

Pawnee County Commissioners  
Minutes  
January 9, 2023

Present: Commissioners: Hammeke, Rein

Absent: Lewis

9:02am Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Rein, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Rein presented payable voucher and check. Clerk presented draft minutes for review and correction. Clerk Rein explained 13 month for payables to Dr. Mike Burdett, Commissioner Elect.

Clerk Rein and Commissioners discussed IT support for the County and where it is billed.

Commissioner Rein updated the Commissioner on Golden Belt Telephone's grant application. Commissioner Rein stated that they have awarded some of the grant funds but to date Golden Belt Telephone has not been notified of being a recipient.

Clerk Rein stated to the Commissioners she has not heard anything on the additional dollars from the federal government.

Commissioners discussed the burn ban.

**Motion by Hammeke to lift the burn ban for Pawnee County until further notice. Motion passes, 2-0.**

10:00 Motion to move the meeting to the Courthouse Lounge for the Swearing in Ceremony of new officials.

Commissioner Rein opened the meeting for the swearing in ceremony.

Judge Julie Cowell administered the Oath of Office to 24<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Judge Bruce T. Gatterman and to Dr. Mike Burdett, Commissioner for District 1.

10:18 Commissioners reconvened to County Commissioners office to continue business.

**Motion by Hammeke, seconded by Burdett to nominate Commissioner Rein as Chairman for 2023. Motion passes, 3-0.**

**Motion by Burdett, seconded by Rein to nominate Commissioner Hammeke for Vice Chairman as presented, Motion passes, 3-0.**

**Motion by Hammeke, seconded by Burdett to appoint the Tiller and Toiler as the County Newspaper. Motion passes, 3-0.**

**Motion by Hammeke, seconded by Burdett to obtain Fusion Bank, Farmer's Bank and Trust, Equity Bank and Bank of the West as Pawnee County Financial Institutions for 2023. Motion passes, 3-0.**

Commissioner Rein welcomed Commissioner Dr. Mike Burdett to the Pawnee County, Board of County Commissioners.

Kurt Demel, Road and Bridge, Noxious Weed, Zoning Department Head and Interim Department for Solid Waste presented payroll change notices for Road and Bridge and Solid Waste employees.

**Motion by Hammeke, seconded by Burdett to accept payroll change notice for Road and Bridge employee going from step 4 to step 5 as of 1/11/2023 as presented. Motion passes, 3-0.**

**Motion by Hammeke, seconded by Burdett to accept payroll change notice for Solid Waste employee for a Class B CDL differential effective 12/26/2022 as presented. Motion passes, 3-0.**

Kurt presented County Road Crossing Permit for Golden Belt Telephone to lay fiber optic telephone plant encased in HDPE conduit for the following townships: Brown's Grove, Grant, Keysville, Lincoln, Sawmill and Shiley.

**Motion by Burdett, seconded by Hammeke to approve the County Road Cross Permits for the following townships: Brown's Grove, Grant, Keysville, Lincoln, Sawmill and Shiley as presented. Motion passes, 3-0.**

Tami Keenan, Treasurer met with Commissioner to ask for a pay increase. Discussion took place. Commissioner Rein explained that dollars had be budgeted last year for the Treasurer to get an increase, but it was never finalized.

**Motion by Hammeke, seconded by Burdett to increase Pawnee County Treasurer's salary by \$5,200.00 annually effective 1/8/23 as presented. Motion passes, 3-0.**

Kurt Demel, Road and Bridge Department Head spoke to the Commissioners about the possibility of purchasing a service truck due to having a good mechanic. Kurt is asking permission to look at a 2003 Freightliner with a winch on back, listed at \$38,500.00. Commissioners asked where this would be on his equipment list. Kurt explained that he would be moving some items down the list if the service truck is something he is interested in. Kurt will make another appointment with the Commissioners after viewing the service truck.

Kurt explained there is still no delivery date for the 2022 Equipment Trailer and the Kubota. Kurt explained these items have been encumbered in the budget.

Kurt presented Project Programming Request for Off-System Bridge 93 Replacement. Kurt explains the State will pay up to \$999,000.00, project total is estimated at \$995,000.00 with the County portion at \$55,000.00. Kurt suggested the County plan on \$150,000.00 for calendar year 2024, this will allow for engineering and survey costs.

**Motion by Hammeke, seconded by Burdett to approve the submission of the Local Project Request for OS 93 Bridge project as presented. Motion passes, 3-0.**

Kurt presented Agreement for Engineering Services from Kirkham Michael for preliminary engineering study for OS 93 for bridge replacement project as part of the FFY 2024 Off-System Bridge Program.

**Motion by Burdett, seconded by Hammeke to approve Engineering Services between Pawnee County and Kirkham Michael & Associates for OS93 bridge as presented. Motion passes, 3-0.**

Kurt updated Commissioners on the progress of OS75 bridge, stating the bridge will hopefully be open by the end of week.

11:28 **Motion by Hammeke, seconded by Burdett to enter into executive session for a period 5 minutes from 11:28 to 11:33 for the purpose of Personnel to include Kurt Demel, Department Head and Clerk Rein. Motion passes, 3-0.**

11:33 Reconvened to regular session; no action taken.

Solid Waste Supervisor position will be opened for applications for two weeks. Advertisement will run in the Tiller and Toiler.

Tim Taylor, Maintenance Supervisor met with Commissioners to discuss the KLAWN quote for 2023. Tim explained if prepaid there a 10% discount, saving \$190.00. Tim also informed the Commissioners that three urinals are leaking in the men's bathroom. He explained he is looking at pricing

options for repair and replacement. Tim stated he is also looking into automatic flushers. Commissioners asked Tim to get two quotes on the repairs.

Tim spoke to the Commissioners regarding the Annex Budget regarding the purchasing of supplies. Tim stated previously he has paid for the supplies out of his budget. Commissioners advised supplies for the Annex should come out the Annex Budget.

Tim stated the window glazing at the courthouse is schedule for spring. Along, with the glazing the company will also be washing the windows.

Clerk Rein presented Resolution No. 2023-R-001 a Resolution Waiving GAAP Procedures for Fiscal Year 2023.

**Motion by Hammeke, seconded by Burdett to adopt Resolution No 2023-R-001 a Resolution Waiving GAAP Procedure for Fiscal Year 2023. Motion passes, 3-0.**

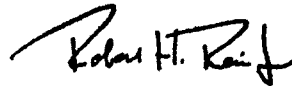
Clerk Rein presented Resolution of the Board of Pawnee County Commissioners authorizing participation in Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program for Calendar Year 2023.

**Motion by Hammeke, seconded by Burdett to adopt Resolution No. 2023-R-002 a Resolution of the Board of Pawnee County Commissioners Authorizing Participation in Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) Student Loan Repayment Program Calendar Year 2023, Pawnee County shall allocate \$1500.00 a year. Motion passes, 3-0.**

Commissioner Rein gave an update on KNRC meeting regarding Lesser Prairie Chicken Listing.

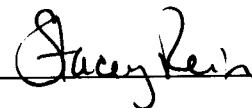
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Motion for Adjournment



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For the Board:  
Chair, Board of Commissioners



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Attest:  
County Clerk