

## **COMMISSION MINUTES – MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2007**

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

Stan Hartwich moved and Corwin Seamans seconded to adopt the agenda for today's meeting. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Corwin Seamans moved and Stan Hartwich seconded to approve the minutes for June 4, 2007. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Gary Conklin, county counselor, met with the Commissioners to discuss meeting with the Westmoreland Planning Commission on July 22 at 7:30 P.M. Corwin Seamans moved and Stan Hartwich seconded to sign an application to the City of Westmoreland for use permitted on review regarding three real estate parcels the County recently purchased. Motion carried 3 to 0. (Attachment #1) Gary discussed a letter he had received from ECDV regarding the County's purchase of property in Green Valley Business Park. Corwin Seamans moved to accept changes in the contract requested by ECDV regarding surfacing of Excel Lane. The motion was withdrawn after further discussion. Gary will draft a copy of the Commission's request for wording in the contract regarding hard surfacing Excel Lane.

Rodney Biesenthal, noxious weed director met with the Commissioners to discuss projects involving monies from the Historical Fund. Also present were Bill Ditto and Linda Tessendorf representing the Rural Preservation Group. Projects listed on the Rural Preservation's list were Louis Vieux Site Project at \$23,000 with signage at \$6,000; Brochures at \$2,000 for 2007 and \$1,000 for next two years; Allocations and Matching Funds for 5 Historical Societies in the County at \$5,000 each in January and \$5,000 for matching funds: Self-guided Driving Tour Signage at \$9,000 over next 4 years (\$2,500/yr); and 2 projects with unknown costs: Chrysler House cooperative effort and School Sign replacements. Rodney stated for the Louis Vieux project, he had a bid for \$18,000 for a shelter house erected. This bid did not include concrete. The remainder of the \$23,000 would cover that expense. Commissioner Doperalski asked about the Chrysler House Project. Ditto stated most of the project is being paid by private donations. The City

will maintain the grounds and exterior of the building. Doperalski stated he feels both the Chrysler House and Louis Vieux projects are good, but has not seen a plan for completion of either project. Ditto stated the Chrysler project is about \$225,000 and is to be done in phases. He added the Rural Preservation group will help, but no money is allocated for the project. Rodney stated he would get a map from the GIS office showing the Louis Vieux site and the group would meet with the Commission later this morning.

Lori Feldkamp, representing Big Lakes Development Center, Inc met with the Commissioners to update them and present their 2008 budget request. The Commission will review and consider the request during their budget work sessions.

The Commission reviewed a corrected annual report for Louisville Township.

The Chairman signed order to credit allowed claim to delinquent personal property taxes, penalties, and interest forms.

Rodney Biesenthal, Linda Tessendorf, and Bill Ditto returned to the Commission meeting with a map of the location and picture of the existing tree where the Louis Vieux project will be. Rodney stated the shelter house will be metal with a concrete floor. Signage will give a history of the area. Ditto stated the project is to preserve the story and the site. The Commission approved three signs; one will be at the site and two in other locations. There is enough money in the budget to pay for the signs.

Gregg Webster, zoning administrator; John Keller, county planner; Dave Nelson, developer; Gary Conklin, county counselor; and Robert Reece, county administrator met with the Commissioners to discuss the sewer interlocal agreement between the County and the City of Manhattan. Robert stated at their June 5 meeting, the City of Manhattan approved moving forward with the agreement. He gave a presentation of the various Articles in the contract. Stan Hartwich moved and Corwin Seamans seconded to approve the interlocal agreement. Motion carried 3 to 0. Counselor will prepare a resolution for the Commission's signatures and publication. Commissioner Doperalski stated letters should be sent to Representative Carlson and Senator Pyle regarding allowing termination of services for unpaid connections.

County Clerk informed the Commission of an opening on the Pawnee Mental Health Board of Directors. The vacancy is created by an individual in the northeastern portion of the county. Commissioner Hartwich will check on finding an individual for appointment to that position.

Gregg Webster, zoning administrator; John Keller, county planner; and Neil Ebert, developer met with the Commissioners to discuss access to Megan's Vineyard Subdivision. Ebert would like to proceed with development of the property. The developer of the property south of Ebert is not in compliance and is holding up construction. Ebert is requesting a temporary access to allow him to proceed. Keller stated Ebert would need to file a temporary easement of Lot 6 on his current plat. The Commission will provide a developer's agreement for Ebert to sign allowing him to proceed.

Ed Erickson with the Conservation District met with the Commissioners to discuss erosion near Hunter's Crossing due to recent heavy rains. Erickson stated there is a possibility of assistance from the Emergency Watershed Program (EWP). This requires a government sponsor and is a 75/25 cost share program. 25 is the county's portion and can either be money or in-kind. The Commission agreed it is necessary to pursue the option. Erickson will check on details to proceed and will also address the Commission's question of time frame and dollar estimates. Robert asked if a township board could sponsor the project. Erickson stated he thought they could.

Gary Conklin presented the Commission with a copy of a revised paragraph of the ECDV contract for their approval. Upon their approval, Gary stated he would email ECDV the contract for their signature and the Commission will sign on Monday. Gary presented a resolution for the Commission to consider. Corwin Seamans moved and Stan Hartwich seconded to adopt Resolution 2007-41 authorizing Pottawatomie County, Kansas, acting as the governing body for Blue Township Sewer Benefit District to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Manhattan, Kansas, for disposal of Sewerage and the payment of the costs thereof. A copy of the agreement is on file in the County Clerk's Office. Motion carried 3 to 0. (Attachment #2)

Robert Reece, administrator, presented the Commission with a proposal from Carl Brown Consulting of Jefferson City, MO to perform sewer and water user charge analysis for Pottawatomie County. This is to establish fair and equitable rates. The Commission will review the proposal.

The Commission reviewed 2007 Budget adjustments. They will act on this next week.

Sewer billing concerns from an individual in Green Valley Business Park were discussed. Robert will check on addresses, connections, and the date of demolition of buildings in the area. The Commission directed Robert to contact John Keller about writing or revising a sewer policy.

Stan Hartwich moved and Corwin Seamans seconded to adjourn. Motion carried 3 to 0. Meeting adjourned at 4:41.

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County Clerk

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Chairman

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Vice Chairman

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