

Pawnee County Commissioners
Minutes
May 10, 2021

Present: Commissioners: Rein, Lewis and Hammeke and County Clerk Rein

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

Clerk Rein presented payable vouchers and checks, payroll vouchers and checks. Draft for correction and review, approved minutes for signatures. Court update for Saltwater well hearings.

9:37 **Motion by Rein, seconded by Lewis to enter into executive session for a period of 5 minutes from 9:37 to 9:42 for personnel. Motion passes. 3-0**

9:42 Reconvened to regular session. No action taken

9:43 **Motion by Rein, seconded by Lewis to enter into executive session for a period of 5 minutes from 9:44 to 9:49 for confidential data. Motion passes 3-0**

9:49 Reconvened to regular session. No action taken.

10:05 Jennifer Webster and Kyle Grant, Extension Office. Jennifer and Kyle presented a slide presentation regarding their budget and activities they offered this year.

10:39 Kara Lawrence, Larned EMS Director reported On Call hours and billing for the past three months. Kara explained on call for transfers within the city and when other towns call regarding transfers.

11:00 **Motion by Rein, seconded by Lewis to enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes from 11:00 to 11:10 for the Employer-Employee Negotiations to include Kara Lawrence. Motion passes. 3-0**

11:10 Reconvened to regular session. No action taken.

Kara presented a list of questions regarding the possible transfer of EMS services regarding employees, benefits, on-call. Discussion took place.

11:44 Kurt Demel, Road and Bridge, Department Head presented payroll notices for employees.

Motion by Rein, seconded by Lewis to approve payroll change notice for retirement of Camp Pawnee custodian, last day on payroll being 5/1/2021. Motion passes. 3-0

Motion by Lewis, seconded by Rein to approve payroll change notice for CDL Class A differential for Road and Bridge starting May 3, 2021. Motion passes. 3-0

Kurt presented a signed Offer Letter to Purchase Right-of-way.

Commissioners were updated on road currently being graded: Toles road, East Walnut road, Timken road, East Correction Line road, Correction Line road, North Rozel road, South Rozel road, South Burdett road and Hanston road.

County Roads currently being sanded were: East Walnut road, Toles road, South Burdett road, Correction Line road, Hanston road and Walnut road.

Noxious Weed Chemical mowing on Burdett road, Timken road Toles road, North Rozel road, and Nekoma road has taken place.

Kurt provided information to the Commissioners on the Zoning Public Hearing Notice on May 27, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Recessed till 1:00pm

1:00 Cheryl Hoberecht, Pawnee County Health Administrator discussed a fund listing for the budget year 2022. Cheryl reported that she was awarded a grant from the Patterson Foundation in the amount of \$15,000.00 to be used for personnel.

1:05 **Motion by Lewis, seconded by Rein to enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes from 1:05 to 1:15 for personnel to include Cheryl Hoberecht and Clerk Rein. Motion passes. 3-0.**

1:15 Reconvened to regular session. No action taken.

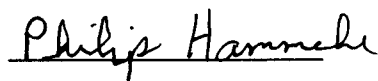
Cheryl updated the Commissioners on the current COVID 19 statistics. 3 Cases in the last 14 days, 2 cases in the last seven days and 2 active cases, the county is currently in Green status.

Doug McNett, County Attorney visited with the Commissioner regarding motion/resolution wording.

Motion by Rein, seconded by Lewis to create a county wide EMS service for Pawnee County to be created by consolidating Larned and Burdett EMS agencies into a newly created County Agency. This would include ambulances being maintained in both Larned and Burdett, this agency will become operational effective January 1, 2022. The newly formed Pawnee County EMS will be funded from the 1% health sales tax fund. The board so directs the County Counselor to move forward with the legal aspects of completing this task. Motion passes. 3-0

County Clerk Rein spoke to the Commissioners regarding Senate Bill 13 notices, that those notices will not need to be sent out for this year, they will however, need to be send out in 2022. Clerk Rein discussed the scheduled meeting for May 17, 2021.

2:05 Motion for Adjournment.



For the Board:
Chair, Board of Commissioners



Attest:
County Clerk