

COMMISSION MINUTES – MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2009

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

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

Corwin Seamans moved to approve the minutes for January 12, 2009. Pat Weixelman seconded the motion which carried 3 to 0.

John Watt, county counselor, met with the Commissioners to update them on activities and projects he is working on. Purchase cards were discussed. Robert Reece, administrator, updated Weixelman on the County's current credit card system and how the purchase card system would work. A resolution will need to be passed to implement the use of the cards. Commission will review the resolution and act on it later.

The Chairman signed a 2009 Cereal Malt Beverage License for the Onaga Golf Club in Mill Creek Township.

Corwin Seamans moved to appoint the submitted names for the Board of Fire District #3. Pat Weixelman seconded the motion which carried 3 to 0. Names submitted were: **Clem Koelzer, Jr, Charles Valburg, Eugene Berges, Robert Ladner, and Lynn D. Wrosch.**

Commission reviewed and Chairman signed tax roll corrections. (Attachment #1)

The Commissioners reviewed annual reports for Belvue, Blue, Sherman, and St. Clere Townships.

Corwin Seamans moved to go into executive session at 8:58 up until 9:05 to discuss a personnel issue. Present for the session will be Robert Reece, county administrator. Pat Weixelman seconded the motion which carried 3 to 0. Regular meeting resumed. As a result of the executive session, the Chairman directed Robert to execute the medical leave and shared leave for an employee.

Lois Schlegel, county appraiser, met with the Commissioners to update them on activities in that department. The Commissioners were given copies of the Appraisal Maintenance Specifications for the appraisal of property for 2008. Lois stated final review notices will be mailed out March 1st. She updated the Commission on the Orion system. Pottawatomie County is scheduled to convert to the system April 16th through the 22nd.

Chris Trudo, emergency management director, met with the Commissioners to brief them on the status of projects and activities for the month of January, 2009. Agenda items discussed were: Tornado Sirens, County Mitigation Plan, Net Ops (Emergency Operations Plan), EMGT Office Priorities/Activities. Bruce Brazzle, county fire supervisor, reviewed information regarding the creation of the Fire Supervisor Position, setting up policy and procedures for the county fire districts, meeting with the Fire Boards, County wide training for fire/emergency, and fire supervisor priorities & activities. He reviewed fire supervisor priorities/activities and a department overview.

The Transportation Needs Committee met to discuss concerns and solutions for providing health needs transportation in the County. A fee schedule and billing procedures for riding the buses was discussed. Seamans recommended establishing a suggested fee. Dustin stated the 800 number is in place at the Health Department. It is not ready to be activated yet. This number will be used to schedule riders on the mini buses. Dustin has a tentative schedule set up for both county mini buses. Leslie Campbell stated there should be a bus scheduled to go to Westmoreland every Tuesday, as that is Court day. She stated the Health Department would also schedule clinics to accommodate that same day. Robert Reece suggested having the drivers meet with this group for their input. Robert and Dustin will schedule a time to meet with the mini bus drivers and also draft a publication to inform the public of the upcoming changes in the mini bus routes, the 800 dispatch number, and rate changes.

The Commission recessed for lunch.

Lisa Overkamp, county treasurer met with the Commissioners to update them on the delinquency rate on taxes.

Greg Hill & John McQuillen met with the Commissioners to give a presentation on the Kansas Mission of Mercy and a free dental clinic that was held in Topeka two years ago. Over \$1 million in dental care was provided. Mr. Hill is the Executive Director of the Kansas Dental Charitable Foundation. A free

dental clinic will be held on February 20 & 21 at the Kansas National Guard Armory in Manhattan. These clinics are for those individuals without dental care insurance. Hill stated Riley County will provide EMS service. There will be 125 dentists, 140 assistants, and 90 hygienists at the Clinic. Individuals can help by volunteering; donating meals, snack foods, bottled water or other beverages; donating coloring books, crayons, stuffed animals and other toys to entertain children or; making a cash donation which will be used to purchase supplies and food, to support the project. Contact information for the clinic is: Kansas Dental Charitable Foundation, 5200 SW Huntoon, Topeka, KS 66604. Telephone number is 785-272-7469. Fax number is 785-272-2301. The web address is www.ksdentalfoundation.org

Leslie Campbell, health director, met with the Commissioners to discuss her 2008 Health Department Program Cost. Leslie also discussed quotes she had gotten for a copier for her department. Repairs are no longer available for the machine the Health Department now has. She has checked on a copier/printer. With the various documents printed in her office, they need a color printer. The Commission approved Robert Reece, Administrator and Leslie checking to see whether it would be more cost effective to purchase a new machine or lease one.

Dustin Trego, administrative assistant, met with the Commissioners to give a 2008 Utilities presentation. Leu Lowrey, public works director, was also present. Options for sewer debt retirement and how to pay for future expansion or improvements were discussed.

The Commission Chairman signed letters to Senator Pat Roberts, Senator Sam Brownback, Representative Lynn Jenkins, Representative Dennis Moore, Representative Jerry Moran, and Representative Todd Tihart expressing concerns about the components and implementation of the federal economic stimulus package proposal.

Corwin Seamans moved and Pat Weixelman seconded to adopt Resolution 2009-7 to enter into an agreement for a purchase card program with UMB Bank of Kansas City, Missouri. Motion carried 3 to 0. (Attachment #2)

Commission reviewed and signed accounts payable printouts for January 26th, 2009.

John Watt, county counselor, met with the Commission to discuss an issue of the County's responsibility for funding of funeral or burial expenses in the case of an unattended death where no family funding is available. Watt stated there is a statutory requirement for the County to fund this type of situation. A funeral home has agreed do the cremation at no cost. The County will receive a coroner's bill and will be responsible for that cost.

As Steve Swoyer has complied with the terms of the Developer's Agreement and the Public Works Department has approved the paving project, Pat Weixelman moved to cancel the letter of credit with Steve Swoyer for Oak Grove Subdivision. Stan Hartwich seconded the motion which carried 3 to 0.

Robert Reece, administrator reminded the Commission of needing to fill a vacancy on the Regional Library Board with a representative from the Olsburg area. Stan Hartwich stated he will check with individuals from there.

The Commission agreed not to meet the week of February 16. That is President's Day. They will meet again in regular session on Monday, February 23rd.

The meeting was adjourned.

County Clerk

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Member