

Pawnee County Commissioners
Minutes
March 27, 2023

Present: Commissioners: Burdett, Hammeke, Rein

9:00am Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Rein presented payable vouchers, payroll reports, checks, approved minutes for signature and draft minutes for corrections, KCAMP premium audit, Camp Pawnee Rental agreement paperwork.

Commissioner Hammeke wished to thank all the Pawnee County Department (EMS, Sheriff's Department, Road and Bridge), that participated in the Pawnee Heights Career fair.

Tina Keeler, Appraiser presented a thank you card received by a citizen to the appraiser's office.

Clerk Rein discussed the CIC annual agreement and CIC server backup with the Commissioners, as well as server backup from Golden Belt Telephone. Clerk Rein stated what the difference was in the server back up. Discussion took place.

9:29 **Motion by Hammeke, seconded by Burdett to enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes from 10:29 to 10:39 for the purpose of personnel to include Clerk Rein. Motion passes, 3-0.**

9:39 Reconvened to regular session; no action taken.

Commissioners discussed open position on township boards. Discussion took place.

10:00 Melanie Urban, Pawnee Valley Community Hospital Administrator and Michelle Becker, Hays Med Chief Financial Officer met with the Commissioner to review administrative reports and financial reports through February 28, 2023. Melanie began the meeting with the administrative report. Melanie stated the Associate of the Quarter was Shivaun McCarthy. Melanie explained Shivaun was nominated by an Associate for assisting with Emergency Department nursing staff as well as console patients and family members involved in a multiple vehicle accident.

Melanie stated Family Medicine Clinic celebrated on March 2nd. Winner of the contest were Catalaya and Aliza Velasco, they won a Dr. Seuss themed tote bag full of Dr. Seuss Books.

Melanie reviewed upcoming events for Pawnee Valley Community Hospital. Melanie shared that Dr. Arlo Reimer and Susan Aistrup, APRN are full time at the Family Medicine. Melanie gave an update on the marketing campaign of Family Medicine, Center for Rehabilitation. Melanie stated the hospital is now able to offer Swallow Studies.

Melanie updated the Commissioners on the Childcare Task Force meetings. Melanie stated the task force has had two meeting.

Michelle reviewed the financial reports through February 2023. Michelle explained some of the elevated accounts. Discussion took place.

10:30 Rhonda Fernandez, Professional Insurance Consultants met with the Commissioners to discuss Health Insurance Trends for Pawnee County. Rhonda reviewed Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas; Alternatively Funded Contract, Period-To-Date for contract period: 01/01/23 through 2/28/2023. Rhonda reviewed Cost Share for Pawnee County Employees, 1/1/2023 through 2/28/2023.

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Gail Antenen, 24th Judicial Community Correction Director met with Commissioners to review grant applications. Gail presented Prevention Grant Application. Gail stated this grant is used for classes for "Crossover Youth", she explained crossover youth are juvenile offenders that are also Child in Need of Care cases. Gail explained classes are taught at the Larned High School for these youth. Gail stated she has asked for the maximum financial amount possible to be able to pay an additional instructor. Gail informed the Commissioners these classes have had from 8 to 10 youth each quarter, topics discussed Healthy Choices, emotions and relationships. Gail stated referrals for this program can be made by the County Attorney, Parents, DCF, School and Court Services.

Motion by Burdett, seconded by Hammeke to approve the Kansas Department of Corrections FY2024 Non-Matching Juvenile Crime Prevention Community Grant as presented. Motion passes, 3-0.

Gail presented Reinvestment Grant. Gail stated the Reinvestment Grant is a two-year grant for Immediate Intervention programs. She stated the 24th Judicial District County Attorney's may utilize this program for juveniles with no current prior criminal history for a diversion both prefile and post file. In Fiscal Year 2022 the program had a 91% successful rate with 11 juveniles completing the programs successful and 1 unsuccessful due to new charges.

Motion by Burdett, seconded by Hammeke to approve the Kansas Department of Corrections 2024-2025 Juvenile Corrections Juvenile Reinvestment Grant as presented. Motion passes, 3-0.

Gail presented JCAB – Evidence Based Program. Gail explained to the Commissioners this funding will be used to offer My Family and Me classes. This class will be bases on risk-needs assessment and family participation. This class will be offered in all 6 counties of the 24th Judicial District.

Motion by Burdett, seconded by Hammeke to approve Kansas Department of Corrections FY 2024-2025 Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board Grant as presented. Motion passes, 3-0.

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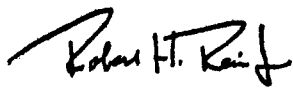
Kurt Demel, Road and Bridge/Noxious Weed, Zoning Department Head. Kurt updated Commissioners on the application process for this department by stating he has only received two applications. Kurt presented a proposal to give flex scheduling to employees. Kurt proposal would offer employee to work five days at nine-hour days, giving these employees five hours of overtime a week or employees could work four days at ten hours a day giving them Fridays off. Commissioner Rein stated he understand the overtime if department is short-staffed. Discussion took place.

Kurt presented a project map of areas the Road and Bridge Department will be working over the next few weeks.

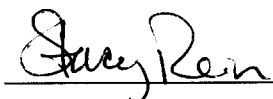
Kurt and the Commissioners discussed the zoning updates to see if the Commissioners would like any changes before presenting these changes to the Zoning Commission.

12:39

Motion for Adjournment



For the Board:
Chair, Board of Commissioners



Attest:
County Clerk