

9:00 a.m.

Reconvene. Commissioners Lewis and Hammeke present.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Aimee Norris, Deputy Clerk gave Commissioners Payable Checks, Payable Vouchers, Payroll Checks and Payroll Vouchers.

10:00 a.m.

Kurt Demel, Road and Bridge Manager. Has an employee in quarantine until October 14th. Is asking for 10 days of Admin Leave.

Lewis moves to accept the Payroll Change Notice dated 9/28/2020 for Admin Leave for an employee in the Road and Bridge Department. Motion carries (2-0).

Demel presented a step raise for an employee.

Lewis moves to accept the Payroll Change Notice dated 9/14/2020 for a step raise for an employee in the Road and Bridge Department as presented. Motion carries (2-0).

Demel states repairs are approximately \$23,230 for a broken truck. They will take it to Sterling.

They will finish sealing and move to Timken Road to seal all overlays. They are in the Keysville township mowing.

Kurt asked to go into executive session.

Lewis moves to adjourn to executive session for personnel at 10:08 am for 5 minutes. Motion carries (2-0). No action taken.

Demel has received information on O Road and Broadway.

Lewis asked when will we be at a point when we can get the owners together? We need to update it before the end of the year.

Demel needs to get the utilities figured out first.

Hammeke asked if the Tax exempt has been set out.

Norris, Deputy Clerk, replied yes, all department Heads and vendor have been mailed one.

Lewis asked Norris if the Great Plains Development membership fees have been paid for this year. Norris wasn't sure. Hammeke asked Norris to look it up.

10:30 a.m.

Doug McNett, Sheriff Scott King present. Discussion on Precautionary Leave. The County can make FMLA more generous but not less.

Currently, the resolution states that if an employee is sick or quarantined, they will receive 80 hours paid leave. If more time is needed, the employee would receive 2/3 of their pay rate from the County. This resolution expires on December 30th, 2020.

Lewis asked Sheriff King if he's had any staff who used Administration Leave. King reports staff used it two weeks ago, as staff went home due to symptoms. They used sick leave.

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Lewis asks McNett if this is limited to 12/31. McNett replied not currently unless otherwise extended by Congress.

Lewis asks Sheriff King why they are seeing overtime in the Sheriff's Department.

King replied there have been some employees call in sick at the last minute. There has been some illness. One employee had to come in early to interview for a burglary. Some deputies have had to come back into work to work two suicides. There have been six motor vehicle incidents.

11:00 a.m.

LEPC. Present in person; Commissioners Lewis and Hammeke. Joel Davis; Deputy Register of Deeds, Cheryl Hoberecht, Public Health Officer; Doug McNett, County Attorney; Mark Wagner, Emergency Management.

Present via zoom; Cheryl Hoberecht, Public Health Officer; Kara Lawrence, EMS; Larned Police Chief Orth; Leisa Dipman, LSH; Wayne Gore, DOC; Larned Dispatch; Laura Smith, Country Living; Sheriff Scott King; Dusty and Orley, Larned State Hospital; Bryce Wachs, USD 495 Superintendent; Julie Kramp, The Center for Counseling and Consultation; Alex Filbert, Executive Director of the Larned Area Chamber of Commerce; Casey Robinson, USD 496 Superintendent; Antonio Hearn, Larned Police Department; Jason Zink, EMS; City Office; Melanie Urban, PVCH; Dr. Frick; William Nusser, Larned City Mayor; Shawn Boese, Rozel Fire Department; Mark Wagner, Emergency Management; Bud Taylor, Tiller and Toiler;

Cheryl Hoberecht, Public Health Officer. There have been 374 cases. 77 cases in the community with 11 active cases and 19 cases within the last 14 days. There have been 9 cases in the last 7 days putting the county in the yellow on the Matrix.

Joel Davis, Deputy Register of Deeds. Nothing to report.

Doug McNett, County Attorney. County employees who are placed in quarantine can have the first 80 hours paid 100% by the county. After the first 80 hours, they can use extended leave at a rate of two-thirds of their pay, however they can use sick leave to bump it up to cover all hours missed.

Mark Wagner, Emergency Management. Nothing to report.

Deborah Lewis, Commissioner. Nothing to report.

Kara Lawrence, EMS is at clinicals today, no updates.

Larned Police Chief Orth, nothing new to report. Asked if the flu shots are in. Hoberecht replied they are delayed.

Hammeke asked if Hoberecht thought there would be more flu shots given this year. Hoberecht isn't sure.

Leisa Dipman, LSH. There have been 30 staff members with positive cases, there are 10 staff members currently active. Patient cases are at zero.

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Wayne Gore, DOC. There are currently 5 staff members positive with COVID-19. Two weeks ago, there were 43, last week there were 23, and this week there was only 5. The outbreak at the West unit was contained. They are wearing N95 masks in the high-risk unit. They are getting inmates back to work.

