

COMMISSION MINUTES – MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2009

The Commissioners and department heads hosted the annual employee appreciation breakfast this morning at the Methodist Education Building. A drawing for door prizes donated by the Commission and department heads will be held later this morning.

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 and Pat Weixelman seconded to adopt the agenda for today's meeting. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Corwin Seamans moved and Pat Weixelman seconded to approve minutes from October 19 with one change. A statement is added to state Tim Eisenbarth and Betty Abitz were to come back to the Commission with a recommendation regarding the county cemeteries. Motion carried 3 to 0.

John Watt, county counselor met with the Commission to discuss condemnation procedures and the corridor management document.

County counselor discussed the sale of land originally purchased for RFD #10's new station. The land was purchased for \$15,000. The land is being offered back to the original owner for \$15,000. A resolution authorizing the sale of the property to Mr. Bammes was presented to the Commission for their consideration. Pat Weixelman moved and Stan Hartwich seconded to adopt Resolution 2009-47 ordering the disposal of certain surplus county real property and to enter into the contract for sale and purchase of real estate with Eugene K. Bammes. Motion carried 3 to 0. (Attachment #1)

The Commissioners signed Certificates of Appreciation for the following employees and their years of service:

Appraiser's Office

Cynthia Collins	5 years
Harry Cook	5 years
Gail Fairchild	15 years
Mary Herrs	5 years

Health Department

Mary Altenhofen	10 years
Leslie Campbell	20 years

Road Department

Dave Cox	20 years
Ray Fairchild	15 years
William Figge	5 years
Leu Lowrey	10 years
Daniel McClain	20 years
John Niehues	20 years
Larry Wahl	25 years

Sheriff's Office

Deaun Efurd	10 years
Robert McDermott	5 years
Greg Riat	20 years
Dale Rice	5 years
Jon Taylor	5 years
Gerald Schmidt	30 years

Treasurer's Office

Nancy Fairchild	5 years
Daniel Wanklyn	10 years

Lois Schlegel, county appraiser, met with the Commissioners for a monthly update. She informed them of receipt of a letter from the Division of Property Valuation stating the annual statistical and procedural compliance review to determine substantial compliance within the county appraiser's office has been completed. Pottawatomie County has met the criteria and is determined to be 97.9% compliant. Lois updated the Commission on Orion, sales in the county, office and field activity, and court of tax appeals.

Chris Trudo, emergency management director, met with the Commissioners to present a monthly update. Topics discussed were:

- Tornado sirens
- County Mitigation Plan
- Response to events within the County
- Pre-disaster planning of cities and subdivisions
- EMGT Office priorities/activities

Bruce Brazzle, county fire supervisor, presented the Commission with an update for the month of October. Topics discussed were:

Fire supervisor priorities/activities
Priorities
Priorities that have been completed
Activities

Corwin Seamans moved and Pat Weixelman seconded to enter into an agreement with Smith Building Co, LLC of Wamego for repair on the jail emergency generator building. Cost for the project will be \$6,325. Motion carried 3 to 0. (Attachment #2)

Leslie Campbell, health director, presented the Commission with an update of activities in that department. Corwin Seamans moved and Pat Weixelman seconded to enter into an agreement with Kansas Department of Health and Environment for Phase 3 Focus Area 3 of the H1N1 flu grant. Monies for this phase will be \$58,612. Motion carried 3 to 0. (Attachment #3)

Andrea Karnes, attorney office manager, met with the Commissioners to discuss the check fee fund. Monies in that fund are from fees for insufficient fund checks, diversion application fees, or special monitoring fees for diversions. There is currently over \$16,000 in the fund. Andrea requested using \$2,406.29 of those monies for expenses for training in Phoenix. Corwin Seamans moved and Stan Hartwich seconded to approve use of \$2,406.29 from the check fee fund for the expenses for two attorney office employees for training in Phoenix. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Robert Reece, county administrator, presented information about the NC KS Juvenile Detention budget following last Wednesday's board meeting. Robert stated the detention board was supportive of the revised 2010 budget resulting in an approximate \$180,000 reduction. Robert also presented a funding mechanism to the detention board for their consideration that assessed member counties on the last 5 year usage average. Robert stated this funding stream brought stability to the centers operations and would help establish a minimum fund balance requirement and a reserve fund for capital outlay. Robert stated the juvenile detention board was to take the information back to each of their counties and discuss the budget and funding formula. The County Commissioners agreed that this appeared to be the most equitable way to fund the facility for the County.

Bob Cole, Pottawatomie County Economic Development director, met with the Commissioners to discuss application for grant funds from the Kansas Bioscience Authority for ADA upgrades and lab expansions at the Kansas Entrepreneurial

Center facility. The PCEDC and Pottawatomie County are financial and operational partners. The partnership has asked for a financial commitment from Pottawatomie County of \$60,000 to help finance this upgrade and lab expansion. The Commission expressed concern of the maintenance done to the current facility. Pat Weixelman stated he felt it was poorly maintained. Cole said he and John Pagan will meet with the Commission next Monday at 10:00 A.M. to discuss the requests further.

Leu Lowrey, public works director; Greg Riat, sheriff; and Shane Jager, undersheriff, met with the Commissioners to discuss concerns of speed limits on some rural county roads. Riat stated he couldn't and wouldn't enforce any speed limits on roads if it was not posted. He felt there should be several criteria considered when lowering the speed limit on a county road. One would be the type of road. Number of accidents on the road should be noted. It is important to know what the people in that particular area want. Another consideration would be the type of traffic in that area. Riat stated he feels all subdivisions should automatically be posted. Leu stated the Commissioners have the authority to establish by resolution speed limits on county roads and post that speed limit.

Upon request by the Sheriff, Corwin Seamans moved and Pat Weixelman seconded to go into executive session at 12:05 for up to 10 minutes to discuss a personnel issue. Executive session will protect the privacy of the individual. Motion carried 3 to 0. Regular meeting resumed with no action as a result of the executive session.

Corwin Seamans moved and Stan Hartwich seconded to transfer monies from the Country Stampede and the sale of a vehicle to Fire District #2 to the Sheriff's budget. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Names were drawn for door prizes donated by the Commission and department heads. Winners were:

Susan Snapp	\$25 Wal Mart Card
Milton Berg	\$20
Mary Altenhofen	\$25 Dyers Card
Eudora Hempler	\$25
Erin Baum	\$20
Harry Cook	\$10 DD's Certificate
Chuck Krouse	\$10 DD's Certificate
Nancy McCarter	\$15 DD's Certificate
Gale McDougal	\$10

Lyle McCarter	\$20
Paul Serb	Insulated Bottle Holder
Ken Lamb	Insulated Bag
Jean Swart	Insulated Bag
Sharon Wahl	Insulated Cloth Cooler
Scott Schwinn	Insulated cooler & 2 K-State travel mugs

Chairman adjourned the meeting. The Commissioners and Leu Lowrey met Vern Osborne to view shoulders and ditches on the Flush Road.

County Clerk

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Member