

9:00

Chairman Rein called the meeting to order. Commissioner Lewis in attendance.
Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners were given: Agenda, vouchers and checks to be signed and minutes of the 11/23 meeting to correct.

9:07

Commissioner Hammeke joined the meeting.

Kara Lawrence, EMS updated the commissioners about on call staffing for long distance transfers. Must have 911 covered before taking a long distance critical care transfer. Called volunteers and has December mostly covered.

Lewis moves. To insure adequate staffing for long distance transfers, volunteers will receive \$4.00/Hour on-call pay. Cost to be covered by the County out of 1% funds - Up to a maximum of \$18,000 for 90 days after which the program will be reviewed. Hammeke seconds. Motion passes (3-0).

Hammeke moves that each full time county employee receive \$100.00 in Larned Bucks for Christmas. Lewis seconds. Motion carries. (3-0). Will need a list of full time employees.

There will be no cost of living increase until commissioners are sure of financials.
Clyde Reece has agreed to be the trustee of Sawmill Township. All others have declined the office.

Morton township – Clerk Candi Parker and Treasurer Randi Parker have moved out of township, so are not eligible to serve. Will begin looking for replacements.

9:45

Tina Keenan. Training classes for the Appraiser and her staff were cancelled this year and were budgeted this year. She has the option to pre-pay for the same classes next year. Commissioners will check to see whether or not she can pre-pay for the classes.

9:55

Aimee brought in the Clerks Report for September.

10:00

Mark Wagner, Joel Davis and Doug McNett joined the meeting.

Kyle Bahr from Golden Belt Telephone gave an update on the new phone system. Only department heads will have the official password. If adding new equipment to the system, please call them first. Need to change the password every 6 months. All department heads need information about the system. Golden Belt can be called anytime there is a problem. They will send an invoice for the original bid amount to be paid out of SPARKS funds, additional work will be billed on a separate invoice.

Mark Wagner was asked to make a list of what SPARKS money has not been spent. Commissioners set a deadline of December 14 to submit invoices or plans to spend. Asked to check with Gail in the Annex about security panels.

Doug McNett brought in copies of the Governor's Mask Mandate Executive Order #20-68. No enforcement is required. House Bill says there must be an alternative to the order.

11:00

Meeting recessed. LEPC meeting in 1st floor lounge starts. Present in person: Commissioners Lewis, Hammeke, and Rein. Cheryl Hoberrecht - Public Health Officer, Mark Wagner – Emergency Management, Kurt Demel – Road and Bridge, Doug McNett – County Attorney, Joel Davis and Aimee Norris.

Present on Zoom: Bryce Wachs – USD 495, Laura Smith – Country Living, Lara Lawrence – EMT, Chuck Orth – Larned Police Chief, William Nusser – Major of Larned, Brad Eilts – City Manager, Alex Filbert – Chamber of Commerce, Bud Tabler – Tiller and Toiler, Dr. Christina Frick, Julie Kramp, Melanie Urban – PVCH Kendall Lothman – Sheriff's Office, Brian Stahlecher – LSH.

Commissioner Rein called the meeting to order.

Cheryl Hoberrecht reported : 102 cases in the last 14 days, 33 cases in the last 7 days, 51 active cases. A total of 322 cases – number does not include DOC, LSH, or long term care facilities.

KDHE has subcontracted to provide free COVID testing during the month of December at Escue Chapel.

Cheryl reported that entering information into the EPI system for COVID cases was very slow because had to enter symptoms as well as contact information. Recommends that symptoms do not need to be reported only contact information so people can be notified.

Kara Lawrence reported EMS is working on a plan to staff for long term transfers.

Brad Eilts reported that City Offices will remain locked until Dec. 14. Dispatch reported that the 911 outage was a software issue.

Laura Smith from Country Living reported one suspected employee and no residents have COVID. They remain in lock-down except for End of Life residents.

Bryce Wachs from USD 495 reported that staffing was a problem to keep schools open. KSHAA has issued new regulations for winter sports. No practice Dec. 23 to Jan. 3. First activity will be Jan. 8 with no spectators.

Alex Filbert reported the parade will be Saturday. Floats will be parked by the curb and people can drive down the street to see them.

Brian Stahlecher from LSH reported 28 positive and 23 active cases among the patients. Cases among this group are rising. 87 staff have tested positive with 20 active.

William Nusser, Mayor reported they were going back to Virtual meetings. Expressed concerns about quarantine after contact with someone not wearing a mask.

Bud Tabler – Tiller and Toiler – would like more information on the testing at the Escue Chapel.

Julie Kramp reported on the Suicide Prevention Project to address teen suicide. Community training will begin the last week of January.

Melanie Urban – PVCH – reported 4 staff positive. Staffing is an ongoing problem. They are expecting an uptick in cases. The hospital is still admitting patients.

Bob Rein – Commissioner – reminded all that SPARKS money must be spent by December 31. Deadline for submission of invoices or plans for spending money is December 14. A reminder will be emailed.

Mask Mandate – right now Public Health order dated July 6, 2020 is still in effect. Enforcement is nearly impossible. Discussion on possible changes ended the meeting.

12:30

LEPC meeting adjourned. County Commissioner meeting resumed. In attendance: Commissioners Rein, Hammeke and Lewis and Kurt Demel – Road & Bridge.

Lewis moves to go into an executive session from 12:30 to 12:35 for personnel exception. Hammeke seconds. Motion carries (3-0). No action taken.

12:35

Back in Session. Kurt Demel presented information on equipment they would like to purchase – John Deere 722G Motor Grader with 6WD. Has money in his budget and will buy in January and defer payment for one year.

Hammeke moves to approve purchase of the John Deere Grader as presented. Lewis seconds. Motion carries (3-0).

12:40

Cheryl Hoberrecht – Public Health Officer – joined the meeting. Would like to hire a full time nurse for 6 months with benefits will reassess at the end of 6 months. It was verified from the Treasurer's Report and the Clerk's Report that money is available in the budget.

Doug McNett joined the meeting to read a section of the Governor's order. Discussed tying the mandate to the matrix. Orange and Red would require masks. Yellow and Green would promote mask use.

Cory Reece sent a letter declining the Sawmill Treasurer's position.

1:15

Alan Smith joined the session to argue in favor a mask mandate.

Melanie Urban -PVCH joined the meeting.

Doug McNett brought in 2 versions of answer to mask mandate. One would leave Public Health Order of 7/6/20 in effect – opting out of the mask mandate. The second version would mandate masks tied to the Matrix.

1:40

Pawnee Co. Commissioner's meeting recessed. Board of Health meeting now in session. Members present: Commissioners Rein, Hammeke and Lewis, Melanie Urban from PVCH , Cheryl Hoberrect – Public Health Officer and Doug McNett – County Attorney.

Lewis moves to accept Public Health Order of Pawnee County Regarding Masks or Face Covering in Public – dated November 30, 2020 as presented. Hammeke seconds. Motion passes (2 to 1). Rein voting no. Signatures attested by Rebecca Dietrich, Deputy.

2:45

Board of Health meeting adjourned. Pawnee Co. Commissioner's meeting adjourned.




For the Board:

Chair, Board of Commissioners



Attest:

County Clerk

 Deputy II