Larned Dispatch. Asked Cheryl Hoberrecht if the Health Department needs additional Contact Tracers. They are willing to get some dispatchers trained if needed. Cheryl said yes and they would need to sit down and visit.

Dispatch asked if they could get addresses of homes with positive COVID cases more than once per week. Hoberrecht replied, yes, we can talk about this too.

Laura Smith, Country Living. They are doing well. They are limiting visitors and they must check in at the front door. They have been monitoring the cases in the community and out of 49 employees, there have been zero cases.

Sheriff Scott King. Nothing new to report.

Dusty and Orley, Larned State Hospital. Nothing new to report.

Bryce Wachs, USD 495 Superintendent. Nothing new to report at this time.

Julie Kramp, The Center for Counseling and Consultation. Nothing new to report.

Alex Filbert, Executive Director of the Larned Area Chamber of Commerce. Nothing new to report.

Casey Robinson, USD 496 Superintendent. There are 8th graders from Jetmore who are quarantined and will make an impact on the attendance.

Antonio Hearn, Larned Police Department. Nothing new to report.

Jason Zink, EMS. Nothing new, just listening in.

Melanie Urban, PVCH. They are testing all patients for COVID and have tested 765 so far. Associates are not allowed to work if they test positive.

GKAM, Dr. Frick. Nothing new to report.

William Nusser, Larned City Mayor. Nothing new to report.

Shawn Boese, Rozel Fire Department. Nothing new to report.

Bud Tabler, Tiller and Toiler. Nothing new to report.

Melanie Urban, Pawnee Valley Community Hospital. Hays Med has added another courier with results in less than 48 hours. They are working hard to improve the turnaround time.

Hammeke asked Urban if they have both regular and rapid tests. Urban replied they are using the PCR test which is 99% accurate. If a rapid test is negative, it could still be a positive. There is an 80-90% accuracy rate if the

rapid test is positive. The rapid tests are mailed in for confirmatory testing. The PCR is an amplified test.

Lewis asks Leisa Dipman if there are a reduced number of beds at the hospital and if it has an impact on the budget.

Dipman replied yes, the psychiatric beds have been reduced from 90- 72. They need a unit in case of COVID cases there. Throughout COVID they will continue with 72 beds. If they went back to 90, the patients would have to double bunk. This will be reviewed at the first part of the year. The reduction of beds does not affect the budget for the hospital.

11:45 a.m. Cheryl Hoberecht asked if the CMS validation had been received. Doug McNett said not, it has not.

Cheryl Hoberecht asked the Commissioners if they would like to continue to bill for Medicare for flu shots. This would be the third year. Hoberecht will do further research.

Lewis stated they will try to get the budget in the paper next Monday. Next Monday will be the budget meeting.

Reviewed election checks. They will sign for the two workers from the August Primary. They will hold off on signing the Election paychecks.

Lewis moves to accept 2020-R-012 amending Administrative Leave during the COVID-19 Coronavirus Health Emergency so that we are in alignment with current Federal Guidelines as presented. Motion carries (2-0).

12:07 pm. **Lewis moves adjourn until 1pm. Hammeke seconds. Motion carries (2-0).**

1:00 p.m. Melanie Urban, George Harms, Andy Beck, and Shay Veach, Pawnee Valley Community Hospital. Reviewed the Administrator Report and financials.

Lewis moves to accept the Capitol Budget for FY 2021 for Pawnee Valley as presented. Motion carries (2-0).

1:54 p.m. Kyle Grant, Extension Office. Asked if the budget could get cut anymore. Lewis replied no.

2:02 p.m. Mark Wagner, Emergency Management. Presented a Grant Application from the Emergency Management Performance Grant to offset his salary in the amount of \$16,601.

Lewis motions that Phillip signs the application for the EMPG for 2021. Hammeke seconds. Motion carries (2-0).

Wagner reports the SPARK funds will pay for large screen monitors for zoom meetings, ten laptop computers with a charging cart, touch screen monitors, new chairs, and training tables. Golden Belt Telephone is equipping the lounge.

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Wagner asked if Bob is going to notify Golden Belt that they can proceed? Lewis said we will clear it up when Bob is here. Hammeke to Wagner, go ahead and call to let them know it's ready.

Lewis to Aimee Norris, Deputy County Clerk.

- 1) There is an error on the September payroll.
- 2) Two checks were made to Redwood Toxicology, one was supposed to be made to Storage. Wants to double check to make sure checks were voided.
- 3) Who are the three members that Pawnee County appointed to a Planning Committee?
- 4) Departments need the end of the month closing reports.

2:26 p.m.

Lewis moves to adjourn. Motion carries (2-0).

Adjourned until October 5th at 9:00am.



For the Board:

Chair, Board of Commissioners


Attest: _____
County Clerk Deputy