

Pawnee County Commissioners
Minutes
May 22, 2023

- Present: Commissioners: Burdett, Hammeke, Rein
- 9:03am Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Clerk Rein presented payable vouchers, checks, payroll reports, draft minutes for review and corrections, approved minutes for signatures.
- 9:08 **Motion by Hammeke, seconded by Burdett to enter into executive session for a period of 3 minutes from 9:08pm to 9:11pm for the purpose personnel. Motion passes, 3-0.**
- 9:11 Reconvened to regular session; no action taken.
- Commissioner Burdett asked for Tina Keeler, Appraiser to speak to the Commissioners regarding heavy tag which is paid on personal property 16/20.
- Motion by Burdett, seconded by Hammeke to approve Tax Roll Correction, System Control # 2023-59 as presented. Motion passes, 3-0.**
- Commissioner Burdett updated the Commissioner on a visit to Jordaan Library. Commissioner Burdett stated the library may be applying for a grant through the Great Bend Community Foundation.
- Commissioner Burdett updated the Commissioners on the meeting of the Health Advisory Board. Commissioner Burdett stated the committee is made up of members of the school, community and county health department. Burdett stated they spoke of many different topics.
- Discussion took place regarding North Broadway drainage project. It was brought to the attention of the Commissioners that there has been no payment made by USD 495 on the project. Commissioner Rein explained the project was split between the County, Township and the School. Commissioner Rein stated a payment of \$25,000.00 over the next five years.
- 10:00 Doug McNett, Pawnee County Attorney met with Commissioners to discuss Health Resolution/Funds for next year's budget. Those present for the meeting were Tami Keenan, Treasurer and Cheryl Hoberecht, Pawnee County Health Administrator. County Attorney McNett presented Resolution 2023 -R- 03, A Resolution Renaming the Pawnee County Health 6 Mills Fund and Establishing the County Health Capital Outlay Fund, which would be used to fund the Pawnee County Health Department.
- Tami explained vehicle taxes and how tax dollars are collected when vehicles are bought from other cities and states.
- 10:45 Tina Keeler, Appraiser presented Abstract of Appraised and Assessed Values – Current vs Prior Year on Residential Assessed Value is showing an increase while Oil and Gas values are showing a decrease. Tina stated that housing sales in the range of \$60,000.00 to \$250,000.00 are increasing.
- Tina presented her proposed budget for 2024. Tina explained that the Appraiser's vehicle will be paid off this year. Tina stated that she is

proposing to outsource Mapping. Tina updated the Commissioners that she will be at the Appraiser's Conference, June 4-7.

Clerk Rein and Tina discussed additional reporting features available for tax.

Clerk Rein stated an adjuster from KCAMP will be here next week to evaluate the five vehicles that were in the hailstorm.

11:00 **Motion by Hammeke, seconded by Burdett to enter into executive session for a period of 5 minutes from 11:00 to 11:05 for the purpose of personnel to include Tina and Clerk Rein. Motion passes, 3-0.**

11:05 Reconvened to regular session; no action taken.

11:06 Melanie Urban, Pawnee Valley Community Hospital Administrator met in person, Michelle Buckner, Hays Med Chief Financial Officer met via telephone. Michelle reviewed Pawnee Valley Community Hospital as of April 2023.

Michelle reviewed Balance Sheet, Statement of Operation, Other Operating Revenue and Non-Operating Income, Report of Operating Statistics. Discussion on numbers being down for the month of April. Melanie explained numbers are down on wound care and clinic numbers are also down due a provider being off.

Melanie explained the hospital is needing to fill 10 positions, and currently have 4 contracted staff. Update on 340B program was given.

Michelle stated they hope to have the budget to the Commissioners for the June meeting.

Commissioner Rein updated Melanie and Michelle on the new Health Capital Outlay Fund that will be established for the hospital.

