

August 24, 2020

- 7:00 Reconvene: Chair Bob Rein, Deborah Lewis, Philip Hammeke
Pledge of Allegiance
Clerk's office provided minutes of previous meeting to be edited, Payables.
- 7:02 Kurt Demel, Road and Bridge presented Off System Bridge Program Application for Fiscal year 2022.
Motion: Deborah Lewis : Move to approve moving OS74 Bridge into Off-System bridge program process.
Hammeke: Second. Motion Passed.
- 7:05 Kurt DeMEL presented Escrow Agreement proposal between ITC Great Plains, LLC, and Board of Commissioners of Pawnee County Kansas.
Commissioners reviewed. Agreement . Commissioners asked Doug McNett, County Attorney to review agreement and fill in the information needed.
Kurt Demel presented paper work for Administrative leave for personnel in his department..
Kurt Demel presented Payroll Change for two Road and Bridge employees.
- Motion: Deborah Lewis: Move to approve payroll changes of two employees of Road and Bridge as of 8/16/2020.**
Hammeke: Second. Motion Passed.
- 7:17 Kurt Demel finished. Will return at nine.
- 7:20 Commissioners continue the review of vouchers and checks.
- 7:29 Aimee Norris presented minutes of August 3,2020 for final approval and to attest.
As well, Clerk's office offered August 17, 2020 minutes for edit. Decision made to hold the minutes until next meeting due to heavy agenda and limited time by Commissioners to review and edit minutes.
- 7:43 Vouchers approved and returned to the Clerk's office.
- 7:44 Checks approved and returned to the Clerk's office.
- 7:45 Continue review of budget proposal for 2021.
- 8:00 Aaron Koehn from Von Feldt Accounting is present to discuss budget modifications for 2021.
- 8:12 Bob Rein requested Aimee Norris from Clerk's office regarding a question he has about appropriations.
Rein also requested Aimee Norris review budget for payment of coroner and to see if payments are current.
- 8:15 Commissioners continue to review budget and possible cuts and future expenditures throughout departments.
- 8:28 Discuss hospital bond issue and how it was originally presented to be funded.

8:31 As Board of Commissioners, Commissioners signed the Abstract of Votes Passed pages that will be placed in the Abstract Book.

8:47 Continue to review and work on 2021 budget.

9:00 Aaron Koehn left.

9:01 Hearing for Closure of O Road / 50th Avenue north to the Arkansas River. Present: Rocky Tauscher, Kurt Demel, Doug McNett, Scott King.

9:01 Road in question is located at SW/4, Sec. 21, Twp.21S., R.15W. Hearing to be tabled until Tina Keeler, Appraiser is available regarding needed information.

Motion: Deborah Lewis: Move to table Tauscher Road closing until 8:30 a.m. August 31, 2020.

Hammeke, Second. Motion approved.

9:48 Kyle Grant Extension Office – discussion of planning trees on Court House lawn as memorial. Will research previous criteria and policy.

10:00 Melanie Urban present to provide PVCH Administrative Report of PVCH; Via phone conference George Harms Financial Department and Shea Veach from Hays Med.

10:05 George Harms and Shea Veach presented and reviewed with the Commissioners the Pawnee Valley Community Hospital Dashboard of Key Ratios-June 2020.

George stated that had a tremendous month. Numbers are up.

10:10 All present discussed the factors and variables that effect the financial outcome of PVCH each month. Business overall is picking back up. Swing beds are a positive asset. Overall all aspects of the hospital are good with increase in business .

10:21 Discussion regarding COVID-19 and cross exposure of PVCH staff and patients. PVCH continues to take precautions to keep staff safe. Rein asked, from medical perspective, for updated information regarding the original 14 day quarantine period. He asked if research has determined if quarantine period could be shorter. Shea Veach, Hays Med. offered to provide information on the topic and email it to all the Pawnee County Commissioners. All agreed that a shorter quarantine period would provide more flexibility for an individual to return to normal life, work, school, etc.

10:25 Melanie Urban, George Harms, and Shea Veach concluded. Commissioners thanked them for their time.

10:27 Doug McNett, County Attorney asked Commissioners to go into Executive Session for personnel mater.

Motion: Lewis move to go into executive session for five minutes from 10:30 to 10:35 for personnel matter.

Hammeke Second. Motion passed.

10:36 No action taken.

10:38 Doug McNett, County Attorney presented Escrow Agreement with ITC Great Plains, LLC.

Commissioners asked for Tami Kennan, Treasurer to explain which bank will hold the escrow money.

Tami Keenan, Treasurer explained that the Treasurer's funds are distributed among all local banks and businesses.

Doug McNett returned to his office to make final corrections and edits of the Escrow agreement.

10:44 Tami Keenan, Treasurer presented Treasurer's Quarterly report to the Commissioners. Keenan also discussed with the Commissioners the SPARKS' funds checks and distribution.

Motion: Philip Hammeke, Move to approve Treasurer's Quarterly report ending July 31, 2020 as presented.

Lewis second. Motion passed.

