

Pawnee County Commissioners
Minutes
January 30, 2023

Present: Commissioners: Burdett, Hammeke, Rein

9:00am Meeting was called to order by Chairman Rein, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Rein updated the Commissioners on the meeting with Acciona Energia, a renewable energy company. Commissioner Rein stated that Edwards County also had a representative present for the meeting. Commissioner Rein discussed the approximate time for construction and possible length of the project.

Clerk Rein presented payroll reports, payable vouchers, draft minutes for review and corrections as well as information from KNRC and an invoice. Clerk Rein also presented an updated approved wages report. Clerk Rein presented mail from Representative JoAnn Roth.

Commissioner Hammeke updated the Commissioners on information he received on the 50 and Over Club in Garfield.

10:00 Commissioners meeting with Steven Lewis, Comfort Systems was cancelled due to a family emergency.

10:15 Kara Lawrence, Pawnee County EMS Director, met with Commissioners to review repair bid to the Burdett Fire Station to set a pipe Bollard to protect the building when backing up the ambulance into the station.

Motion by Hammeke, seconded by Burdett to accept the proposal from Eakin Enterprise in the amount of \$2,700.00 to install pipe bollard door protects at the Burdett Fire station to be paid out of Health Sales 1% Tax.

Kara presented five payroll change notices for EMS employees who have obtained AHA Instructor Certification to instruct CPR classes. Kara explained to Commissioner they receive a \$.25 pay increase for this certification.

Motion by Hammeke, seconded by Burdett to approve five payroll change notices for EMS employees in the amount of \$.25 for the completion of AHA Instructor Certification, effective 2/5/2023 as presented. Motion passes, 3-0.

Kara discussed EMS coverage in Burdett. Commissioners asked for a draft proposal with wages to review before a decision is made.

10:30 Department Head Meeting those present: Gail Antenen, Community Corrections Director, Kay Schartz, District Court Clerk, Tim Taylor, Maintenance Supervisor, Tina Keeler, Appraiser, Cheryl Hoberecht, Health Administrator, Kara Lawrence, Pawnee County EMS Director, Sheriff Scott King, Undersheriff Larry Atteberry, Kurt Demel, Road and Bridge, Noxious Weed, Zoning Department Head, Interim Solid Waste Department Head, Joel Davis, Register of Deeds, Kyle Grant, Pawnee County Extension Office.

Commissioner Rein opened the meeting and introduced Dr. Mike Burdett, Commissioner.

Kara Lawrence, EMS gave an update on five members of her staff have completed AHA Instruction Certification and if CPR classes are needed to please contact her office.

Cheryl Hoberecht, Health Administrator, stated she has given lots of Flu Shots and some COVID vaccines. Cheryl gave an update on a program United Way is offering, Laundry of Love, once a month through the year.

Tina Keeler, Appraiser stated she has sent out renditions and they are ready for signatures.

Tim Taylor, Maintenance Supervisor stated he hired a part-time helper, which is allowing him to work on other projects within the courthouse and annex. Tim stated he has gotten a quote on the West Door; it is needing to be replaced.

Commissioner Rein stated the men's bathroom will be having some work done on it in the future. Commissioner Rein also stated to the department heads that the courthouse window sealing project will take place this spring.

Kay Schartz, District Court stated they will be having a jury trial in February.

Gail Antenen, Community Corrections stated she will begin grant writing soon for fiscal year 2024. Gail announced Community Corrections will be receiving an additional \$13,000.00 for Kansas Department of Corrections.

Kyle Grant, Extension Office hosted Deer Conference, there was approximately 60 people that attended the conference. Kyle stated shooting sports has begun and Club Day will be soon.

Stacey Rein, Clerk stated her office has a new staff member. She stated her office will be having a Special Election for the City of Rozel at the end of February.

Kurt Demel, Road and Bridge, Noxious Weed, Zoning Department Head and Interim Solid Waste Department Head. Kurt stated they are working on a recycling agreement with the City of Larned and Sunflower Recycling. Kurt informed the Department Heads the Noxious Weed Conference will be 2/28/23 through 3/2/23 in Mulvane. He is working with Kirkham Michael on agreements for OS93 bridge. Kurt updated Department Heads on road and equipment. Kurt gave an update for the Solid Waste department stating they are waiting for a little more moisture before they begin burning at the landfill.

