

Pawnee County Commissioner Meeting - October 5, 2020

9:00

Call to order by Chairman Rein. Commissioners Lewis and Hammeke in attendance. Also present: Joel Davis and Kyle Grant,

Pledge of Allegiance.

Kyle informed the commissioners that October 4-10 is National 4-H week. **Lewis moves that the County Commissioners issue a Proclamation recognizing the role of 4-H in Pawnee County Kansas. Hammeke seconds. Motion carries.**

Norris gives commissioners payable vouchers and paychecks. Rein gives Norris a letter from Kansas Correctional Industries requesting a tax exempt form.

9:20

A Moment of silence to remember Leonard Mastroni.

10:01

Department Head Meeting. Rein opens the meeting. Has everyone had a chance to look at Budget? 2% across the board in general fund. Burned thru some reserves – which can not continue. Need to stay under the tax lid so doesn't have to be put to a vote.

Hammeke – still have not heard from BC/BS about insurance increase.

Wheaton – Burning pit on South Side move to North to dump. Well 1 taken out, covered. Loader is working.

Demel – Concerned about finding parts for Chip Spreader. Sealing. Complaint from Valley Center Township on concrete box structure. May have to close road.

Tami – Treasurer. Postage going fast and furious. Ballots go out the 14th. Volume has increased. Some going out with more postage than needed. Department Head told.

Hoberecht - Public Health. 19 COVID cases in last 14 days, 10 in last 7 days, 90 active in community. Flu shots are available – issues with Supplier. Employees at no cost, will bill insurance.

McNett – County Attorney. Asked about time frame to get Court House rewired and phones changed. SPARKS funds – reimbursable – pay for an Audit.

DOC – Can work from home – down in staff. Remodeling – Jimlo came and measured. Waiting on an estimate for Keyless entry from INAalert.

Keeler – Appraiser. After harvest is done will get out and measure. Rerun want ad for one more week.

Hoberecht asked about the Resolution signed Sept. 28th. Doug – Resolution No. 2020-R-011 is more consistent with FMLA. Precautionary Medical Administrative Leave is not to exceed ten business days (80 hours) unless authorized by the Board of County Commissioner. 80 hours off at 100%. Caring for someone 2/3 for 80 hours. If lose daycare 2/3 salary for 10 weeks. If need more than 80 hours provide documentation. Ends Dec.30th unless extended by Congress.

District Court – Gatterman & Schartz. Remote court in foreseeable future. Don't see their restrictions ending soon.

Keenan – Treasurer. Driver's License deadline extended until Jan. 26 to be renewed. New ID's until October, 2021. CDL sent to Hays.

Norris handed Commissioners a packet from the Kansas Dept. of Labor.

11:00 Rebecca Detrich via phone call found out that Ruth Searight will not be here.

Commissioners never intended to withhold paychecks for those who did work. Where does the money come from?

Reviewed election bills to be paid. Approved CK#135407 for office supplies, Approved CK#135406 but would need more verification. Approved CK#135471 to ES&S. Approved checks to be paid to Boman, Birzer, Setzer, and Scranton.

Election Budget is at 114%. Budget has been over only once.

Jordaan Library is in the Red. A check was cut but no one knows what happened to it. Tried to call Ruth Searight – left a voice message. Treasurer's Office asked the Clerk's office where that check was.

All expenditures that are over budget need to be pre-approved by the Board. Hold everything else once the account is empty.

Lewis moves that all election expenses going forward need to be pre-approved because it is over budget. Hammeke seconds. Motion carries (3-0).

Board asked for current Clerk's Report. Norris said it is not ready.

Board requested the Treasurer to supply financial reports since the Clerk won't.

12:20

Kurt Demel gave the commissioners photos of the structure in Valley Center Township – Showing how bad the deck was. Suggested closing it off and asking Kirk and Michael to offer engineering advice. Rein and Lewis agreed that it should be closed for safety and a decision will be made later after it is known how much the project would cost.

Two more weeks of sealing then the townships will be done for Harvest. Waiting for parts for Roller and Dump Truck. New tractor has arrived.

Need to get with Randy Bird about a burn ban.

12:45

Tami Keenen came in to talk about publication of the proposed budget. **Lewis moves to approve publication of the Budget for 2021 on 10/8/20. Budget Hearing will by October 19 at 10am. Hammeke seconds. Motion Passes (3-0)**

12:50

Lewis moves to adjourn. Hammeke seconds. Motion carries (3-0).



For the Board:



Attest:

Chair, Board of Commissioners

Deputy 11
County Clerk