

Pawnee County Commissioners
Minutes
January 16, 2023

Present: Commissioners: Burdett, Hammeke, Rein

9:05am Meeting was called to order by Chairman Rein, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Rein presented payable voucher, payroll reports and checks. Clerk Rein presented a draft form for employees to sign off on the newly drafted employee manual.

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

Clerk Rein explained the battery back-up in the Tech room has gone down. She stated she has spoken to Golden Belt Telephone and bigger battery back should be installed in the Tech room.

Commissioner Burdett updated the Commissioners on his training last week in Topeka. Commissioner Burdett stated that KWORC offers free training on a variety of topics to members.

Tami Keenan, Treasurer presented signature card from Fusion Bank removing previous Commissioner Lewis and replacing with Commissioner Burdett.

Kurt Demel, Road and Bridge, Zoning Department Head presented an Application for Permit for a concrete box structure on 280th Avenue. Kurt explains the Engineering for the project will be done by Kirkham Michael. Kurt stated they will be removing the current culvert pipes and replaces with two box structures, to be paid by Road and Bridge. Hoping to have project completed by harvest 2023.

Kurt discussed a possible Solar Farm coming to the Edward County/Pawnee County lines on 280th Avenue. Kurt stated this project would require a Conditional Use Permit as well as need to go Zoning Committee.

Kurt gave road and equipment updates.

Commissioner Burdett spoke to Kurt and Sheriff King about the online training offered by KWORC.

10:50 Sheriff Scott King, Undersheriff Larry Atteberry, Joel Davis, Register of Deeds/Assistant Emergency Management Director, Josh Huff Lieutenant/ Emergency Management Director meet with the Commissioners to discuss a quote from SecureTech Systems, Inc regarding two year warranty extension on the Courthouse panic buttons. Sheriff King stated panic buttons should be tested on a regular basis with dispatch notification.

Motion by Burdett, seconded by Hammeke to approve the bid from SecureTech Systems, Inc for a 2 Year warranty extension for Pawnee County panic buttons to be paid out of Courthouse in the amount of \$1796.75 as presented. Motion passes, 3-0.

Sheriff King presented an estimate from Golden Belt Telephone for a network rewire. Sheriff King explains the network went down twice which shuts down everything at the jail.

Motion by Burdett, seconded by Hammeke to approve the estimate from Golden Belt Telephone network overhaul to be paid from LETTCF funds if received or by Special Projects in the amount of \$14,473.49 as presented. Motion passes, 3-0.

Sheriff King gave an update John Colt Case.

Discussion took place regarding burn ban. Commissioner Burdett stated his concerns regarding the burn ban. Commissioner Rein stated it is set by resolution the Commissioners determine burn ban status.

11:30

Kara Lawrence, Pawnee County EMS Director gave updates for the 2023 budget. Commissioners and Kara discussed creating a timeline for fleet replacement as well as large equipment. Discussion took place regarding staffing at the Burdett EMS office. Kara gave an update on the meeting with the staff in Burdett explaining the requirement of the 12-hour shift in Larned offers additional training.

Discussion took place regarding Ambulance drivers with one staff member. Kara explained by Statute you must have two certified EMT's on the truck with a patient for any transfers.

12:00

Lyle Noordhoek, Coroner, Dr. Mark VanNorden, Medical Director met with the Commissioners to review policies and to update the Commissioners on the prior year.

Commissioner Rein excused himself from the meeting to attend a speaking engagement. The meeting was led by Vice-Chairman Hammeke.

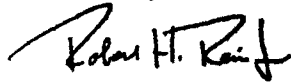
Dr. Noordhoek stated he has Deputy Coroner in Pawnee County, Dr. Mark VanNorden and Special Deputy Coroner Josh Huff.

Dr. Noordhoek explains he appoints Deputy and Special Deputies. He requires training with him. Dr. VanNorden shared his concern stating he is currently the only physician in Pawnee County that takes Coroner calls. He feels there is a need for more Deputy Coroners. Kara Lawrence stated her, and the Assistant EMS Director are interested in becoming Special Deputies. Dr. Noordhoek explain that Counties appoint Coroners every four years.

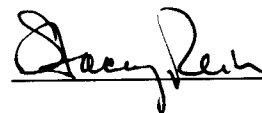
Dr. Noordhoek explained when coroner is called for consults and when autopsies are ordered.

1:10

Motion for Adjournment



For the Board:
Chair, Board of Commissioners



Attest:
County Clerk