

Pawnee County Commissioners
Minutes
March 8, 2021

- Present: Commissioners: Rein, Lewis and Hammeke, County Clerk Rein
- Pledge of the Allegiance
- 9:03 Meeting was called to order.
- County Clerk presented Commissioners with draft minutes for review and corrections, approved minutes for signature, payable vouchers with checks and Clerk's report.
- 10:00 Kyle Bahr with Golden Belt Telephone spoke to the Commissioners regarding the services the county has and how those services are billed. It was discussed whether IT support should come to the courthouse once a month, or just to have the department log their issue with IT. Kyle stated an option if they to decide to have IT come out monthly, GBT could also offer Cybersecurity training to county employees. Discussion took place, at this time each department would send a request for IT support for any issues. It was stated the Clerk's office has an extra telephone that will be reprogramed and placed in the lounge in the case someone needs a one-on-one call instead of a conference call.
- 10:39 County Attorney McNett spoke to the Commissioner regarding an Attorney bill for the conflict of Interest regarding COVID quarantine. Discussion took place and it was decided the attorney's bill would come out of County Attorney's budget.
- 10:54 Cheryl Hoberecht, Pawnee County Health Administrator spoke to the commissioners about the COVID grant as well as the Expanding Local Compacity (ELC) grant. Cheryl stated ELC will be \$131,000 for a period of three years, she stated her budget for this grant was due on Monday, March 15, 2021. Cheryl stated one of the items she would like to purchase is Electronic Health Record.
- Cheryl updated the Commissioners on the COVID stats for the week.
- Cheryl stated the Health Department has received the Johnson and Johnson Covid Vaccine, but is waiting for the State to go to Phase 3 to administer. Cheryl stated the Health Department has given over 1, 000 COVID vaccines.
- 11:30 Kurt Demel - Road and Bridge Department Head presented updates to the Commissioners. Kurt stated he and some of his staff have looked at 2001 Entnyre 14-foot fix front chip spreader. Kurt stated the spreader from Van Keppel has 1273 hours of service and the asking price \$56,000. Kurt stated the chip spreader the county is currently using is a 1970 Flaherty model K. Van Keppel is not asking for a trade -in, Kurt stated he will try and sell on Purple Wave Auction.
- Motion by Rein, seconded by Lewis to purchase the used chip spreader in the amount of \$56,000 on 3/3/2021 from Van Kempel as presented. Motion carried. 3-0**
- Kurt discussed purchasing two 15-foot mower for Road and Bridge Department. Kurt stated he would be trading off one 2017 John Deere 15-foot mower and one 2014 Land pride 15-foot mower. Kurt stated the estimated purchase price of \$35,000 after both trade in.

Kurt updated the Commission on the sanding and grading on Hanston road, South Burdett road, North Burdett road, Walnut Road the Correction Line road and Toles Road. Kurt stated all those roads were completed last week.

Kurt stated he and one other staff member attended the 83rd Noxious Weed Director of Kansas Conference by Zoom for recertification on 9a and 6 categories for Commercial.

Kurt updated the Commission on O.S 21 K Dot Bridge project as well as other future projects.

Clerk Rein presented Commissioners with a flyer from Grain Belt Express, An Invenergy Transmission project.

Clerk Rein spoke to the Commissioners regarding allowing the Conservation District to use one of the County offices, due to the Federal Government only allowing their building to be at 25% capacity. The Commissioners stated they would allow Conservation District staff to use an office in the Courthouse.

Motion by Lewis, seconded by Rein to recess for lunch until 1:00pm. Motion carried. 3-0

1:00

Commissioners reconvened from lunch.

Sheriff King, Undersheriff Slack, and Deputy Huff met with the Commissioners regarding the Interim EM/Zoning. Discussion took place on the duties of Emergency Management.

Motion by Rein, seconded by Lewis to move the office of Emergency Management under the Pawnee County Sheriff on an interim basis until further notice. Motion carried. 3-0

Sheriff King stated he will be appointing Josh Huff as Interim Emergency Management Director effective March 8, 2021.

Commissioners discussed COVID Relief grant monies as well as when the reports are due.

Clerk Rein presented the shared leave application for county employee. Discussion took place regarding the shared leave resolution and how the Clerk's payroll system cannot accommodate this process. Additional discuss took place on how to track this information.

Motion by Rein, seconded by Lewis to elect the following to serve on the Shared Leave committee: County Attorney McNett, Cheryl Hoberecht, Pawnee County Health Administrator, Tina Keeler, Appraiser, Michelle Gordon, County Attorney's office, and Jessica Moore, Community Corrections Administrative Assistant. Motion carried. 3-0

Motion by Rein, seconded by Lewis to appointment Talia Smith, Community Corrections Officer to serve as an alternate member of the Shared Leave Committee in the event on of the committee members is requesting leave from the bank. Motion carried. 3-0

2:44

Motion for Adjournment.

Philip Hammels

For the Board:

Stacey Rein

Attest: