

Pawnee County Commissioners
Minutes
February 14, 2022

- Present: Commissioners: Lewis, Hammeke, Rein and Clerk Rein
- 9:03 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 updates since the last meeting. Reimplementing the burn ban due to the lack of moisture.
- 10:00 Joel Davis, Register of Deeds, met with the Commissioner regarding his additional duties as Interim Emergency Management Director, while Lieutenant Huff is at training. He will be Public Information Officer and Assistant Emergency Management Director when Lieutenant Huff returns from training. Commissioners' discussion additional compensation for these additional roles.
- Motion by Rein, seconded by Hammeke to compensate Joel Davis for his additional roles as Public Information Officer at \$100.00 per pay period,
\$100.00 per pay period as Assistant Emergency Management Director
and an additional 100.00 per pay period as Interim Emergency Management Director until Lieutenant Huff returning from training, to begin the first pay period of 2022. Motion passes 3-0.**
- 10:30 Julie Smith, Pawnee Valley Community Hospital Foundation and Marie Norris, Marketing Director for Pawnee Valley Community Hospital presented an invitation to the 10th anniversary of the Pawnee Valley Community Hospital Foundation reception.
- Julie discussed an additional trustee member on the PVCH Foundation Board. Julie explained as per the by-laws an additional trustee may be added.
- Motion to Rein, seconded by Hammeke to appoint Kyle Beckwith as a trustee to the Pawnee Valley Community Hospital Foundation Board for a term of 3 years. Motion passes 3-0.**
- Julie explains upcoming events with the foundation. Gave an update on the Gala proceeds. Golden Tickets are currently on sale.
- Marie explained her transition to Pawnee Valley Community Hospital. Marie is working on getting involvement in the community.
- 10:35 Kurt Demel, Road and Bridge, Noxious Weed, Zoning Department Head
- Kurt presented a County Road Crossing Permit for Northern Natural Gas Company, for maintenance of an existing pipeline and related block valves on F Road and 10th Avenue. Commissioner Lewis signed County Road Crossing Permit.
- The zoning meeting for the additional ground purchase from Carl Elmore was rescheduled for February 24th at 7pm.

Kurt presented a payroll change notice from step 5 to step 6 employee, with a title change to Shop Foreman as of January 4, 2022.

Motion by Rein, seconded Hammeke to approve payroll change notice to Shop Foreman from Step 5 to Step 6, as of January 4, 2022. Motion passes, 3-0

Kurt discussed road updates that his crew has been working on. Kurt stated they have started maintaining Pawnee Township Roads and Santa Fe Township Roads.

11:00

Rod Wheaton, Solid Waste Administrator met with the Commissioners to discuss the demolition of the Opera House. Rod stated KDHE was called in to check for asbestos in the Opera House. Discussed the process the state requires if asbestos is found. Rod asked the city to recycle 80% of brick and concrete. If mercury thermostats those are to be would not be allowed in the landfill. Discussion took place regarding large loads that may need to go through the transfer station and if the loads were too large for the transfer station at the landfill, the demo company would need to go straight to the Great Bend Transfer station, Pawnee County would then pay the tipping fees.

County Attorney McNett, spoke to the Commissioners regarding an upcoming meeting with Pawnee Valley Community Hospital. Tom Giessel, Public Building Commission joined the conversation.

11:30

Pawnee Valley Community Hospital on the Affiliation agreement/lease, those present in person: Pawnee County Commissioners, Doug McNett, Pawnee County Attorney, Stacey Rein, Pawnee County Clerk, Tom Giessel, Public Building Commission, Melanie Urban, Pawnee Valley Community Hospital Administrator, Sabrina Quinn, Deputy Clerk. Those present by telephone: George Harms, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Johanna Applequist, Chief Legal Officer & corporate Compliance Officer, Shae Veach, Vice President of Regional Operations, Brooke Aziere, Foulston, Siefken Attorney.

County Attorney McNett opened the meeting and explained the attorney's had a meeting on Friday to discuss the affiliation agreement.

Commissioner Rein spoke regarding previous conversations with Melanie and Shae.

Discussion took place regarding the Affiliation Agreement between Pawnee County and Pawnee Valley Community Hospital.

Clerk Rein presented COVID numbers from the Pawnee County Health Department for the present week. 51 cases in the past 14 days, 17 cases in the past 7 days and 25 active cases.

Clerk Rein presented the Commissioner with the check from City of Burdett for EMS assets that were to be paid once Pawnee County established Pawnee County EMS services.

Clerk presented change orders from the appraiser's office 2021-49 thru 2021-51.

Clerk presented KWORC report on the work comp Courthouse evaluation was discussed.

Motion by Hammeke, seconded by Rein to approve change orders 2021-49 through 2021-51 as presented. Motion passes. 3-0.

Coroners call out sheet was received by Dr. VanNorden for the year.
Discussion took place.

Clerk gave an update on CIC training and asked what the Commissioners would like to see on reports.

Commissioners would like to see departmental revenues as well as expenses per department. Clerk explains this is not something that can be done initially but possibly the end of the year.

Clerk received a phone call from the Over 50 Club regarding their payments. Clerk asked for a letter, to request funds for the Over 50 Club. Commissioner Hammeke will do research regarding the members of the Over 50 Club.

Discussion regarding House Bill took place.

12:52

Motion for adjournment.



For the Board:
Chair, Board of Commissioners



Attest:
County Clerk