



Board of Pottawatomie County Commissioners
Special Meeting Minutes/Board of Health
Friday, March 20, 2020

406 Miller Drive
Wamego KS 66547
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EMS Training Facility

8:00 a.m.

District 1 – Deloyce McKee

District 2 – Dennis Weixelman

District 3 – Greg Riat

8:10 AM CALL TO ORDER SPECIAL MEETING WITH FLAG SALUTE & PRAYER

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Dennis Weixelman	County Commissioner, Vice Chair	Present 8:00 a.m.
Deloyce McKee	Chair Commissioner, Chair	Present 8:00 a.m.
Greg Riat	County Commissioner, Member	Present 8:00 a.m.
Nancy McCarter	County Clerk	Present 8:00 a.m.
Chad Kinsley	County Administrator	Present 8:00 a.m.
Jennifer Merrow	Emergency Management Director	Present 8:00 a.m.
Jared Barnes	Fire Supervisor	Present 8:00 a.m.
Shane Jager	Sheriff	Present 8:00 a.m.
Doug Adams	Under Sheriff	Present 8:00 a.m.
Lisa Kenworthy	Health Director	Present 8:00 a.m.
Alex Kinderknecht	Assistant Fire Supervisor	Present 8:00 a.m.
Crystal Malchose	HR Director	Present 8:00 a.m.
Hal Bumgarner	Emergency Service Director	Present 8:00 a.m.
Cody Liming	Assistant Emergency Service Director	Present 8:00 a.m.

Commission met for a briefing from departments; Commissioner Weixelman introduced each person attending the meeting in order for the people listening via zoom.

Health: Lisa Kenworthy reported with-in her department they are continuing to order and work on keeping supplies. Recent updates concerning restaurants, no salad bars or self-serving items can be utilized. Gatherings should be 50 or less and continue with the six feet distances apart recommendation. Kenworthy reported that as of this morning no cases of the COVID-19 have been reported in Pottawatomie County. Commissioner Weixelman asked if a positive case came in, would any protocols change. Kenworthy said, at this time the turnaround for results from KDHE could be 24 to 48 hours. People still need to monitor their temperatures, cough and call your doctor, do not just walk-in.

Emergency Management: Jennifer Merrow reported the team is staying updated, working with city's police departments and reaching out to all partners to care for people that need meals. Commissioner Weixelman reported on the meals on wheels and lunches for kids. They are delivering an average of 180 lunches a day for ages 1 to 18. Commissioner McKee shared that the Community Health/Wamego Help does have free bread and some food supplies. Commissioner Riat reported that Onaga Senior Centers is still serving meals.

Fire: Jared Barnes reported he is working with his fire fighters, advising them to have limited exposures and only have physical contact if necessary. Commissioner Weixelman commented about possible reinforcements for help if needed.

Sheriff: Shane Jager reported the sheriff department is taking proactive measures. We are asking guideline questions as calls come in. Temperatures are being taken before going into the courts. No finger printing is being done unless a nurse needs one for their job, and no VIN inspections are being done. Jager has advised his deputies to use the 6-foot distance when responding to residents. All jail inmates are getting temperatures taken and two negative pressure jail cells are in place.

Emergency Services: Hal Bumgarner reported they are averaging 6.8 calls a day this number is down and the goal is to keep staff healthy. Bumgarner stated he had a set process and a plan in place and they are watching it closely as it changes daily.

Administration: Chad Kinsley reported today the County Office Building, Public Works and Noxious Weeds Departments are still opened to the public but starting next week, they will be closed to the public for two weeks. These offices will be available via phone, fax and email for services that can be taken care of without face-to-face contact. All emergency services will work as normal. There is a grace period in place for tags, and driver’s licenses. Kinsley asked if the commission meetings could be moved back to the Sunflower Room in Westmoreland. Commissioners agreed to move back. Crystal Malchose informed commissioners of the H.R.6201 - Families First Coronavirus Response Act that the President signed into law last night; provisions are effective no later than 15 days after the date of enactment.

Sheriff Jager reported all emergency personal continue to meet daily. Lisa Kenworthy reported 211-phone bank has been set up, a special number to provide info and referrals to health, human, and social service organizations. They will assist with answering calls regarding basic info related to Covid-19.

Chair opened the floor for calls:

Peter Clark reported that Nathan Bergman would be taking care of the bid openings during Monday’s March 23, 2020 commission meeting and the bidders will be asked to listen via zoom.

Chair declared meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

Chair, Deloyce McKee

Vice Chair, Dennis Weixelman

County Clerk, Nancy McCarter

Member, Greg Riat

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Attest: