

**October 29, 2013
Special Town Hall Meeting
Larned Community Center**

7:00 Reconvene. Haas and Pelton present. Bowman absent.

In attendance: Bob Pivonka, Larned City Mayor; Lane Massey, Larned City Manager; John Settle, County Attorney; Lauren Long, PCEDC Director; and William Nusser, PCEDC.

Special Meeting was called to discuss the Alco Discount Store closing.

Mayor Bob Pivonka introduced the panel.

Chair, Pawnee County Board of Commissioners, John C. Haas, moderator, discussed the sales tax loss and etc. to the community.

Lane Massey, Larned City Manager, discussed how the closing would affect utilities and etc.

Lauren Lane, PCEDC Director, inform group who she has been trying to contact with Alco, to no avail, and also trying to find another business to take Alco's place. Lane asked for support from citizens of Pawnee County to shop locally when they can.

John Settle, County Attorney, asked the people of Pawnee County to help them contact the management of Alco to discuss reasons they should stay.

William Nusser, PCEDC, handed out contact information for Alco.

Took questions from audience.

What should the citizens say to Alco? Haas said to be positive and honest about why they want them to stay.

Jon Flint, U.S.D. 495, Superintendent, informed them how property taxes affect the District.

Bob Pivonka, Mayor, said to stress to Alco management that this is not just affecting Larned City, but also, the outlying areas.

Have they made any contacts to any other businesses to let them know we possibly have this place to fill?

Lauren Long, PCEDC Director, stated they are working with other ED directors and small business center in Kansas, but they do not have any leads yet, but they are taking steps to find another business.

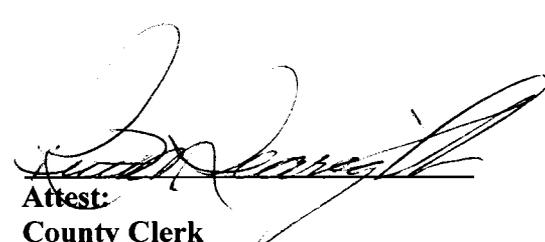
Why are they moving? Do not know for sure.

Heard comments from other in the audience: shop local; shrinkage in stores; lease on Alco store ran out eight months ago, been on a month to month; and other comments.

Closed with requesting audience call, email, or write Alco requesting they stay.

8:01 Adjourned until regular meeting, Monday, November 4, 2013, at 9:00 a.m.


For the Board:
Chair, Board of Commissioner


Attest:
County Clerk