

Pawnee County Commissioners
Minutes
January 31, 2022

Present: Commissioners: Lewis, Hammeke, Rein and Clerk Rein

9:08 Meeting was called to order, opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Clerk Rein presented payroll report, payable vouchers and checks for present year and the 13th month, minutes for review and corrections.

Deborah discussed the calls for lifting the burn ban. Deborah explained why she did not lift the burn ban due to not having enough moisture.

10:00 Pawnee Valley Community Hospital meeting those in attendance were Melanie Urban, Pawnee Valley Community Hospital, Administrator, Shea Veach, Vice President of Regional Operations appeared in person. George Harms, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Hays Medical Center, Johannah Applequist, Chief Legal Officer and Chief Compliance Hays Medical Center, Andy Beck, Controller Hays Medical Center, Eddy Herman, President and CEO of Hays Medical Center. appeared via telephone. Dick King, Public Building Commission Member, Doug McNett, Pawnee County Attorney, John Haas, Pawnee Valley Community Hospital Trustee, Tom Giessel, Public Building Commission Vice-President, Pawnee County Commissioners, Clerk Rein, and Deputy Clerk Quinn, Mike Gilmore, Great Bend Tribune.

County Attorney McNett opened the meeting with updates of meeting last week. Doug spoke of the invoices of indebtedness. Doug explains the way the invoices read; it appeared the funds were due by today to the bond agency. After clarification the monies are not due until February 15th. Doug explains that the Commissioners must approve the funds for the wire. Mitch from Gilmore and Bell discussed how the payoff of the bonds will take place.

Pawnee Valley Community Hospital Shae Veach stated the hospital would pay for one bond and Pawnee County will remit payment to the other bond. Andy explains this includes the amount of interest also due through the 15th. Discussion took place if a new lease/affiliation agreement needed to be in place prior to the bonds being paid. Discussion took place to revert back to the original lease agreement from 2010.

John Haas Pawnee Valley Community Hospital Board of Trustee member spoke of the original lease. John spoke of what he believed the intent of the lease 10 years ago. John spoke of his excitement for this discussion to pay off the hospital bonds. He stated he never dreamed the bond would be able to be paid off in 10 years.

Public Building Commission will deed hospital to Pawnee County upon payment of the bonds on February 15, 2022.

Motion by Rein, seconded by Hammeke to approve the following expense the BOK invoice regarding Public Building Commission hospital revenue bond series bond 2011 in the amount of \$6,579,935.83, \$3,000,000.00 million dollars to be paid out of 6 Mils accounts and \$3,579,935.83 out of Health 1% Sales Tax fund. Leaving the remaining funds in each account 6 Mils \$1,374,323.95, and \$2,616,578.24 in Health 1%. No additional discussion. Motion Passes, 3-0.

Motion by Rein, seconded by Hammeke to approve the request from Pawnee Valley Community Hospital, to approve the BOK invoice regarding Public Building Commission hospital revenue bond series 2012 in the amount of \$6,690,000.00 to be paid by Pawnee Valley Community Hospital. No additional discussion. Motion Passes, 3-0.

George reviewed the financial reports of Pawnee Valley Community Hospital.

Commissioner asked about the price reduction in Radiology, PT and Outpatient. Discussion took place regarding how the new prices for services were determined.

11:00

Kurt Demel, Road & Bridge, Noxious Weed and Zoning Department Head presented OS75 Engineering Agreement from Kirkham and Michael. County Attorney has reviewed the agreement. Kurt explained the different points of the agreement this is the bridge that has been approved by the Kansas Local Bridge Improvement Program.

Hammeke moved to approve the Engineer Agreement between Pawnee County and Kirkham Michael associates for the OS 75 bridge as presented. Motion passes. 3-0.

Kurt spoke to Kirkham Michael regarding the drainage study in Pleasant Ridge Township would cost under \$20,000.00 in Pleasant Ridge. Kirkham Michael will work with the estimates presented by Eakins Enterprises.

Kurt updated the Commissioners of project his crew has been working on maintaining roads, has 4 training in Hutchinson.

11:30

Sheriff King, asked that a news release was sent to the Tiller regarding the letter and statement for John Freeman Colt that was sent to Scott Brunner, Kansas Department of Disability and Aging Department, Deputy Secretary. Sheriff King asked the Commissioners if the letter that was sent to Secretary Howard, and Deputy Secretary Brunner could go into the paper, to keep the citizens updated. Commissioners have no disagreement to publishing letter in the paper.

Discussion took place regarding the meeting that took place between KDADS and the Sheriff's. The Governor's office called last Tuesday, Governor Kelly would like to schedule a meeting with Sheriff King and Sheriff Bellendir in February.

Additional discussion took place. Sheriff King discussed the fire on Saturday, six fire trucks responded with three sheriff's deputies. Press release has been done on an arrest made Friday during a car stop, found in the vehicle was 28.8 grams of meth, which was sent to KBI for further testing.

Discussion took place regarding a mental health inmate in the jail from over the weekend.

Commissioners discussed the affiliation agreement on the lease from Hays Med between the Pawnee County and Pawnee Valley Community Hospital with County Attorney McNett, Pawnee County Commissioners and Clerk Rein.

Clerk Rein presented the Health Departments COVID stats for January 31, 2022, which were: 160 cases in the past 14 days, 86 cases in the past 7 days, with 99 active cases.

Clerk Rein presented change orders from the Appraiser's office, payments under protests. Clerk Rein presented the SWKAA bill, it has not been paid 2017. Discussion took place.

Clerk Rein presented an invoice from Kearney and Associates for \$27,000.00 for 2022. Discussion took place and it was decided to pay this invoice for the year.

Clerk presented an invoice for a deceased citizen with no family, with military rights from Beckwith Mortuary.

Motion by Rein, seconded Hammeke to approve Change Orders 2021-36 through 2021-48 as presented. Motion passes. 3-0.

Clerk Rein presented the approved Larned State Hospital Solid Waste signed Contract for 2022, for Commissioner Lewis signature.

Discussion took place regarding an open records request from a Media association.

12:09

Tina Keeler, Appraiser met with the Commissioners regarding a complaint on a land sale. Commissioner gave suggestions on how to handle this situation.

12:27

Motion for adjournment.



For the Board:
Chair, Board of Commissioners



Attest:
County Clerk