

Pawnee County Commissioners  
Minutes  
May 1, 2023

Present: Commissioners: Burdett, Hammeke, Rein

9:02am Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tina Keeler, Appraiser presented information from the Great Bend Tribune article regarding last Thursday's Zoning Meeting. Tina stated she is hearing from other county appraisers regarding information that was published in the Tribune. Discussion took place.

Clerk Rein presented payable voucher, checks, minutes for review and correction and approved minutes for signature.

Commissioner Burdett informed the other Commissioners on the Kansas County Commissioners Association conference he attended last week.

10:00 Corey Meitl, Solid Waste met with Commissioners to give updates from a Solid Waste conference with information on the different types of recycling that are available. Pallet recycling was discussed, Corey explained that the company would need 500 pallets before they would come get them. Commissioners suggested getting with Joel Davis, Public Information Officer on getting the word out regarding the recycling of pallets.

E-Waste recycling was discussed among Corey and the Commissioners. Commissioner Hammeke presented a proposal from the Sons of the American Legion on E- Waste. Discussion took place and Commissioner Hammeke and Corey will work together to get a plan set up.

Corey reminded Commissioners that Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> is the Hazardous Household Waste Drop Off.

Corey asked about a Box Blade purchase for the Solid Waste Department. Commissioners stated to get quotes.

10:30 Cory Johnson, Secretary Pawnee County Fair Association updated the Commissioners on upgrades and bringing the facilities up to ADA Compliance. Pawnee County Fair Association will be putting a sidewalk that connects the east entrance of the Haas Building to the show barn that will run to the front of the north bleachers. Cory explains they have met with the City of Larned Council. Council stated they will donate the labor for the project. Cory stated he is asking the County if they would be willing to donate the cost for the concrete. Cory stated the estimated cost is \$2500.00.

**Motion by Hammeke, seconded by Rein to approve up to \$2500.00 for the projected cost of concrete to the Pawnee County Fair Board Association to be paid out of fund 1% for the sidewalk from the Haas Building to the north bleacher of the Show Barn to help with ADA Compliance. Commissioner Burdett abstained from the Vote. Discussion took place. Motion passes, 2-0.**

Cory presented project upgrades done to the Pawnee County Fairgrounds this year. The electrical outlets in the show barn have been upgraded and added cover to prevent dust from getting into the outlets. Upgraded the camper hook-ups to provide more 50 amp plugs for the bigger campers on each pole. Cory stated they will also be adding 50 amp plugs to the food court area on the West side of the arena. Cory

stated they will be getting bids on new bleachers on the north side of the arena. Discussion took place regarding custodian for the Fair Building.

Freelance Reporter Art Fanucci joined the meeting to observe.

Commissioners discussed the Leadership meeting date, which is set for May 22, 2022.

Scott Turner, Road and Bridge Administrative Assistant asked Chairman Rein if he would sign the Title of recently purchased pickup.

11:00

Kurt Demel, Road and Bridge, Noxious Weed, Zoning Department Head presented the Kansas Department of Transportation Off-System Bridge Program Application Fiscal Year 2025. Kurt explained he is applying for OS 88 Bridge located on R Road 2.5 miles East and 3 miles North of Larned over Ash Creek. Kurt explained if awarded the county share would be \$60,6061.00 but should plan for \$100,000.00 for any additional cost to the County.

Kurt presented Kansas Department of Transportation - Bureau of Local Project – Kansas Local Bridge Improvement Program Application 2024 for bridge FAS 460, located on O Road, 5 miles East and 1.5 miles North of Larned over the Arkansas River. Kurt explained if awarded the county share of this bridge would be \$259,574.60 but should plan for \$350,000.00 for any additional cost to the County.

11:16

**Motion by Hammeke, seconded by Burdett to enter into executive session for a period of 5 minutes from 11:16 to 11:21 for the purpose of personnel to include Kurt Demel, and Clerk Stacey Rein. Motion passes, 3-0.**

11:21

Reconvened to regular session; no action taken.

Kurt presented road updates and projects to the Commissioners

Commissioners and Kurt discussed the Zoning Meeting that was held on Thursday, April 27, 2022. Commissioners presented Kurt with a copy of the newspaper article from Great Bend Tribune. Commissioners explained it was brought to their attention this morning that other county appraisers have been calling regarding the article and the discrepancies.

Kurt stated there is member of the Zoning Board who would like to resign.

Kurt updated the Commissioners on information from solar farm company. Kurt presented information on Draft Regulation from another county. Discussion took place.

Kurt stated he is working on getting quotes for changing the electrical outlets out at Camp Pawnee from 30 amps to 50 amps to accommodate the bigger campers. Commissioner Rein asked about the mower for Camp Pawnee. Kurt estimated the current mower will need to be replaced soon due to the number of hours on it. Commissioner Rein suggested getting a mower with a 72" deck.

Clerk Rein presented a payroll change notice for Camp Pawnee Seasonal Custodian.

**Motion by Burdett, seconded by Hammeke to approve payroll change notice for Part-time without benefits Camp Pawnee Custodian dated 4/26/23, at a rate of \$13.41 as presented. Motion passes, 3-0.**

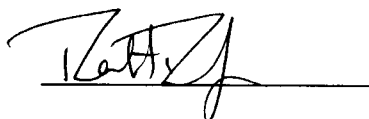
Clerk Rein presented Commercial Fireworks Display permit to be supervised by Chad Eakin for July 1, 2023.

**Motion by Burdett, seconded by Hammeke to approve Commercial Fireworks Display Permit to be supervised by Chad Eakin on or around July 1, 2023, as presented. Motion passes, 3-0.**

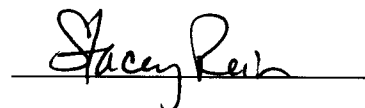
Commissioners reviewed budget for the Santa Fe Trail Center.

12:43

Meeting Adjourned



For the Board:  
Chair, Board of Commissioners



Attest:  
County Clerk