnee county
30,000 out of state visitors in 2019.

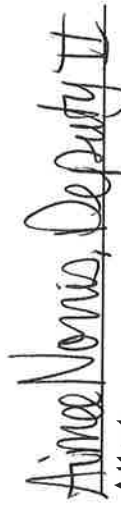
Talking Point: How to communicate with people of the county, keeping them informed and involved.

2:15 Adjourned.



For the Board:

Chair, Board of Commissioners


Aimee Norris, Deputy IT

Attest:

County Clerk