

**August 3, 2020**

- 7:10 a.m. Reconvene. Rein, Hammeke, and Lewis present.  
Pledge of Allegiance.  
Clerk's office provided: Clerk's report, Payroll, Payroll Voucher, Checks and approved minutes of July 7, 2020.  
Reviewed SPARK report budget material, as well as, July 7<sup>th</sup> minutes, clerk's report, and the day's agenda items.  
Review and approval of vouchers and checks.
- 8:00 a.m. SPARK Budget Meeting  
Present: Sheriff Scott King, Mark Wagner, Emergency Management Doug McNett, Pawnee County Attorney and Kara Lawrence, EMS Manager.  
Discussion regarding the second round of the SPARK fund. Doug McNett stated that the funding is basically earmarked for Nursing homes and Hospitals. More information will be forthcoming throughout the month of August.  
Phase II funds will be Direct Grants
- 8:23 a.m. Chair Bob Rein stated that those receiving Direct Grant Money will be responsible for detailed receipts and accounting of how the funds received was spent. These reports will be part of an extensive report required by the State of Kansas detailing how the SPARK fund was allocated/spent.  
For approved requests from County entities, SPARK Fund checks maybe cut and sent to approved entities at this time. Accounting of use of received SPARK funds is vital!
- 8:36 a.m. Discussion continues regarding the requests submitted for SPARK funds with the objective being best use of money for the benefit of the citizens of Pawnee County.  
Final adjustments of SPARK Funds being made for the best of the citizens of Pawnee County.  
July 7, 2020 minutes attested by Aimee Norris, Clerk's office.
- 8:50 a.m. **MOTION: Deborah Lewis moves to adopt the SPARK finalized budget for Pawnee County as presented. Second by Philip Hammeke. Motion passed.**
- 8:52 a.m. Buddy Tabler, Co-Editor of the Tiller and Toiler, joined the discussion of SPARK Budget approval funds and how such funds effect the school money also received from the government as well as the additional SPARK funds.  
Bob Rein, Chair, will develop a framework for SPARK Money for Businesses that wish to apply for funds. Criteria for receiving funds will

be specific. Intent is to provide fair opportunity for all interested individual businesses applying for SPARK Funds. To assure that businesses have clarity on the criteria for potentially receiving funds, Tiller and Toiler will print the established guidelines.

9:00 a.m.

Aaron Koehn, VonFeldt, Bauer and VondFeldt, discussed and reviewed the upcoming Budget for 2021. Review of revenues and expenditures by Commissioners and VonFeldt, Bauer and VonFeldt. Overall, some line item expenditures will increase, such as, Health Insurance Revenues are going to be less than previous year.

9:57 a.m.

Governor's Executive Order No. 20-59  
Those in attendance are: Bryce Wachs, Bud Tabler, Scott King, Jamie Froetschner, Mark Wagner, Veronica Coons, Cheryl Hoberecht and Phil Martin.  
Review of the language of the Governor's Executive Order No 20-59 and the intent and language of the Commissioners' potential Order of Pawnee County Regarding COVID Related Mitigation Procedures in Public Schools Governor's Executive Order No 20-59 and how that document impacts the decision making authority of USD 495 School Board and USD 496 School Board?

10:03 a.m.

Cheryl Hoberecht, County Health Department reported that Pawnee County has had a total of 9 positive cases. Currently there is one active case in the county. Community exposure is considered very low threat.

10:07 a.m.

Discussion continues regarding language of Governor Kelley's Executive Order No 20-59.  
Superintendent Bryce Wachs, USD 495, stated that the District Administration and Board of Education would prefer to have more flexibility to make district policy for COVID-19 procedures than the Governor's order allows. The overall consensus is that each district administration and Board should have the ability to determine policy that best suits their district students and staff. There are two public school districts in Pawnee County, Pawnee Heights and Ft. Larned. Each district would prefer to be fluid and flexible in their policy regarding safe practice of COVID-19.

It is the intent of the Commissioners, the School Boards and School Administrators to develop a policy in conjunction with the County Department of Health that provides supportive, clear language regarding safe practices for the school staff and students regarding the exposure of COVID-19. Therefore, the item has been added to the agenda for August 10<sup>th</sup> with the intent that representatives from both School Districts, County Health Department and Commissioners will develop agreed upon policy.

11:25 a.m.

Amanda Lakin, County Health Department spoke to the Commissioners regarding the purchase of Electronic Billing and the benefits of acquiring the billing/recording program.

11:35 a.m.

Local Emergency Preparedness Committee Meeting  
Zoom attendance: William Nusser, Shawn Boese, Brad Eilts, Cindi Smith, CPPN and Larned Police.  
Room attendance: Cheryl Hoberecht, Doug McNett, Scott King, Commissioners, Lewis, Hammeke and Rein.

Doug McNett, County attorney brought Zoom participants up-to-date on earlier discussed items regarding distribution of SPARK grant which will be provided in direct checks to those awarded SPARK fund. However, great accountability of how the money was used is required for future report to the State of Kansas.

Participants had no new items or updates. Everyone was briefed by Cheryl Hoberecht on current COVID status in Pawnee County.

Because agenda is being allocated to time sensitive issues, there will be no LEP meeting the week of August 10<sup>th</sup>. Resume the following week.

11:50 a.m. LEP Meeting adjourned.

11:52 a.m. Cheryl Hoberecht, County Health Department, spoke with the Commissioners regarding County Health vehicle purchase.

12:10 p.m. Tina Keeler, Appraiser updated everyone on the 2019 Calculation of Commercial Property. Provided County Final Ratio Study Report for 2019.

Discussed Compliance of County's Official 2019 Real Estate Appraisal/Sales Ratio Study an requirements KSA 79-1489.

12:20 p.m. Discussion of Deeds for Road Right A ways from Road and Bridge Department now being processed through appraisal office. ATV and golf carts will be added to personal property reports. Water Rights have changed and will be an increase of cost. NCRS changed the value of soil/farm land in areas of Pawnee County and surrounding counties. Reclassification of soil will be in 2022 and value of land will increase and be reflected in property tax statements. Big Bend made an error in previous year's report and the correction will be reflected in the future regarding irrigated water usage costs on certain parcels.  
Motion to adjourn.

1:13 p.m. Adjourn



**For the Board:  
Chair, Board of Commissioners**



**Attest:  
County Clerk**