

Pawnee County Commissioners
Minutes
February 8, 2021

- Present: Commissioners: Rein, Lewis and Hammeke
- Pledge of the Allegiance
- 9:05 Meeting was called to order.
- County Clerk presented Commissioners with draft minutes for review and corrections, approved minutes for signature and payable voucher and checks.
- Commissioner Hammeke checked with County Clerk Rein to see if she was aware that Pawnee County gives Rural Opportunities \$1500.00 to help with repayment of student loans of those who participate in the program.
- Clerk Rein stated that she has closed January books. Clerk Rein presented the Commissioners with financial reports for January month end.
- Commissioners discussed the Golden Belt Telephone bill and who should be responsible for the bill. It was discussed that the bill will be paid by the Courthouse and reimbursed by each department.
- 10:00 Marshall Thompson, Burdett resident spoke to the Commissioners regarding a road closure on 360th Ave, Burdett. County Attorney McNett was also present for this meeting. Mr. Thompson gave the Commissioners history of the land and landowners. Commissioners stated that the road can not be closed without proper hearings. County Attorney McNett also stated he is unaware of any road closure since his office is the one that would be doing the filing for this. Commissioners stated to Mr. Thompson that they will need to have some follow up conversations with the Township to see about maintenance for the road and with Pawnee County Road and Bridge department to make sure they do not have information on the road being closed.
- The Commissioners spoke with Road and Bridge department, they stated road 360th avenue is open. County Attorney McNett stated they would get letters out to the property owners and ask that remove that sign within 10 days or action will be taken.
- 11:00 LEPC meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for February 15, 2021.
- 11:03 **Motion by Rein, seconded by Lewis to enter into executive session for a period of 5 minutes for personnel from 11:03 to 11:08, to include Pawnee County Clerk Rein**
- 11:08 Commissioners reconvened to regular session. Commissioner Rein stated that Clerk Rein informed the Commissioners that an employee was discharged on Thursday, February 4, 2021.
- Commissioners discussed the Larned State Hospital's testimony at the State Capital regarding funding and how it effects the surrounding counties and their law enforcement agencies. Commissioners briefly discussed HB 13.
- 11:25 Cheryl Hoberect, Pawnee County Health Department Administrator presented the new COVID 19 numbers to the Commissioners. Cases identified in the past 14 days: 20, Cases identified in past seven days: 10, Active cases: 9, Total for community excluding LSH, LTC, LCMHF: 589, KDHE Cases: 1119, KDHE deaths: 12; 10 males and 2 females

Pawnee County Health Department: 360 doses vaccine delivered, 30 have had second doses. Level: Yellow.

11:45

Commissioners met with Kara Lawrence, City of Larned EMS Director, Brad Eilts, City of Larned Manager, William Nusser, Mayor and Melanie Urban, University of Kansas Health System Pawnee Valley Campus Administrator via Zoom. Kara stated that the EMS Transfer Policy will be ending at the end of February unless extended. Kara stated that total cost for the last three months: December, January, and an estimate for February totaling approximately \$8,664.00, under budget for what it was expected to be. Melanie stated she will run some numbers for those months and see where they are at. Kara stated that she believed they have been able to have a quicker response to Pawnee Valley Community Hospital with the extra Ambulance. Kara stated she has emailed her staff for feed back regarding running the extra ambulance and her staff has received some very positive feedback from those who have worked. Kara stated she would like to have it run an additional three months so that she can track calls, revenue, and cost.

Motion by Rein, seconded by Lewis to extend the Ambulance On-Call program for an additional three months. Motion carried. 3-0.

Clerk Rein discussed the excessive furniture in her office and where to store it. Commissioners stated there is room on the 4th floor of the Courthouse or in basement of the Annex on Topeka St. Discussion took place on whether to sell or donate items to Community Organizations.

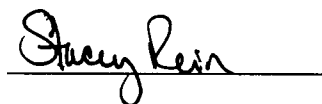
Motion by Lewis, seconded by Rein to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0.

12:23

Commissioners meeting adjourned.



For the Board:



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