

October 19,2020

- 9 :00 Reconvene. Chair Rein and Commissioner Hammeke in attendance
Pledge of Allegiance
Commissioner Lewis arrives
Rebecca handed out agendas, vouchers and checks to be signed.
Travis Hendryx from Great Bend Tribune in attendance
- 9:15 Tami Keenan, Treasurer, brought in vouchers and checks involving SPARKS money to be signed. Commissioners asked her for statistics for September. She is still waiting on payroll from Sept. 30th to close the books. Offered to bring in Accounts up to Sept. 29.
- 9:30 Cheryl Hoberrecht from Health Dept and Doug McNett, county attorney joined the meeting. Cheryl handed out draft copies of "Letter of Instructions for Individuals in Recommended Quarantine".
Doug reported the School Board needs to change re-entry policy due to new regulations by state.
- 9:35 Rein, Hammeke, Lewis, Hoberrecht and McNett on phone with Alan Glendenning, attorney for K-Camp. Cheryl wanted to know if her draft letter meets all requirements.
Do we need to address type of mask to be used. Privacy issues need to be addressed. "Letter of Quarantine" is not an official letter, it is a recommendation. If it is not followed, do we make it mandatory?
Cheryl would like to avoid any more litigation. It is very time consuming. Schools are not reporting contacts to the Public Health Dept.
K-Camp is paying 50% of cost for legal advice and County pays 50%.
Phone call ended. Will talk again soon.
- 10:00 Hammeke - We need to find ways to keep students in school during quarantine, Social distancing and moving in off hours could help.
2021 Budget Hearing.
Copies of the 2021 budget were handed out. No constituents were in attendance.
Lewis moves to approve the 2021 Budget as presented. Hammeke seconds. Passed.
Scott King, County Sheriff, came in to pick up a copy of the Budget.
- 10:20 **Lewis moves to accept the audit report ending December 31, 2019 as presented. Hammeke seconds. Passed.**
Hammeke moves to send a letter to DOT in support of Sunflower Diversified's proposal for a grant fund to continue operation of the General Transportation System currently operating in our area. Lewis seconds. Passed.
Commissioners discussed Holiday leave days for 2021. There are typically 10 and a half vacation days a year.
- 10:45 Steve Lewis from Comfort Systems joined the meeting to present a bid for air conditioning on the 3rd floor of the Court House. He presented three options and discussed the warranty on each. More information on needs for the 3rd floor are to be researched. No action taken.
- 11:24 **Hammeke moves to accept the 2021 Holiday Calendar as presented. Lewis seconds. Passed.**
Lewis moves to go into Executive Session from 11:24 to 11:29 for attorney-client privilege. Doug McNett in attendance. Hammeke seconds. Passed.
- 11:29 Reconvene. No action taken.

11:30

Ruth Searight on phone. Also present: Bud Tabler, Travis Hendryx, Doug McNett, Joel Keith. Rebecca passed out Clerk and Election Report prepared by Ruth Searight and Clerk's Interium and General Ledger.

Ruth was asked if reports were balanced to end of August or September. Ruth stated that every county is over budget for this election. Secretary of State can confirm this information. Additional money might be available from the State.

Doug asked about installation of the Ballot Box.

Ruth believes if add Clerk and Election budgets, they may come out on or below budget.

Commissioners had asked for each department to submit bills related to extra expense because of the virus - to be paid out of SPARKS funds. Received none from the Clerk's Office.

The Clerk's Office is working on Tax Rolls now - but needs 2021 Budget to conclude work

Commissioners asked Ruth to answer questions sent to her. Ruth will contact Buddy Tabler later to answer questions.

How current is General Ledger presented? There is a glitch in September balance.

Treasurer Tammi Keenan joined the conversation. She was asked to give Ruth a report for September. Tami says she has given her a 5 page report. Ruth says it is the wrong report.

Rein asked if the dailies have been input thru September. Ruth said No because she is understaffed. She was asked if she had advertised the position.

McNett asked again about the installation of the Ballot Drop Box.

