

## COMMISSION MINUTES – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2007

At 8:30 A.M., two members of the Pottawatomie County Commission met for a regular session in the County Commission Room. Present were Corwin Seamans, vice chairman; and Stan Hartwich, member. Tom Doperalski was absent.

Stan Hartwich moved and Corwin Seamans seconded to adopt the agenda for today's meeting. Motion carried 2 to 0. Doperalski was absent.

Stan Hartwich moved and Corwin Seamans seconded to approve minutes for February 12, 2007. Motion carried 2 to 0. Doperalski was absent.

The Commission reviewed the annual report for Pottawatomie Township.

Stan Hartwich moved and Corwin Seamans seconded to appoint the following to the board for **Fire District No. 6**: Don Cassel, Dale Force, Tim Innes, Aric Cassel, and Alan Loberg. Motion carried 2 to 0. Doperalski was absent.

Stan Hartwich moved and Corwin Seamans seconded to sign a contract with John Massanet to serve as Pottawatomie County Hearing Officer with regard to appraisal hearings. Motion carried 2 to 0. Doperalski was absent. (Attachment #1)

Gary Conklin, county counselor, met with the Commissioners to update them on activities and projects he is addressing.

Gregg Webster, zoning administrator, met with the Commissioners to discuss a plat for Green Valley Business Park IV. Stan Hartwich moved and Corwin Seamans seconded to adopt and sign the plat for Green Valley Business Park IV. Motion carried 2 to 0.

Vice Chairman signed a 2007 Mobile Home Park License for Green Valley Trailer Court.

Brenda Krause, GIS director, met with the Commissioners to give them a power point demonstration of what the County's web page is, how it was set up, and how to use it. Mark Portell, with Wamego Times, stated it would be helpful if the Sheriff's accident reports were available. Brenda stated that would have to be discussed with the Sheriff. John Roche, with the Westmoreland Recorder, stated he uses the county web page frequently. Robert Reece, administrator, stated when the web page was being created 3 years ago, public input was allowed.

Rodney Biesenthal, noxious weed director, met with the Commissioners to update them on activities in his department. He presented the Commission with the annual noxious weed eradication progress report for 2006. Stan Hartwich moved and Corwin Seamans seconded to certify the Pottawatomie County Noxious Weed Dept Program for 2006 and to certify that Rodney Biesenthal is employed as Pottawatomie County Noxious Weed Dept Director for 2007. Motion carried 2 to 0. Doperalski was absent. (Attachment #2)

Shawn Hladky and Oscar Gideon met with the Commissioners to continue the discussion of their request for constructing a lagoon system for an RV Park near Emmett. The issue was

tabled last week as the Commission was concerned about the site being in a breach impact area. There is still no word as to whether the property is in a breach area. Gideon stated they need to know whether they can proceed with a request for the lagoon through the County rather than the State. Scott Schwinn, sanitarian stated the County can handle this lagoon system. He added the system is oversized. An exemption from the County code would be needed for this project. It can be done through a waiver policy. Robert Reece, administrator asked if the Commissioners could add stipulations to the policy. Scott stated they could. He added the design will be according to gallons per day usage. Stan Hartwich stated he did not have a problem with approval of the lagoon system so Hladky and Gideon could take their proposal to the Planning Commission. Hladky stated they have an option to relocate the lagoon if there is concern of the breach impact. The Commissioners stated the County Counselor would draft wording on the waiver according to KAR standards.

Diana Nelson, bus driver in the Blue Valley area for USD 384, met with the Commissioners to express concerns of road conditions on her route. Leu Lowrey, public works director; and Rick Elliott, assistant public works director were also present. Ms. Nelson stated she has called and also been in to see the Commissions about the roads before and to date nothing has been done. The poor condition of a ½ mile portion of Stony Creek Rd causes her to turn the bus around and make a 9 mile detour. She stated the road had been graded only once. Leu stated he would check with the grader operator. There have been concerns with road conditions and the utility construction. The weather has made road conditions bad. Leu and Rick are to meet with the utility company to discuss repairs they have agreed to do on county roads. Commissioner Seamans directed Rick to contact Mrs. Nelson after the meeting and given her an estimated time frame when repairs will be made. He added Rick should stress the road is a bus route. Commissioner Hartwich stated he wants to be sure the utility company does their share of the repair.

The Commission authorized Robert to negotiate a request from ECDV to extend the existing storm sewer system located along the south side of the Green Valley Business Park in exchange for a lot for public improvement.

Greg Riat, sheriff, met with the Commissioners to inform them of a vehicle accident involving one of his deputies. Upon the sheriff's request, Stan Hartwich moved and Corwin Seamans seconded to go into executive session at 11:35 for 5 minutes to discuss a personnel issue. Regular meeting resumed with no action as a result of the session.

The Commission recessed for lunch at 12:05.

At 1:00, the Commission met with John Boyd, emergency management director. He gave a presentation on Fire Hydrant Coverage Planning. Also present for the meeting were representatives from RWD #1, #2, #3, #4, Fire District #10, Gregg Webster, zoning administrator; and Bruce Brazzle, assistant emergency management director. Boyd's presentation agenda was:

- Standard Fire Hydrant Considerations
- General Installation Requirements
- General Requirements for Planning/Zoning
- Potential Funding Sources
- General Planning Concepts/Examples

Boyd will meet again with the group with options to provide fire hydrants to the rural areas. David Stauffer, with RWD #1, requested fire districts be instructed to notify the rural water district after water is used to fight a fire. This will help them account for water used and not cause concern of a possible leak.

Stan Hartwich moved and Corwin Seamans seconded to sign a credit against delinquent tax form. Motion carried 2 to 0.

Commissioner Doperalski came to the meeting at 2:30.

Greg Riat, sheriff, met with the Commissioners to discuss a draft memo of information for the jail study group. The Commission directed Greg and Robert to schedule a meeting in April with the group.

Lowell Bosse, Sherman Township resident, met with the Commissioners. He asked if they were considering annual project cost increases as a factor of the equation for cost to build a new facility. Commissioner Seamans stated first they would decide what needed to be done. After that determination, the Commission will decide when and how.

The Commissioners, Leu Lowrey, and Robert Reece will meet with Senator Dennis Pyle, Representative Richard Carlson, and representatives from KDOT at the Capitol Building tomorrow morning from 10:30 until Noon. They will discuss road/bridge projects needing to be done in Pottawatomie County and the possibility for assistance in funding.

Stan Hartwich stated he had received a call from Jeffrey Energy Center with concerns of black ice on the road to the plant. They requested putting up some type of warning lights for this type of condition. Leu stated they needed to submit a written proposal and the county would try to work something out with them. Corwin Seamans stated with the increase in traffic due to construction, the county might need to consider providing more service to that area.

At 6:30 P.M. on March 1<sup>st</sup>, the Pottawatomie County Planning Commission will be hosting a dinner work session with the Commissioners, John Keller, Leu Lowrey, and Robert Reece. Keller will give an update on current development projects and policies. One of the topics to be discussed is road improvement projects. Corwin Seamans directed Leu to bring specs of roads and information on the difference and how to equate costs.

The Commission discussed the ECDV Corporation and scheduling a meeting with that board.

Meeting was adjourned.

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County Clerk

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Chairman

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Vice Chairman

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Member