Sheriff King and Undersheriff Atteberry stated there is currently eight inmates in jail, arrested two in last week's raid.

Sheriff King is working with KWORC and will be offering a Defensive Driving Classes on February 22 to all County Employees. Sheriff stated they will be offering two classes one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

Undersheriff Atteberry stated they are working with Country Living offering a self-defense class to their residents. Sheriff King stated they are having additional meetings with the school regarding the Student Resource Officer.

Commissioner Burdett spoke to the Department Heads about getting information to the Clerk when they are planning to meet with the Commissioners. Commissioner Burdett stated they will be making informed decisions and information not provided to the Commissioners until the day of the meeting they will not be approving the purchase of items.

Cheryl Hoberecht asked the Commissioners a question that arose at the last Community Health Organization meeting regarding the 50-bed mental health facility being built in Sedgwick County to help with Criminal Mental

Health Evaluations. Commissioners and Sheriff King stated these topics are going to be addressed with their Lobbyist.

11:00

Gail Antenen met with Commissioner to review and get approved Community Corrections quarterly reports. Gail presented the quarterly reports for the Adult and Juvenile programs. Gail gave a brief background on how Community Correction is funded.

Gail reviewed the Kansas Community Corrections Act Quarterly Cash Reconciliation and Certification ending quarter December 31, 2022.

Motion by Burdett, seconded by Hammeke to accept Kansas Community Corrections Cash Reconciliation and Certification ending December 31, 2022, as presented. Motion passes, 3-0.

Gail reviewed the Kansas Community Correction Act Quarterly Cash report for GS, JCAB and Prevention budgets.

Motion by Burdett, seconded by Hammeke to approve Kansas Department of Correction, Division of Juvenile Services Quarterly Cash Reconciliation and Certification for GS, JCAB budgets ending December 31, 2022. Motion passes, 3-0.

Gail reviewed the Kansas Community Corrections Act Quarterly Cash report for Prevention grant ending December 31, 2022.

Motion by Burdett, seconded by Hammeke to approve Kansas Department of Corrections, Division of Juvenile Services Quarterly Cash Reconciliation and Certification for Prevention budget ending December 31, 2022, as presented. Motion passes, 3-0.

Gail reviewed the Kansas Community Corrections Act Quarterly report for Reinvestment and Regional Collaboration Budget grant ending December 31, 2022.

Motion by Burdett, seconded by Hammeke to approve Kansas Department of Correction, Division of Juvenile Services Quarterly Cash Reconciliation and Certification for Reinvestment and Regional Collaboration budget ending December 31, 2022, as presented. Motion passes, 3-0.

Gail reviewed Kansas Community Corrections Act Quarterly Cash Reconciliation and Certification for JCPG grant ending December 31, 2022.

Motion by Burdett, seconded by Hammeke to approve Kansas Department of Corrections, Division of Juvenile Services Quarterly Cash Reconciliation and Certification for JCPG budget ending December 31, 2022, as presented. Motion passes, 3-0.

Gail presented Pathway for Success Quarterly Grand Budget Amendment Report and Signatory Approval for Fiscal Year 2023 in the amount of \$13,275.04. Gail explained that she will be using this extra grant funds for the shortfall in AISP Administration Benefits and AISP Equipment.

Motion by Hammeke, seconded by Burdett to approve Kansas Pathway for Success Quarterly Grant Budget Amendment Report for Fiscal Year 2023, Third Quarter for Adult Comprehensive Plan in the amount of \$13,275.04. Motion passes, 3-0.

11:30

Kurt Demel, Road and Bridge, Noxious Weed Department Head and Interim Solid Waste Supervisor presented a proposed Agreement Regarding Acceptance and Transfer of collected Recycled Material. An agreement between the City of Larned and Sunflower Diversified Services. Discussion took place regarding the recycling of Rozel and

Burdett. Commissioner Hammeke explained the recycling process for Rozel and Burdett getting their recycling to Larned to be taken to Great Bend.

Kurt stated he would be attending the Noxious Weed Conference and the possibility of two additional staff members to get their Noxious Weed Certifications.

Kurt discussed the meeting with Acciona Energia Company. Kurt stated he is working with Kirkham Michael on getting the appropriate agreements.

Kurt gave a more in-depth update on OS 93 bridge. Kurt explained the County will have to pay for an additional survey on the bridge before the work can begin.

Kurt gave an equipment update on repairs and stated the trailer ordered last year will hopefully be available in September and the Kobata they are looking March for delivery.

Kurt stated the pump for the Loader at Solid Waste went out, the part is scheduled to be delivered in two weeks.

Discussion took place regarding the purchase of a new mower tractor. Kurt explained an addition to the equipment would be helpful when Solid Waste has extra time, they are able to help with the mowing, it also helps if there are equipment breakdowns.

Motion by Burdett, seconded by Hammeke to accept the Bid from KanEquip, Inc for a purchase of a tractor in the amount of \$145,000.00 to be paid out of Road and Bridge fund as presented. Motion passes, 3-0.

Kurt stated his staff worked late on Wednesday on county roads due to the drifting snow.

Discussion took place regarding the Solar Farm. Kurt stated he may have to do additional work in the Township on the roads.

12:00

Meeting with Steve Kearny and Associates, Lobbyist for Pawnee County via Zoom. Those who attended in person: Rita Kurtz, Sheriff Scott King, Deborah Lewis, Brad Eilts, City of Larned Manager, Cheryl Hoberecht and the Pawnee County Commissioners. Steve opened the meeting with legislative updates. As of this meeting the Governor had not had the budget hearing. Steve updated those present on meeting with House and KDADS and the 50-bed facility going to be built in Sedgwick County. Steve stated he is still hearing that Larned State Hospital is having staffing issues. Discussion took place on when a good time would be for the legislative committee should make the trip to Topeka to discuss the concerns of Pawnee County and the Larned State Hospital. Steve recommends a visit as soon as possible would be best. Steve stated he would reach out to Scott Brunner, Deputy Secretary for Hospitals and Facilities, to see what dates will work with his office.

Discussion took place regarding the \$4.00 an hour COVID pay for the employees at the Larned State Hospital and the repercussions if the State should take that pay away from the employees. Steve suggest the Commissioners compose a letter with discussion points that can be hand delivered.

Steve's office stated they heard that Kansas Department of Correction will be changing the name of Larned Correctional Mental Health Facility to Larned State Correctional Facility in accordance with House Bill 2214.

Discussion took place regarding the RNR statements, and the costs associated with mailing out the statements. The Pawnee County Legislative Committee will update their material and get to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Hammeke dismissed himself from the meeting.

Commissioner Burdett discussed cleaning up the top floor of the courthouse.

Sheriff King updated Commissioners on his legislative visit to Topeka. Sheriff King expressed his concern on the 50-bed facility being building in Sedgwick County for Criminal Evaluations.

Sheriff King discussed the meeting he had with Captain Duft, City of Larned Police Department concerning the bond money for City of Larned arrest.

Discussion with regards to Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals were discussed.

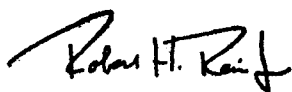
Motion by Burdett to reappoint Jim Haynes, Harley Carr, and to newly appoint Gary Wagner and Chad Eakin to the Planning Commission as presented. Motion passes, 2-0.

Motion by Burdett to reappoint Jim Froetschner, Tim George, Phil Reece, and Vi Prosser to Board of Zoning Appeals as presented. Motion passes, 2-0.

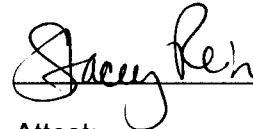
Discussion took place regarding the Public Building Commission.

1:37

Motion for Adjournment



For the Board:
Chair, Board of Commissioners



Attest:
County Clerk