

Pawnee County Commissioners  
Minutes  
February 20, 2023

Present: Commissioners: Burdett, Hammeke, Rein

9:01am Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Rein presented payable vouchers and checks.

Steven Lewis, Comfort Systems spoke to the Commissioners regarding the HVAC Engineering study. Discussion took place Commissioner will try and get an additional bid.

Commissioners discussed current legislative bills.

Commissioner Rein stated he spoke with Steve Kearny, Lobbyist. The legislative visit will be rescheduled for the second week in March.

10:00 Melanie Urban, Pawnee Valley Community Hospital Administrator appeared in person. Shae Veach, Vice-President of Regional Operations and Andy Beck, Hays Med Controller met via telephone. Andy opened the meeting with the Commissioners by reviewing the financial statements as of January 2023. Andy reviewed the Balance Sheet, Statement of Operations, Other Operating Revenue and Non-Operating Income, Report of Operating Statistics and Report of Operating Statistics.

Melanie reviewed the Administrator's Report. Melanie stated Dr. Arlo Reimer has decided to join the family medicine team as an employed provider and grow his practice in Larned. Melanie stated she was excited to announce that Susan Aistrup, APRN will be returning to the Family Medical Clinic, with a tentative start date of February 27<sup>th</sup>.

Melanie stated that Pawnee Valley Medical Associates will be changing their name to Pawnee Valley Community Hospital Family Medicine. Melanie stated Family Medicine clinic will be hosting a coffee hour in April.

Melanie reviewed the recent events, the hospital sponsored for their employees. Melanie stated that the hospital began their Customer Service Training again since COVID. Melanie stated that Pawnee Valley hosted a Sleep Awareness Meeting hosted by Megan Donecker, registered Sleep Technologist/Educator and Director at Pawnee Valley Community Hospital.

Melanie reviewed the upcoming events the hospital will be participating in the next few months.

10:30 Kara Lawrence, Pawnee County EMS Director, and Kelcee Pelton, EMS met with the Commissioners.

10:30 **Motion by Hammeke, seconded by Burdett to enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes from 10:30am to 10:40am for the purpose of personnel to include Clerk Rein, Kara Lawrence and Kelcee Pelton. Motion passes, 3-0.**

10:40 Reconvened to regular session; no action taken.

Kara explained to the Commissioners the benefits of Wex fuel card. Kara stated the Wex card may be used at any fueling location and could be used for vehicle repair if needed.

Kara presented the proposal for an additional full-time position. Kara explained the scheduling of her staff. Discussion took place.

Commissioners and Director Lawrence discussed having a public meeting in Burdett to discuss Pawnee County EMS.

11:10 Commissioners met with Kurt Demel, Road and Bridge, Noxious Weed, Zoning Department Head and Corey Meitl.

11:11 **Motion by Hammeke, seconded by Burdett to enter into executive session for a period of 5 minutes from 11:11am to 11:16am for the purpose of personnel. Motion passes, 3-0.**

11:16 Reconvened to regular session; Corey Meitl has been offered and accepted the Department Head position of Solid Waste.

Kurt presented equipment updates for the Solid Waste Department.

Kurt updated the Commissioners on upcoming meeting for Road and Bridge Department and Noxious Weed, as well as the annual meeting for District 5 held in Stafford County on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Kurt updated the Commissioners on current projects.

11:37 Doug McNett, Pawnee County Attorney presented statutes related to taxing for public health, county hospitals and EMS/ambulance.

Doug reviewed the statutes with the Commissioners. Discussion took place regarding the 1% Sales Tax does not have a current end date for this tax and to reduce the amount of tax would need to be voted on by the Citizens of Pawnee County.

12:07 Tina Keeler, Appraiser met with the Commissioners to review 2022 Real and Personal Property Value and Tax Summary. Tina reviewed Property Value by Type/Class from the previous year versus this year.

Tina presented reports of Valuation Growth Analysis Assessed Value, November 2022, Valuation Growth Analysis for real Property by Subclass, November 2022, Valuation Growth Analysis for Residential Land and Improvements, November 2022, and 2022 November Values by Unified School Districts.

Tina and Commissioners discussed house and senate bills that are being discussed in the current legislative session.

Clerk Rein presented a Tax Roll Correction – Personal Property.

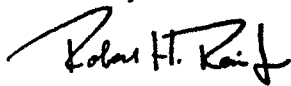
**Motion by Burdett, seconded by Hammeke to approve Tax Roll Correction – Personal Property, User Control number: 2023000036 as presented. Motion passes, 3-0.**

1:14 **Motion by Hammeke, seconded by Burdett to enter into executive session for a period of 5 minutes from 1:14am to 1:19am for the purpose of Land Acquisition Exception. Motion passes, 3-0.**

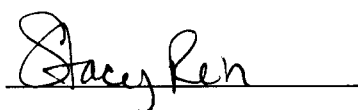
1:19 Reconvened to regular session; no action taken.

Clerk Rein presented a list of county computers that will be needed to be updated by 2025. Discussion took place, Commissioners would like to obtain a quote from Golden Belt Telephone on computers.

1:45 Motion for Adjournment

  
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For the Board:  
Chair, Board of Commissioners

  
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Attest:  
County Clerk