

Pawnee County Commissioners
Minutes
March 20, 2023

Present: Commissioners: Burdett, Hammeke, Rein

9:00am

Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners then attended the Annual Public Building Commission meeting.

Clerk Rein presented payable vouchers, checks, approved minutes for signature and draft minutes for corrections.

Commissioner Rein reflected on the Legislative Meeting that took place on Wednesday, March 15, 2023. Those that attended were Commissioners, Brad Eilts, City of Larned Manager, Sheriff Scott King, Tracey Barton, Executive Director for the Kansas Natural Resource Coalition met with Representative Fairchild, Representative Clifford, Senator Alisha Straub, Scott Brunner, Deputy Secretary of Hospital and Facilities, Jeff Zmuda, Secretary of Corrections, Randy Bowman, Executive Director of Public Affairs for Kansas Department of Correction.

Commissioner Rein and Tracey Barton, Executive Director for the Kansas Natural Resource Coalition met with Attorney General Kris Kobach.

Commissioner updated County Attorney McNett on the Public Building Commission Annual Meeting. County Attorney McNett updated Commissioners on information regarding Hammond case.

10:30

Kevin Ford, Garfield Council Member, Denise Hoch, Garfield Council Member, Bob Cline, Garfield Fire Chief met Commissioners to discuss the burn pit in Garfield, Corey Meitl, Solid Waste Department Head. Kevin explained what has been discussed to make improvements on the burn pit. Council Members present did inform Commissioners that the burn pile has been fenced in and locked. Council Members asked if they could get some help getting the big limbs removed from the burn pile and to the Pawnee County Landfill. Discussion took place.

11:05

Kurt Demel, Road and Bridge/Noxious Weed, Zoning Department Head met with Commissioners to discuss road updates. Kurt presented a payroll change notice for employee's step raise from step 1 to step 2.

Motion by Hammeke, seconded by Burdett to approve the payroll change notice from step 1 to step 2 for Equipment Operator III/Shop Foreman for Road and Bridge department dated 3/3/2023 as presented. Motion passes, 3-0.

Kurt presented Pawnee County Kansas Zoning Regulation for Commissioners review before presenting to the Pawnee County Zoning Commission.

Kurt presented draft for the Agreement for Engineering Services between Pawnee County, Kansas and Kirkham, Michael and Associates, Inc. Discussion took place regarding the agreement.

Kurt presented Kansas Department of Transportation Bureau of Maintenance County Agreement to Treat Noxious Weeds.

Motion by Burdett, seconded by Hammeke to accept the Kansas Department of Transportation Bureau of Maintenance County Agreement to Treat Noxious Weeds as presented. Motion carried, 3-0.

11:22 **Motion by Hammeke, seconded by Burdett for executive session for 5 minutes from 11:22 to 11:32 for the purpose of personnel to include Kurt Demel and Clerk Rein. Motion passes, 3-0.**

11:32 Reconvened to regular session; no action taken.

11:35 Sheriff Scott King and Lieutenant Josh Huff met with Commissioners to discuss Emergency Lights and Sirens Permits. Discussion took place.

12:07 Corey Meitl, Solid Waste Department Head met with Commissioners to discuss Scrap Metal Contract. Discussion took place regarding contracts.

Corey presented a quote for a refrigerant recovery machine, which would allow refrigerators to be recycled once the freon is drained from the refrigerators. Commissioners gave permission to purchase equipment.

Corey presented proposed hourly changes to the Solid Waste Department.

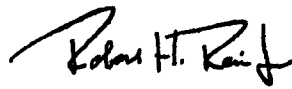
12:24 **Motion by Burdett, seconded by Hammeke to enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes from 12:24 to 12:34 for the purpose of personnel to include Corey Meitl and Clerk Rein. Motion passes, 3-0.**

12:34 Reconvened to regular session; no action taken.

Motion by Hammeke, seconded by Burdett to approve payroll change notice for a Solid Waste Employee for a promotion increase from Equipment Operator II step 5 to Equipment Operator III/Group Leader step 1 with CDL differential dated 3/20/2023, as presented. Motion passes, 3-0.

Motion by Burdett, seconded by Hammeke to approve Tax Roll Correction- Personal Property 2023000037, 2023000038, 2023000055 as presented. Motion passes, 3-0.

1:00 Motion for Adjournment



For the Board:
Chair, Board of Commissioners



Attest:
County Clerk