



Board of Pottawatomie County Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2023

612 E Campbell
 Westmoreland KS 66549
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Public Works/Sunflower Room

8:30 a.m.

District 1 – Deloyce McKee

District 2 – Dennis Weixelman

District 3 – Greg Riat

1.0 8:30 AM CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING WITH FLAG SALUTE & PRAYER

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Dennis Weixelman	County Commissioner, Chair	Present 8:30 a.m.
Deloyce McKee	County Commissioner, Vice Chair	Present 8:30 a.m.
Greg Riat	County Commissioner, Member	Present 8:30 a.m.
Chad Kinsley	County Administrator	Present 8:30 a.m.
John Watt	County Counselor	Present 8:30 a.m.
Dawn Henry	County Clerk	Present 8:30 a.m.
Annie Wolfe	The Times	Present 8:30 a.m.
Steve Minton	Resident	Present 8:30 a.m.
Natha Burns	Resident	Present 8:30 a.m.
Michelle Campbell	Resident	Present 8:30 a.m.
Kyle Minton	Utilities Operator	Present 8:30 a.m.
Jack Plummer	Equipment Operator II	Present 8:30 a.m.
Steve Roggenkamp	Project Coordinator	Present 8:30 a.m.
Heather Gladbach	Assistant County Administrator	Present 8:30 a.m.
Robin Knoblauch	County Appraiser	Present 8:30 a.m.
Whitney Phebus	Director of Human Resources	Present 8:30 a.m.
Amy Johnson	HR Specialist	Present 8:30 a.m.
Becky Ryan	Communications Manager	Present 8:30 a.m.
Mark Jack	Noxious Weed Director	Present 8:30 a.m.
Thomas Edwards	Building Facilities Manager	Present 8:30 a.m.
Tim Eisenbarth	Public Works Administrator	Present 8:30 a.m.
Lance Forgy	Assistant Public Works Administrator	Present 8:30 a.m.
Crystian Torres	Sergeant	Present 8:30 a.m.
Shane Jager	Sheriff	Present 8:30 a.m.
Doug Adams	Undersheriff	Present 8:30 a.m.
Sharon Wahl	Field Appraiser	Present 8:30 a.m.
Scott Schwinn	County Sanitarian/Transfer Station	Present 8:30 a.m.
Dan Ebert	Resident	Present 8:30 a.m.
Terri Johnson	Solid Waste Clerk	Present 8:30 a.m.
Johnny Whearty	Truck Driver	Present 8:30 a.m.
Troy Berg	Tube Crew Foreman	Present 8:30 a.m.
Aaron Baker	Truck Driver	Present 8:30 a.m.
Austin Lindsey	Truck Driver	Present 8:30 a.m.
Matthew Riva	Orion	Present 8:30 a.m.
Alvin Stutzman	Resident	Present 8:30 a.m.
Tom Ebert	Resident	Present 8:30 a.m.
Kay Ebert	Resident	Present 8:30 a.m.
Marcie Wood	Resident	Present 8:30 a.m.
Kyle Minton	Utilities Operator	Present 8:30 a.m.
Jared Wrosch	Section Patrolman	Present 8:30 a.m.
Mike Pinick	Shop Foreman	Present 8:30 a.m.
Hunter Phillimore	General Technician	Present 8:30 a.m.
Nathan Bergman	Bartlett & West	Present 9:15 a.m.
Stephan Metzger	County Planner	Present 9:47 a.m.
Maya Schechter	Orion	Present 11:13 a.m.
Aaron Sylvester	Resident	Present 11:25 a.m.

2.0 SERVICE AWARDS:

Kyle Minton, Public Works	5 years
Jack Plummer, Public Works	20 years
Steve Roggenkamp, Public Works	25 years

KAC 8 years:	Heather Gladbach	Chad Kinsley	Crystian Torres	Jared Wrosch
KAC 16 years:	Troy Berg	Robin Knoblauch	Sharon Wahl	
KAC 24 years:	Scott Campbell	Terri Johnson	Steve Roggenkamp	
KAC 40 years:	Mike Pinick			

3.0 ROUTINE ITEMS:

3.1 McKee moved to approve the agenda. Riat seconded, motion carried 3-0.

3.2 Riat moved to approve January 30, 2023 minutes. Weixelman seconded, motion carried 3-0.

4.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Alvin Stutzman invited commissioners to the chili feed fundraiser the Fair board is having to raise funds for the new building. Steve Minton spoke on the Chinese balloon, the Chinese buying stock in our energy, and we need to buy less from the Chinese.

5.0 DEPARTMENT UPDATES

5.1 Human Resources: Whitney Phebus introduced Amy Johnson, new HR Specialist. Phebus updated on recruitment, spirit week, and presented Resolution 2023-13 Wages (bring back next week). Discussion on county prescription plan.

5.2 Noxious Weed Director: Mark Jack and Tommy Edwards updated on chemical sales, recycling, projects, and presenting 2023 yearly mowing contract with Victor Redding. 2022 yearly inventory will be presented next week.

Motion: Riat moved to approve the 2023 yearly mowing contract with Victor Redding. McKee seconded, motion carried 3-0.

5.3 Public Works: Tim Eisenbarth updated on various crews, construction inspections, projects, and meetings. Steve Roggenkamp presented a Columbian Road & Hwy 24 agreement increasing funding to \$600,000 and asked for the Armstrong Road Bridge to go out for design.

Motion: Weixelman moved to approve Agreement 200-20. Riat seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Motion: Riat moved to approve the Armstrong Road Bridge to go out for design. McKee seconded, motion carried 3-0.

5.4 Commissioners: Commissioners updated on phone calls received, meetings attended or attending, and roads they drove (solar farms information, Flint Hills Regional budget, Economic Development).

5.5 Administration Office: Chad Kinsley updated on meetings, presented a letter of support to Kansas Housing Resource Corporation, handout of each department's equipment reserves, and spoke on a new program Kansas Housing Investor Tax Credit.

Motion: Weixelman moved to approve the letter of support. McKee seconded, motion carried 3-0.

5.6 County Counselor: John Watt mentioned his talk with Douglas County Counselor about the election laws pertaining to electing new commissioners; still have not heard any more on it.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS:

6.1 Solar Farm Hearing: Chair declared hearing open at 10:00 a.m. Stephan Meztger started with information for the hearing. Riat doesn't have a direction and wants to gather as much unbiased information as possible; also wants to invite planning commission board members to these hearings. McKee agrees with Riat but wants Planning Commission to work more on the regulation recommendations to commissioners. Weixelman stated the Planning Commission does a good job. All who had answered commissioner questions were: Robin Knoblauch, Maya Schecter, and Matt Riva. Those who had comments were Aaron Sylvester and Cody Hartwich. Hearing closed at 11:31 a.m.

7.0 CONSENT ITEMS:

7.1 Ledger transactions totaling \$550,881.87 and \$10,746.20

7.2 Township Reports

Motion: Riat moved to approve consent items. Weixelman seconded, motion carried 3-0.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT: Chair declared regular meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

9.0 WORK SESSION:

9.1 2023 Overlay & Chip Seal Projects

10.0 COMMISSIONERS MEET WITH AUDITOR

seal

Attest:

County Clerk, Dawn Henry

Chair, Dennis Weixelman

Vice Chair, Deloyce McKee

Member, Greg Riat