

Pawnee County Commissioners  
Minutes  
May 3, 2021

- Present: Commissioners: Rein, Lewis and Hammeke and County Clerk Rein
- 9:04 Meeting was called to order. Pledge of Allegiance
- Clerk Rein presented payable vouchers and checks. Draft minutes from April 19<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup> for review and corrections.
- 10:00 Alex Filbert, Chamber of Commerce and Economic Director addressed the Commissioners about Santa Fe Trail Days, May 27-May 30<sup>th</sup>. Alex asked permission to use the Courthouse lawn for a movie on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> for the Santa Fe Trail days ice cream social and on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> for the Movie on the lawn. Alex updated the Commissioners on the events scheduled for this years Santa Fe Trail Days.
- 10:10 Jessica Moore, Community Corrections Administrative Assistant presented a corrected Juvenile workbook for review and signature.
- 10:24 Kurt Demel, Road and Bridge Department Head. Clerk Rein asked for clarification on \$1.00 and \$2.00 differential. Kurt stated \$1.00 differential was for employees that have a Class B CDL, \$2.00 differential was for employees that have Class A CDL.
- Kurt presented a quote from Heft and Sons, LLC to produce Asphalt at \$9.50 a ton. Discussion took place.
- Motion by Rein, seconded by Lewis to approve the bid from Heft and Sons, LLC for asphalt mix at \$9.50 a ton as presented. Motion passes. 3-0**
- Kurt updated the Commissioners on Broadway Street drainage project (110<sup>th</sup>, O road, Q road), the curve has been milled off by Venture Corporation, and the culvert pipes were installed by the County Road Department.
- Kurt presented bids for phase three of Broadway St. Drainage project, and Larned Township Realignment project. Discussion took place.
- Motion by Lewis, seconded by Rein to accept the bid from Welborn Sales, Inc. in the amount of \$38, 125.84 for Realignment project and Broadway Drainage project. Motion passes. 3-0**
- Commissioners were updated that the Southwest Routes are currently being graded: Posey road, Lyman road, Couchman road and Hanston road.
- Noxious weed chemical mowing on Northeast Routes: Walnut road, Correction Line road, and Toles Road.
- Commissioners asked for an update on OS 75 bridge in Ash Valley Township. Kurt stated that he has contacted Kirkham Michael regarding getting a study set up.
- 11:00 Commissioners recessed regular meeting to attend LEPC meeting.
- Present: Commissioners, Cheryl Hoberecht, Pawnee County Health Administrator, Vanessa Feldman, City of Larned Dispatch Supervisor, Dusty Thacker, Pawnee Valley Hospital Director of Cardiopulmonary, Lance Duft, City of Larned Lieutenant, Doug McNett, Pawnee County Attorney, Christina Frick, Frick Vet Clinic, Shawn Boese, City of Larned Emergency Management Services,

Alex Filbert, Larned Chamber and Economic Director, Melanie Urban, Pawnee Valley Hospital Administrator, Wayne Gore, Larned Correctional Mental Health Facility Deputy Warden, Christian Pearson, Center for Counseling.

Cheryl updated those in attendance of the current COVID 19 statistics as of Monday, May 3, 2021: In the last 14 days 15 cases, in the last 7 days 0 cases, 1 Active case, the County is currently in yellow.

Melanie stated that Pawnee Valley has only had 2 patients in the last 10 weeks, and those patients were in the hospital about 3 weeks ago.

Discussion took place as to when the next meeting should take place. It was decided to meet every other month. Melanie asked if a recap discussion could take place. Asking what perhaps could have been done differently, what worked, not just for COVID 19, but if something should happen in the future. Commissioner Rein wanted to remind all parties that PPE is available at the County, for agencies, to purchase so PPE can continue to be replenished. Commissioner Rein stated these PPE supplies were purchases through a SPARKS funds. Cheryl also stated that N95 mask were available at the Health Department should any of the entities need any.

Next LEPC Meeting will be scheduled for Monday, July 12, 2021 at 11:00am.

11:22 Commissioners entered regular session. Cheryl Hoberecht updated the Commissioners on the Health Department Grant Approval of \$100,000.00, with funds to be used by 2023. Cheryl shared her financial plan for these funds.

Commissioners discussed quote received from Kyle Bahr, Golden Belt Telephone regarding telephones for Community Corrections.

11:31 Tina Keeler, Pawnee County Appraiser presented 2020 Real and Personal Property Value and Tax Summary for the Commissioners review.

Tina presented a resume to serve as a quote for GIS services Ag Use/Soil maintenance for Pawnee County. Discussion took place regarding the options for this mapping service.

The proposed 2022 budget for the Appraiser was reviewed and discussed. Tina explained some changes to her budget.

Tina explained that she was dealing with a payment under protest on one of the hotels.

11:46 **Motion by Rein, seconded by Lewis to enter into executive session of a period of 5 minutes from 11:46 to 11:51 for the purpose of personnel to include County Clerk Rein.**

11:51 Regular session reconvened. No action taken.

12:06 Motion for Adjournment.

Philip Hamm

Stacey Rein

For the Board:  
Chair, Board of Commissioners

Attest:  
County Clerk

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Larned City Council Meeting  
May 3, 2021

Present: Commissioners: Philip Hammeke, Deborah Lewis and Bob Rein.  
Josh Huff, Pawnee County Emergency Management Director

6:30 pm City Council called the meeting to order.

6:45 Brad Eilts, Larned City Manager open the Commissioner's portion of the meeting by updating the Council on the discussions that had taken place between the County Commissioners and Brad.

Commissioner Hammeke took the floor. Commissioner Hammeke opened by giving a history of how the talks began of a County EMS service. Commissioner Hammeke stated that the Commissioners have visited with Rozel and Burdett regarding what the processes would look like to have a County EMS service.

Commissioner Lewis stated that in talking with Burdett and Rozel's Councils they are both on board with this transfer should it take place.

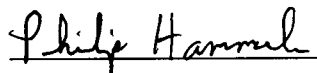
Jason Murray, City Council asked the Commissioner if they have considered the staff and benefits. Commissioner Rein stated meeting with Kara, he was able to speak with some of the staff, which seemed to be on board with being County Employees if the transfer would take effect.

Commissioner Rein spoke regarding the process of transferring the service to the County. Both the Commissioners and Council agreed the transfer would be best if it took place next year, so each entity could prepare proper budgets.

William Nuss, Mayor stated that the Council has talked about a possible transfer and that the City would gift the property, equipment, and supplies to the County.

**Motion by Kim Barnes, seconded by George Elmore to enter into an agreement with Pawnee County for the transfer of EMS from the City to the County upon the 2022 calendar year. Motion passes. 6-0**

7:00 pm Commissioners Meeting Adjourned.



For the Board:



Attest: