



Board of Pottawatomie County Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2020

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 8:35 AM CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING WITH FLAG SALUTE & PRAYER

| Attendee Name | Title | Status |
|------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Dennis Weixelman | County Commissioner, Vice Chair | Present 8:30 a.m. |
| Deloyce McKee | Chair Commissioner, Chair | Present 8:30 a.m. |
| Dawn Henry | Deputy County Clerk | Present 8:30 a.m. |
| Chad Kinsley | County Administrator | Present 8:30 a.m. |
| John Watt | County Counselor | Present 8:30 a.m. |
| Dorothy Campbell | Resident | Present 8:30 a.m. |
| Mark Portell | Wamego Times | Present 8:30 a.m. |
| Derek Simmons | KMAN | Present 8:30 a.m. |
| Dustin Newman | Assistant Public Works Director | Present 8:30 a.m. |
| Heather Gladbach | Finance Office | Present 8:30 a.m. |
| Natha Manges | Resident | Present 8:30 a.m. |
| Natalie Krohn | Resident | Present 8:30 a.m. |
| Kyla McLaughlin | Resident | Present 8:30 a.m. |
| Laura Krohn | Resident | Present 8:30 a.m. |
| Steve Minton | Resident | Present 8:30 a.m. |
| Dru Clarke | Resident | Present 8:30 a.m. |
| Scott Campbell | Building & Grounds | Present 8:30 a.m. |
| Tim Eisenbarth | Noxious Weed Director | Present 8:30 a.m. |
| Crystal Malchose | HR Director | Present 8:30 a.m. |
| Greg Riat | County Commissioner, Member | Present 8:35 a.m. |
| Scott Schwinn | Sanitarian/Landfill | Present 9:00 a.m. |
| Cody Hartwich | Developer | Present 9:25 a.m. |
| Will Hartwich | Developer | Present 9:35 a.m. |
| Paul Flynn | Contec | Present 9:55 a.m. |
| Lisa Kenworthy | Health Director | Present 10:50 a.m. |

2.0 ROUTINE ITEMS:

2.1 McKee moved to approve the agenda, adding 5.6 Health Dept. and 7.0 Executive Session. Weixelman seconded, carried 3-0.

2.2 McKee moved to approve March 2, 2020 minutes. Weixelman seconded, carried 3-0.

3.0 CONSENT ITEMS:

3.1 Tax Corrections: OLSO0013 Shannon Township 38.50-, CJBW0002 Wamego Township 711.24-, 841.16- & 442.56-

3.2 Review Annual Township Report for Center Township

Commissioner McKee moved to approve all consent items. Commissioner Weixelman seconded, carried 3-0. *(Documents signed)*

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Seniors Kyla McLaughlin and Laura Krohn from USD 322 asked commissioners to donate to their after prom. Riat moved to donate \$400 for their after prom. Weixelman seconded, carried 3-0.

Dru Clarke and Natha Manges discussed the replacement of tiles on the old courthouse. Weixelman stated he has no problem protecting the building, not preserving, and for them to research and bring back an estimate. McKee asked if their group wanted to take over the building.

5.0 DEPARTMENT UPDATES & ACTION ITEMS:

5.1 Commission: Briefed on KDOT (Transportation Plan for the area) and KDEM (Kansas Department of Emergency Management) meeting. Inquired about Wamego stopping their brush & leaves program and if the landfill is seeing an increase. Discussion about Westy Senior Center; they need to get a budget together and commissioners would like to see their plan. Weixelman moved to give Westy Senior Center \$750. Riat seconded, motion carried 3-0.

5.2 Administration

5.2a Lease Purchase for air packs: Heather Gladbach presented Resolution 2020-15, a \$300,000 lease purchase for 42 air packs. After discussion, McKee moved to adopt Resolution 2020-15. Motion died for lack of second; commissioners requested more information and to come back. Weixelman stated the county is overspending.

Chad Kinsley asked commissioners for verification of Resolution 2019-22, special event permit, if it covers gravel roads. John Watt informed the commissioners that the resolution does include gravel roads.

Crystal Malchose presented a recruitment update, revised wage plan because of job title and duty changes and a job re-classification: custodian to maintenance tech. Riat moved to accept the job re-classification, custodian to maintenance tech. Weixelman seconded, carried 3-0. Riat moved to accept the revised wage plan. Weixelman seconded, carried 3-0. *(Documents signed)*

5.3 Counselor: John Watt updated about the Green Valley hearing and tax foreclosure sale.

5.4 Sanitarian/Landfill: Scott Schwinn presented a monthly update on environmental health and landfill transfer station. Scale replacement contract was awarded to WH Scale of Topeka. Schwinn also gave an update on the illegal dump program, Fostoria sewer draw down and they're looking at backhoe bids. Schwinn answered the commissioners' previous question about Wamego's brush and leaves program; the landfill is seeing a significant rise. Discussion followed about how to handle it.

5.5 Public Works: Dustin Newman informed commissioners there were three bidders on the backhoe for the Landfill. Since the bids are so close, they want to inspect the equipment before a decision is made.

Scott Campbell updated commissioners on the EMS Center. Campbell requested a change order and to install sod and irrigation for \$11,000 cheaper. He also asked if a sign and flagpole was wanted using the saved money. Weixelman moved to approve the change order, install sod and irrigate for \$17,000 and investigate how much a sign and flagpole would cost. McKee seconded, carried 3-0.

5.6 Health Dept: Lisa Kenworthy updated commissioners on COVID-19.

5.2a continued: After more discussion, McKee moved to adopt Resolution 2020-15. Riat seconded, motion carried 3-0. Weixelman was hesitant because he does not want to be buying things with millions are going out and he wants everyone to know it.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS:

Cody and Will Hartwich discussed with the commissioners the detention pond issue and how to proceed. Commissioners want the resolution to state the developer is to take care of the detention pond for two years, charge \$100 per lot for maintenance and have an exit inspection before the county takes it over.

Commissioner Weixelman moved to approve ledger transactions dated 3/9/2020 totaling \$382,852.58. Commissioner Riat seconded, carried 3-0. *(Document signed)*

Weixelman wants to keep monthly department updates, not quarterly; it was decided to continue with monthly updates.

7.0 Executive Session:

Commissioner McKee moved that they recess to executive session for 10 minutes beginning at 11:40 a.m. under the following exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act: Land Acquisition Exception, preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property KSA 75-4319 (b)(6); to maintain the privacy regarding seller. Commissioner Weixelman seconded and motion passed 3-0. Others in attendance were John Watt, and Chad Kinsley. Public session resumed at 11:50 a.m. with no action as a result of the session.

8.0 Adjournment: Chair declared adjournment at 12:20 p.m.

Chair, Deloyce McKee

Vice Chair, Dennis Weixelman

Member, Greg Riat

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Attest:

County Clerk, Nancy McCarter