End of Call.

Commissioners stated the budget was late because Clerk has not helped prepare it as she has done in the past.

Hendryx asked if the Budget work was a part of her job description?

Tabler - Do you have the legal authority to suspend her salary? The Board believes they do. Would that off set her short fall in budget? No

Ruth did not answer questions asked by the Board. No Action taken.

12:30

Break for lunch. Will reconvene at 1:30 in the 1st floor Lounge. Motion by Lewis, Hammeke second. Passed.

1:30

Reconvene. Rein, Lewis and Hammeke present. Minutes from the September 14 and 21 were presented for review.

Chris Landrum from INAAalert present to discuss Security and Surveillance.

Funds were approved from SPARKS money. But the cost was more than approved. Where will rest come from? Need a sense of what the whole project would cost.

Would like to have a quote for each building - Court House, Annex and Sheriff's Office. Is giving a demo for the Police Dept on Wednesday - will ask the Sheriff to attend.

Will email a quote for Monday's meeting.

2:00

Pawnee Valley Community Hospital. On phone: George Harms, In person: Melanie Urban and Shea Veach.

Urban report: CLIA Laboratory Survey showed no deficiencies, Kansas State Board of Pharmacy Inspection showed no deficiencies. Australia Schartz was named Associate of the Quarter - 2020 First Quarter and Wayne Wilcox was named Associate of the Quarter 2020 Second Quarter. Pawnee Valley Campus was nominated by the Chamber of Commerce as Large Business of the Year, The Foundation was nominated as Non-

profit Organization of the year. Facebook Live with Great Bend Chamber Coffee Hour promoting our home sleep study services will be Oct.22, Community Lab Fair will be November 4 & 5, Angel Tree will be November 19. Golden Tickets are still available from the Foundation, Sensory kits for all Pawnee County school district students are being prepared.

Harms financial report: The hospital had a great month. He asked for the date the bond payment was due - Jan or Feb, 2022.

3:00

Recess meeting and reconvene as Board of Health. Present: Rein, Hammeke, Lewis,

Cheryl Hoberecht, Phil Martin and Kurt Dremel.

Cheryl would like to move ahead with using the "letter of instructions for Individuals in Recommended Quarantine". Legally no one can come back on the agency since it is not an order.

The Sheriff's Office will no longer serve Quarantine letters. HB 216 says can't tell school if someone is quarantined. Use of rapid test does not eliminate quarantine.

Phil Martin read the letter and asked who would get the letter. He suggested that it be shared with the school and others so people will know what to expect of Pawnee County.

Will discuss again at next weeks meeting. Adjourn Board of Health meeting.

3:45

Reconvene as County Commissioners. Present: Rein, Hammeke, Lewis and Kurt Demel Presented two applications for road crossing permits.

Lewis moves to accept county road crossing permit for Cox Communications on O Road as presented. Hammeke seconds. Passed

Lewis moves to accept county road crossing permit for Kansas Gas on O Road as presented. Hammeke seconds. Passed

Demel presented two quotes for culvert pipe needed for Phase 1 & 2 of the O Road project. Money to be vouchered out of County special fund.

Hammeke moves to accept bid from J&J Drainage Products for culvert pipe for O road Project as presented. Lewis seconds. Passed.

Demel presented a letter from KDOT turning down funding for OS74 bridge over Sawmill Creek.

His crews are done with sealing and patching. Now are mowing and spraying for Johnson Grass and Bindweed. Next week will begin work on O Road.

4:27

Joel Davis and Doug McNett joined the meeting.

After much discussion, it was decided that Ruth Searight had met the criteria set down by the board by finally communicating with them. Not all questions have been answered but it was agreed that no further action would be taken at this time.

Lewis moves to have the County set up the Ballot Drop Box provided by the Secretary of State office and keys given to the election officer. Hammeke seconds. Passed.

4:40

Meeting adjourned. Motion by Lewis, second by Hammeke, passed.



For the Board

Chair, Board of Commissioners



Attest:

County Clerk