

COMMISSION MINUTES – MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2010

At 8:30 A.M., two members of the Pottawatomie County Commission met for a regular session in the County Commission Room. Present were Stan Hartwich, chairman and Corwin Seamans, vice chairman. Pat Weixelman was absent due to illness.

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

Stan Hartwich moved and Corwin Seamans seconded to approve the minutes for January 4, 2010. Motion carried 2 to 0. Weixelman was absent due to illness.

John Watt, county counselor, updated the Commission on projects he is working on. After last week's meeting with Keane, Balch, and residents in the Timber Creek III area, only 4 of 28 easements needed for the streambank stabilization/rain garden project have been signed. As a result of the lack of support for the innovative green project in Timber Creek and following a Wednesday conference call with KDHE, the county agreed with KDHE to rescind their loan agreement for funding for the project and to reapply for financing with a June 17 deadline. This will allow more time for the easements and alternatives for the innovative green project.

Corwin Seamans moved and Stan Hartwich seconded to allocate \$400 from the special alcohol fund to Rock Creek High School for their After Prom Party. Motion carried 2 to 0. Weixelman was absent due to illness.

Corwin Seamans moved and Stan Hartwich seconded to sign the 2010 contract for services with Pawnee Mental Health. Motion carried 2 to 0. Weixelman was absent due to illness. (Attachment #1)

Commission reviewed and Chairman signed tax roll corrections. (Attachment #2)

Tim Eisenbarth, noxious weed director, met with the Commissioners to present a year end update of that department. He discussed the numbers of acres sprayed, pounds recycled, assistance with plugging wells, other projects throughout 2009.

Stan Hartwich and Robert Reece will attend the Flint Hills Regional Council Board of Directors meeting in Junction City on January 13 from 9:00 to Noon.

Gregg Webster, zoning administrator, met with the Commissioners to present a year end department update.

As this was the second Monday of the New Year, the Board of County Commissioners; 1st District Commissioner Corwin Seamans and 3rd District Commissioner Stan Hartwich reorganized for 2010. 2nd District Commissioner Pat Weixelman was absent due to illness.

Corwin Seamans moved and Stan Hartwich seconded to appoint Dennis Pat Weixelman as Commission Chairman for 2010. Motion carried 2 to 0. Weixelman was absent due to illness.

Stan Hartwich moved to appoint Corwin Seamans as Commission Vice Chairman for 2010. Corwin Seamans seconded the motion which carried 2 to 0 due to the absence of Pat Weixelman.

Stan Hartwich moved and Corwin Seamans seconded to adopt Resolution 2010-3 designating the Onaga Herald as the official county paper for 2010. Motion carried 2 to 0 due to absence of Commissioner Weixelman. (Attachment #3)

Corwin Seamans moved and Stan Hartwich seconded to adopt Resolution 2010-4 designating depositories for county monies for 2010. Motion carried 2 to 0 due to the absence of Commissioner Weixelman. (Attachment #4)

Corwin Seamans moved and Stan Hartwich seconded to adopt Resolution 2010-5 requesting to waive the preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP for 2010. Motion carried 2 to 0. Commissioner Weixelman was absent due to illness. (Attachment #5)

Corwin Seamans moved and Stan Hartwich seconded to adopt Resolution 2010-6 which sets the County Commission districts for 2010. Motion carried 2 to 0 due to absence of Commissioner Weixelman. (Attachment #6)

Stan Hartwich moved and Corwin Seamans seconded to appoint board members to the following fire districts:

Fire District No. 2: Lester Harris, Jason Pennington, Lloyd Ringel, Sam Ross, and Jake Reisinger

Fire District No. 3: Clem Koelzer Jr, Charles Valburg, Eugene Berges, Robert Ladner and Lynn D. Wrosch

Fire District No. 5: Jeff Fleming, Jim Crawford, John Best, and Marylin Werring

Fire District No. 7: Brett Howard Platt, Greg Waugh, Dorran Mullins, Cliff Meyer, and Doug Griffitt

Fire District No. 8: James B. Mulligan, Lee Abitz, Marvin Clark, Bobby Blair, and Gary Robbins

Fire District No. 10: Donald Francis, Ken Reavis, Laurie Harrison, and Doug Elliott

Motion for these appointments carried 2 to 0 due to the absence of Pat Weixelman.

Leu Lowrey, public works director, met with the Commissioners to discuss bids and projected costs for the sewer expansion project in Blue Township with the City of Manhattan. Within next week, Leu will try to have amounts available as to financial responsibilities for the County and City of Manhattan and the loan amount requested through KDHE. Leu presented the Commission with quarterly numbers for the amount of diesel and unleaded fuel used by the public works department in 2009 and 2008. Leu will visit with a few entities to see if contract prices can be negotiated for 2010 and discuss further at the January 25th meeting.

Stan Hartwich moved and Corwin Seamans seconded to appoint Dustin Trego to the Riley County Area Transportation Agency (ATA) Board of Directors. Motion carried 2 to 0 due to the absence of Pat Weixelman.

The Commissioners discussed the stream bank stabilization project with John Watt and Leu Lowrey. John will draft and send a letter to the homeowners associations as to the status of the project.

The Commissioners discussed with Robert the County's increased health insurance rates for 2009/2010.

The Commissioners will meet with Rural Water District #1 Tuesday night to discuss increased water supply for Blue Township.

Vice Chairman Seamans adjourned the meeting at 1:50 P.M.

County Clerk

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Member