

Pawnee County Commissioners  
Minutes  
February 27, 2023

- Present: Commissioners: Burdett, Hammeke, Rein
- 9:00am Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Clerk Rein presented payroll reports, payable vouchers and checks. Approved minutes for signatures and draft minutes for review and corrections.
- 9:13 **Motion by Hammeke, seconded by Burdett to enter into executive session for a period of 5 minutes from 9:13am to 9:18am for the purpose of personnel to include Clerk Rein. Motion passes, 3-0.**
- 9:18 Reconvened to regular session; no action taken.
- Clerk Rein presented the budget for the Jordaan Library. Clerk explained they had a new Director Christy Meyer. Mil Levy for the library was discussed.
- 9:55 Julie Kramp, Executive Director for the Center for Counseling, Tracie Haselhorst, LPC, Social Worker, Shonita Gray, CSS Director, Sheriff Scott King, Undersheriff Larry Atteberry, Lieutenant Josh Huff met with the Commissioners to discuss the Stepping Up Initiative. Executive Director Kramp explained the Stepping Up Program. Julie explained how the Center for Counseling would like to work with the Pawnee County Sheriff's department in working with inmates beyond crisis services within the jail. Julie stated at the time staff person serving Barton County will also be serving Pawnee County regarding Liaison. Julie and her staff stated they are hoping with this program it can help reduce recidivism. Julie explained the funding for this program.
- 10:30 Department Head meeting, those in attendance: County Attorney McNett, Cheryl Hoberecht, Pawnee County Health Department Head, Gail Antenen, Community Corrections Director, Kara Lawrence, Pawnee County EMS Director, Tim Taylor, Maintenance Supervisor, Joel Davis, Register of Deeds/Emergency Management Assistant Director, Kurt Demel, Road and Bridge/Noxious Weed, Zoning Department Head, Corey Meitl, Solid Waste Department Head, Tina Keeler, Appraiser, Josh Huff, Emergency Management Director/Pawnee County Sheriff Lieutenant, Sheriff Scott King, Undersheriff Larry Atteberry, Stacey Rein, County Clerk, Sabrina Quinn, Deputy Clerk, Pawnee County Commissioners. Commissioner Rein opened the meeting and explained that Commissioners have decided to have Department Head Meeting quarterly instead of monthly. Commissioner Rein stated the Commissioners would still like to be informed, so to make an appointment during their Monday meeting if Department Heads needed to discuss anything before the next Department Head meeting.
- Undersheriff Atteberry stated there are currently 9 inmates in jail. Undersheriff Atteberry informed the group that Sheriff King, Deputy Makings and himself presented an active shooter seminar last week. Sheriff King stated his department served a search warrant last week after an EMS call. Sheriff King discussed with department heads the importance of using the panic buttons in the courthouse. Sheriff King explained how the panic buttons are dispatched across all radios and dispatch is notified there may be an issue and if Sheriff's department is unable to respond Larned Police Department will respond.
- Commissioner Hammeke thanked the Pawnee County Sheriff's department (Deputy Makings) for the Hunter Safety Classes in Burdett.

Josh Huff, Emergency Management Director stated a storm spotter training will be hosted on April 3, 2023.

Kurt Demel, Road and Bridge/Noxious Weed, Zoning Department head gave road updates.

Tim Taylor, Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor stated that he has begun repainting doors in the Courthouse.

Kara Lawrence, Pawnee County EMS Director stated her and her staff are offering CPR training for the public on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month at the Courthouse Lounge.

Tina Keeler, Appraiser stated she mailed out property appraisals.

Gail Antenen, Community Corrections Director stated her staff has been working on assessment recertifications. Gail stated the juvenile case load has increased.

Cheryl Hoberecht gave a COVID 19 update stated as of Monday there were 10 cases of COVID, 3 of which were at Larned State Hospital. Cheryl gave an update on services her staff can provide for newborn. Cheryl gave update on events the Health Department will be participating in over the next few months.

County Attorney Doug McNett stated delinquent tax letters have been mailed, taxpayers have until the end of March to reply. Doug stated there would be a jury trial next week with jury selection beginning on Monday.

Commissioner Rein introduced Corey Meitl, Solid Waste Supervisor to the other Department Heads.

Clerk Rein reminded the department heads that Commissioners approved memberships for the employees to attend Melba Woods Fitness Center. Clerk Rein stated she will be turning in applications in to USD 495 on the first Monday of each month. Clerk Rein stated there will be a Special Election in Rozel on Tuesday.

Commissioner Burdett stated the County's representative for the Child Care Committee was Cheryl Hoberecht.

11:04

Cody Thacker, Pawnee Valley Hospital Foundation Director met with Commissioners to discuss two open positions on the Foundation Board. Cody explained the open positions are from the County Representative and a representative from the Ladies Hospital Auxiliary. Commissioners agreed anyone on the list Cody had would be an excellent choice.

Commissioner Rein updated the other Commissioners on conversation regarding Pawnee County Extension Office.

Clerk Rein presented a letter of resignation from Sawmill Township Trustee, Clyde Reece.

**Motion by Burdett, seconded by Hammeke to accept the resignation of Clyde Reece from Sawmill Township Trustee; and to appoint Cory Reece as the new Sawmill Township Trustee as presented. Motion passes, 3-0.**

Commissioners continued to discuss getting an engineering study.

Commissioners set a tentative date of April 17, 2023, for the Leadership Summit.

**Motion by Hammeke, seconded by Burdett to pay 2023 Kansas Natural Resources Coalition membership dues in the amount of \$5000.00 as presented. Motion passes, 3-0**

1:03

Motion for Adjournment

Robert H. Rief

For the Board:  
Chair, Board of Commissioners

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Attest:  
County Clerk