Melanie reviewed the Administrators Report as of May 22, 2023. Melanie stated Lorri Turnbough received the Associate of the Quarter, 2023. Melanie stated Margaret Selfridge was awarded the Daisy Award. Melanie explained Pawnee Valley Community Hospital was awarded United Way's Pacesetter Award and was honored during the April 27th meeting at the Great Bend Chamber Coffee hour at Marmie Ford.

Melanie updated the Commissioners on recent events the hospital and its staff has participated in: Hi5 Friday, Associate Blood Drive, Foundation Associate Giving Campaign, Sleep Awareness Meeting. Melanie explained the Sleep Awareness Meeting is open to the public and provides information and support to those with sleeping problems.

Melanie stated they participated in Hospital Week, May 7-13th, with special activities each day. Melanie also stated the hospital participated in Kindergarten U held on May 10th.

Melanie gave an update on the operation of the hospital. She explained KDHE hospital accreditation surveyor was on site May 16 and 17th. Melanie stated the no deficiencies were found, the survey was focused on the hospital's compliance with reporting suspected abuse and neglect of minors.

Melanie updated the Commissioners on the Childcare Task Force.

Commissioners discussed with Melanie getting a plan in place to have the \$800,000.00 the County seeded to the hospital returned over several years.

11:30

Corey Meitl, Solid Waste Department presented information proposing to increase landfill charges. Discussion took place, Commissioners suggest increase fees at gradual rate. Commissioner would like to table conversations on E-Waste till a later date.

Corey presented information on GPS Insight Fleet Solutions. Corey explained this would be a GPS system that would be placed in the heavy truck that goes to the Great Bend Landfill and would be used to help detect vehicle issues. Corey explained it would be a 36-month agreement/Annual Pay. Corey stated there is no upfront cost and would be a monthly service charge. Commissioners suggested Corey with the Road and Bridge Department Head and see if he would be interested in this for his equipment as well. Commissioners also asked Clerk Rein to check with KCAMP to see if there would be any discounts for the use of this GPS device.

Commissioners inquired about the day the landfill was closed to C/D and limbs. Corey stated due to the amount of rain the road to those dump sites were very muddy and he was closed one day.

Commissioner Rein wanted to discuss the concrete repair work that was needed at the landfill. Corey presented the quotes from Morgan Brothers and from Eakin Enterprises. Commissioners discussed the quotes.

Motion by Burdett, seconded by Hammeke to approve the quote from Eakin Enterprises in the amount of \$28,059.00 to cut and replace concrete around the compactor area inside the building as well as the wheel tracks on the East side of the building, to be paid out of Special Projects. Motion passes, 3-0.

12:01

Sheriff Scott King and Undersheriff Larry Atteberry met with Commissioners to discuss an incident that happen at Camp Pawnee. Sheriff King stated they had been a juvenile that was caught on camera doing kiddies in the RV area. Sheriff King stated they contacted the individual and his parent. Sheriff King explained how the issue was resolved.

Discussion took place about the possibility of camera being placed at Camp Pawnee.

Sheriff King informed the Commissioners that John Freeman Colt will be returning to Pawnee County on June 5, 2023 and will return to the Larned State Hospital.

12:15

Motion by Hammeke, seconded by Burdett to enter into executive session for a period of 5 minutes from 12:15 to 12:20 for the purpose of personnel to include Clerk Rein. Motion passes, 3-0.

12:20

Reconvened to regular session; no action taken.

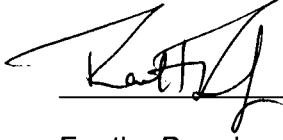
Clerk Rein discussed with the Commissioner the Special Commissioner meeting schedule for Friday, May 26, 2023, at 9:00am, due to the Holiday on Monday, May 29th.

Tim Taylor, Maintenance Supervisor spoke with the Commissioners regarding the roof after the hailstorm. Clerk Rein stated that KCAMP will be here next week to evaluate the Courthouse, Jail, EMS, Annex and

Road and Bridge Building. Clerk Rein informed the Commissioners the building at Solid Waste would not be looked at due to the worth of the building.

12:44

Meeting Adjourned



For the Board:
Chair, Board of Commissioners



Attest:
County Clerk