

March 19, 2018

9:00

Reconvene. Rein, Lewis and Hammeke present.

Kim Barnes, Larned City Council Member. Gave Legislative updates.

Informed them that he is going to update a packet of information that was put together in 2004, and get it to the Legislators.

Informed them of the Legislative Coffee, scheduled for Saturday, April 28, 2018, at City Hall.

Barnes has spoken to Senator Mary Taylor, and she is hoping to put a group together for a tour.

Rein informed the Commissioners and Barnes of the meeting he attended on Friday, March 16th, with Venn Rao, LSH Human Resource, Wendy Leiker, William Nusser, and Brad Eilts, Larned City Manager.

Discussed some of the problems and possible solutions.

Barnes informed them that Senator Roger Marshall would be speaking at the Annual Golden Belt Meeting on April 26, 2018.

Commissioners discussed ways to promote Pawnee County.

Rein would like to hire Julie Munden to make short video's to help promote Pawnee County, Hospital and City. Lewis stated she agreed, but felt it needed three parts: 1) Legislative; 2) Social Media; and 3) Hard Copy (print media).

Commissioners stated the County would be happy to help with the Legislative coffee.

Commissioners talked about getting other counties involved, as the State Hospital affects more than just Pawnee County.

Approved and signed checks for payroll and payables.

Commissioners signed the approved minutes of February 19th, and February 26, 2018.

10:00

Kurt Demel, Co. Hwy. Adm. Gave updates on activities and goals.

Presented the monthly County Sign Cost, and informed them they had spent 92.25 hours working on signs.

Reviewed bids for cold mix, and explained where it is used.

Motion by Rein, seconded by Lewis, to approve the bid from Hi Plains Sand, Inc., Kanopolis, Ks., mixing 8,500 tons of cold mix @ \$8.80 per ton for a total of \$74,800. No further discussion.

Unanimous.

Gave update on the Courthouse parking area. Informed them that the working relationship between Larned City and the County is very good. Informed them that with the recent rain, they will be working on the County Roads.

Reviewed the three year lease provided by Demel, on the Bobcat Compact Track Loader. Demel stated the County Attorney McNett looked it over. Demel explained every year the lease is updated and he gets new equipment for up to 500 hours of use. **Motion by Rein, seconded by Lewis, to approve the annual lease T650 T4 Bobcat Compact Track Loader in amount of \$4,650 per year. No further discussion. Unanimous.**

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Demel gave updates on FAS 420 Bridge, North of Rozel, which has a plan of action, and he would like Kirkham/Michael to review it, fix the deck and pier, and get the plan of action released, so they can start on another bridge. Pawnee County has 140 bridges, and 250 to 300 box structures.

Demel complimented the talents of his staff.

Demel will put together some figures for the parking area at Camp Pawnee, and get back with them.

Darold Bussard, Custodian. Informed them that there is some pooling of water on the roof, and there is some leaking under the big steps.

11:00

Cheryl Hoberecht, Interim Health Director. Introduced her new staff member, Amanda Lakin.

Gave updates on Grants.

Discussed the Town Hall meeting, and the Health Assessment Review.

Hoberecht thought one of the biggest issues, was making the Community aware of what services are available.

Motion by Rein, seconded by Lewis, to rescind the burn ban for Pawnee County. No further discussion. Unanimous.

Mark Wagner, EM/Zoning, Director. Informed them that the new Zoning Maps have been updated.

Ruth Searight, County Clerk. Gave the Commissioners the updated pay scale for Adult/Juvenile DOC.

Reviewed the new Kper's rule for retirees that earn more than \$25,000 per year. After they earn \$25,000+, the County must pay 30% of their gross into Kpers, up from 8.+ when under the \$25,000. Aaron with VonFeldt's will visit with the Commissioners next week regarding this change.

12:30

Recessed for lunch. Reconvene at 1:30.

1:20

Reconvene.

Searight gave the Commissioners a Proclamation regarding Fair Housing Month for their review/approval. **Motion by Rein, seconded by Lewis, to approve and sign the Proclamation Celebrating 50 years of Fair Housing in Pawnee County. No further discussion. Unanimous.**

Discussed the Annex and possible new rent amounts. Discussed having County Attorney draw up new lease agreements.

Further discussed promoting Pawnee County, Hospital and City. Rein would like to visit with Economic Development to see what content they have to help promote the city.

Motion by Rein, seconded by Lewis to adjourn. Motion passes.

Philip B. Hammeke

For the Board:

Chair, Board of Commissioners

Ruth Searight
Attest:

County Clerk