

COMMISSION MINUTES – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2010

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

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

Stan Hartwich moved and Corwin Seamans seconded to approve the minutes for January 25, 2010. Motion carried 3 to 0.

John Watt, county counselor, updated the Commissioners on projects he is working on.

Pat Weixelman reported on the Regional Library meeting he attended last week. There is a problem with the roof leaking at the library facility in Eskridge.

After reviewing the letter of request, Stan Hartwich moved and Corwin Seamans seconded to allocate \$400 from the special alcohol fund to the Onaga High School for their After Prom Party. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Robert presented for the Commission to review a Fostoria Sewer Financial Statement. Stan Hartwich moved and Corwin Seamans seconded to authorize the Chairman to sign a Statement of Budget, Income and Equity for Fostoria Sewer District. Motion carried 3 to 0. (Attachment #1)

The Commission will be part of a teleconference from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. on February 10 at the Telecommunication building in Wamego. The conference will be with Lynn Parman, VP of Bioscience Development for the Kansas City Area Development Council. She will be speaking about the structure, purpose and operations of the Council.

The Commission reviewed a request from Pottawatomie County Economic Development Corp regarding their annual budgeted allocation. Stan Hartwich moved and Corwin Seamans seconded to allocate ½ of the additional \$7,500 budgeted to them for 2010. A check for \$3,750 will be issued to PCEDC in this week's accounts payable process. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Scott Schwinn, sanitarian, met with the Commission to update them on activities in that department. Corwin Seamans stated the Commission would like to schedule a work session with Scott and Leu Lowrey, public works director, to discuss possible duties and responsibilities that might be added to Scott's duties.

Gregg Webster, zoning administrator, met with the Commissioners with a January department update.

Buck Driggs and Charles Bartlett with HWS Consulting Group met with the Commissioners. Also present for the meeting was Leu Lowrey, public works director. Driggs discussed with the Commission the county losing the \$250,000 originally allotted to them due to the Governor's budget cuts. Driggs gave a 3 option presentation for improvements to the Crown C Circle/Hwy 24 intersection. KDOT has approved a \$375,000 grant with an 80/20 match for this project. Robert stated he is waiting to hear from KDOT as to how to proceed with the project. Leu stated he felt the safest option allows traffic from the Livestock Commission to be routed to the existing stop light at Heritage Square. Driggs stated the County will need to go through the RFP formal selection process to continue. Driggs stated they will review the options, visit with landowners in the area, and resubmit their options with the adjustments suggested by the Commission. Driggs discussed with the Commission the fact that part of the Governor's budget cut eliminated the \$250,000 originally scheduled to be awarded to the County for KDOT corridor projects. The Commission discussed the Interlocal Agreement regarding the US 24 Corridor Management Plan. Stan Hartwisch moved and Corwin Seamans seconded to enter into the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Kansas Department of Transportation, Pottawatomie County, City of Manhattan, City of St. George, and City of Wamego to implement the US-24 Corridor Management Plan. Motion carried 3 to 0. (Attachment #2)

Lisa Wright, county treasurer, met with the Commissioners to update them on taxes received, distributions, and statistics of delinquent taxes compared to last year.

Leslie Campbell, health director, met with the Commissioners to review the renewal of the janitorial agreement for her department. The contract is for 3 years with a 1% increase each year. Stan Hartwisch moved and Corwin Seamans seconded to approve the contract for janitorial services for the Pottawatomie County Health Department and Janice Shelton. Motion carried 3 to 0. (Attachment #3)

A group of senior citizens representing the county council on aging met with the Commissioners. Diane Euler, field representative for the North Central Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging; and Leslie Campbell, health director were also present for the meeting. Mary Lou Gibbs of Olsburg stated in the past Ruth Ensley-Kunz had attended all of their meetings and kept them informed on events and issues that had an effect on the Senior Citizens in the County. The council meets every other month. They were expecting Dustin Trego at the last meeting. As there was no one from the County in attendance, the group expressed concerns as to how they would have representation or how they would receive information. Ruth Ensley-Kunz, previous coordinator for the aging, retired the end of 2009. In December, the Commission made the decision not to fill that position. Dustin Trego, management assistant, has been assigned the responsibility of handling the mini bus program. The health department will help to a certain extent with information and services at their scheduled clinics. The group expressed concerns of lack of communication between them and the county to stay abreast of issues affecting them. Euler stated there are 18 counties in the region. 10 of those 18 counties have a coordinator who serves as a spokesperson for their county. The counties without a coordinator are lacking in support and assistance for their senior citizens. The Commission stated it might be necessary for the group members to take more responsibility as far as attending meetings and informing the others of issues. It was pointed out that the county council on aging has no budget for copies, mailings, etc. The approved budget requests from each of the individual senior centers are for upkeep of their own facilities. There are 3 larger senior centers, but a total of 10 in the county. The health department is not able to come to the smaller centers. Had it not been for Ruth informing them, they would not have been aware of the H1N1 vaccination clinics. Leslie stated they only go to the centers at Onaga, Wamego, and St. Marys for their clinics. In the past, the smaller centers did not have enough clients to pay for the expenses for the health department to go there. Weixelman stated they could possibly figure out a schedule with the buses to allow citizens an opportunity for transportation to one of the clinics. Weixelman stated he would come to their next meeting which will be March 22 at the Onaga Senior Center. Bob Rezac stated he feels there is a need for a county coordinator whether it is full or part time. Mary Lou Gibbs stated Pottawatomie County citizens age 60 and older make up 1/3 of the county's population. Bob Rezac, representative of the silver haired legislature, gave a report on legislative issues. Robert Reece, Leslie Campbell, and Diane Euler will meet to discuss how the needs of the group can be met.

Andy Pitts and Tim Cummins, architects with Treanor Architects P.A. met with the Commissioners to update them on preliminary options for the courthouse/jail

project. Present for the meeting were Andrea Karnes, attorney office manager; Greg Riat, sheriff; Shane Jager, undersheriff; Judge Roth, Leu Lowrey, public works director; and John Watt, county counselor. Pitts showed the group three design options they have developed with the information given by Voorhis Associates. The Commissioners expressed concerns in the increase in the square footage from the original numbers. Pitts stated most of the increase is due to circulation and mechanical space. The Commission was also concerned about the increasing cost estimates for the project. Pitts stated square foot price for this construction is approximately \$225. Pat Weixelman expressed concerns of the increased cost estimates for the project and stated the County could not and would not spend \$20 million for the project. Representatives from the court, sheriff, and attorneys' office stated they had visited with Milosovich from Voorhis; but, had not seen the floor plans shown today. John Watt, county counselor, stated he felt Treanor needs to visit with these stakeholders in the project and then the architects can perhaps adjust the plans. Judge Roth stated he felt it was very important to keep the offices geographically connected and felt Treanor had done that with their options. The group will meet the Commissioners again on March 1st at 1:00 P.M.

The Commissioners reviewed and Chairman signed tax roll corrections.
(Attachment #4)

Dave Nelson, developer; and Kirk Hoke, Engineer with Schwab-Eaton, met with the Commissioners to discuss the plat for Nelson's Ridge in Blue Township. Also present were Dave Karnowski, developer; Rob Eichman; developer; Leu Lowrey, public works director; John Keller, county planner; Gregg Webster, zoning administrator; and John Watt, county counselor. Nelson would like approval to proceed with developing 27 lots in Nelson Ridge Subdivision. He has addressed the drainage issue by constructing a detention basin. Drainage is piped underground. The pond is about ½ acre. Drainage from approximately 32 acres is directed into the pond. Nelson stated a portion of the northern part of the subdivision will drain to the west rather than south to the detention pond. The part to be developed first is the southern part of the subdivision. Nelson plans to connect to the new sewer system when it is completed. He would like for the Commission to approve the plat and initiate a benefit district. Robert stated if Hoke would email the information to him, he could start on the paperwork for the benefit district. The Commission discussed platting only the part of the subdivision Nelson is going to proceed with in the first phase. Robert asked if Hoke could have the first phase replatted and ready for the planning commission's review and consideration by next Monday. Hoke state he could provide that to

Gregg. Robert also stated the plans would need to be reviewed by Leu prior to signing petitions.

Corwin Seamans moved and Stan Hartwich seconded to adopt Resolution 2010-10 approving the 2010 employee salaries and wage scales. Motion carried 3 to 0. (Attachment #5)

The Commission will not meet on February 15 in observance of President's Day. The County offices and Landfill will also be closed on that day.

The Commission approved payment to the North Central Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging, Inc in the amount of \$5,118 for the County's share of the 2010 NC-FH AAA funding.

The Commission asked Robert to set up a meeting with Rural Water District #1 to discuss water in Blue Township.

Meeting was adjourned.

County Clerk

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Member