10:57 Representatives: Randy Dick, Derek Dick, and Dustin Dick from Kaw Valley Insurance Employee Benefit company to visit with the Commissioners.

Representatives from Kaw Valley Insurance Employee Benefit company requested permission from the Commissioners to review current group benefit plan and county employee health insurance claims report. They would like to present an alternative plan in the future.

Motion: Lewis, Move to grant permission to Kaw Valley Insurance Employee Benefits representative to review employee information regarding health insurance claims.

Hammeke second. Motion passed.

11:10 Doug McNett, County Attorney presented edited Escrow Agreement with ITC Great Plains, LLC.

Motion: Lewis move to approve Escrow Agreement with ITC Great Plains, LLC with Pawnee County, Kansas regarding published placement of utility lines as presented.

Hammeke second. Motion passed.

Aimee Norris, Clerk's office to Attest.

11:30 LEPC Meeting

Those in attendance via Zoom: Brian Stahlecher, Melanie Urban, Julie Kramp, William Nusser, Leisa Dipman, Joel Davis, Mr. Wagner, Alex Filbert, Brad Eilts, Buddy Tabler, Laura Smith, Kurt Demel, Bryce Wachs, Kara Lawrence, Casey Robinson.

Bob rein, Deborah Lewis, Philip Hammeke, Joel Davis, Doug McNett, Cheryl Hoberrecht and Mr. Wagner present.

Cheryl Hobercht County Health Dept gave updated report on COVID case in Pawnee County.

There is an upswing in positive cases in the community and in the Prison. Numbers are fluid; more testing will continue.

11:36 Mr. Wagner, Emergency Management, reported PPE stockpile is in place and can be utilized.

11:38 Doug McNett reported that SPARKS' funds have been dispersed with the exception of the City of Larned. The City will pick up the funds after there is a City Council business meeting.

11:39 Leisa Dipman reported on the number of positive COVID cases at LSH.

She reported that LSH will do mass testing on Tuesday and Wednesday. Restriction are in place regarding movement on campus from building to building and unit to unit.

11:41 Wayne Gore, Prison, reported the number of positive COVID cases at the prison are up but rate of increase is slowing. All preventive practices are in place and being followed to curtail spread of COVID .

Both Prison and LSH have a modified quarantine of staff in place.

Gore further explained the time line for containing the COVID exposure at the prison is 3 to 5 weeks period. Prison is moving through the time line successfully curtailing spread.

11:44 Kara Lawrence offered to provide medium and large size gloves if other department needs some.

11:45 Alex Filbert, Chamber of Commerce reminded everyone that SPARKS' fund applications are due in her office by August 28th.

11:46 Brad Eilts, Larned City Manager reported city office staff and city employees have been reminded to use safe practice policy to curtail spread of virus.

11:47 Bryce Wachs, Superintendent of School District # 495 reported that the opening of new school year on Thursday was smooth and continued to be so on Friday.

Bryce inquired if Commissioners or Emergency Management had any updated information regarding a Broadband expansion grant.

11:48 Casey Robinson, Superintendent of School District # 496, is anticipating a great year as well.

12:00 Bryce Wachs shared that the Ft. Larned School District would be installing body temp equipment with in the next two weeks. Once finished the company would install equipment at the Pawnee Heights School District.

12:05 LEPC meeting concluded.

12:06 Mr. Wagner has an invoice for PPE supplies for Commissioners' approval.

Rein asked Cheryl Hobercht for an update on the Virus Matrix Scale. She replied Pawnee County remains in the lower range of orange.

- 12:12 Lewis inquired about the need for writing a new Resolution for compliance of wearing masks in the Court House or if Resolution No. 2020-R-007 was still in effect.
- 12:18 Doug McNett, County Attorney presented Resolution No. 2020-R-007 to the Commissioners for their review.
- 12:19 The Commissioners were researching a previous resolution regarding hospital appropriations. They requested assistance from Aimee Norris, Clerk's office.
- 12:27 Lewis discussed with Rein and Hammeke her research findings regarding vacated alleys and procedure for closing county roads.
- 12:30 Commissioners continue to review, edit, and approve vouchers, minutes, and businesses before them.
- 12:51 Doug McNett, County Attorney, returned with a draft of Resolution No. 2020-R-009 to be reviewed and edited by Commissioners and Cheryl Hoberecht, County Health Dept.
- 1:00 Continuation of wording of resolution and the implantation of the resolution in all of Pawnee County departments including Road and Bridge, Camp Pawnee, and Solid Waste. Discussion of expectations of all county personnel wearing masks and practicing safe distancing. Further discussion of what criteria to put in place allowing the public access to the Court House as written in the COVID Assessment Matrix.
- 1:36 **Motion: Lewis move to adopt Resolution No 20220-R-009, Concerning Restriction of Access to the Court Property during the Public Health Emergency as presented to take effect immediately, as of the date of August 24, 2020.**
- Second, Hammeke. Motion passed.**
- 1:38 **Motion, Lewis move to adjourn.**
- Hammeke, second. Motion passed.**
- 1:40 Adjournment.



For the Board:

Chair, Board of Commissioners



Attest:

County Clerk