



Board of Pottawatomie County Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 24, 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 8:31 AM CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING WITH FLAG SALUTE & PRAYER

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Dennis Weixelman	County Commissioner, Chair	Present 8:52 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.
Michelle Campbell	Resident	Present 8:30 a.m.
Steve Minton	Resident	Present 8:30 a.m.
Marcie Wood	Resident	Present 8:30 a.m.
Tim Eisenbarth	Public Works Administrator	Present 8:30 a.m.
Mark Jack	Noxious Weed Director	Present 8:30 a.m.
Leslie Campbell	Health Department Director	Present 8:35 a.m.
Hal Bumgarner	EMS Director	Present 8:33 a.m.
Nathan Bergman	Bartlett & West	Present 8:36 a.m.
Stephan Metzger	County Planner	Present 8:50 a.m.
Shane Jager	Sheriff	Present 10:46 a.m.
Doug Adams	Undersheriff	Present 10:46 a.m.
Paul Schliffke	Chief of Police Wamego	Present 10:46 a.m.
Derek Cid	Chief of Police St Marys	Present 10:46 a.m.
Dale Burton	Chief of Police St George	Present 10:46 a.m.

2.0 ROUTINE ITEMS:

2.1 Riat moved to approve the agenda adding a work session for Havensville Rd. McKee seconded, motion carried 2-0.

2.2 Riat moved to approve April 17, 2023 minutes. McKee seconded, motion carried 2-0.

3.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: none

4.0 DEPARTMENT UPDATES

4.1 Health Director: Leslie Campbell updated on activities, end of emergency declaration for Covid, conferences & trainings, and County Health Rankings for 2023; Potawatomi County was rated 2 for four years in a row.

Weixelman joined meeting at 8:52 a.m.

4.2 Noxious Weed Director: Mark Jack presented the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress report 2023 for approval.

Motion: Riat moved in favor of the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress report 2023. McKee seconded, motion carried 3-0.

4.3 Planning & Zoning: Stephan Metzger presented a preliminary plat for Willow Glen for discussion/sign and Resolution 2023-24 Willow Glen PUD Amendment to sign (already approved at last week's meeting). Metzger also updated on the Planning Commission meeting and a moratorium on development in Blue Township they would like commissioners to agree to.

Motion: McKee moved to explore the prior designs of Excel & Harvest Roads. Weixelman seconded, motion carried 3-0.

4.4 EMS: Hal Bumgarner stated the bid from last week for a 2026 ambulance has changed. It is no longer for \$288,427 but now for \$301,925.

Motion: McKee moved to continue with the EMS replacement plan. Weixelman seconded, motion carried 3-0.

4.5 Commissioners: Commissioners updated on phone calls received, meetings attended or attending, and roads they drove (Economic Development, Planning Commission, Kansas Workers Risk Cooperative for Counties, Flint Hills Regional, Local Emergency Planning Committees, Wamego legislative meeting, opening for Immaculata Church in St Marys)

4.6 Administration Office: Chad Kinsley stated the city manager of Manhattan will be submitting an RFP to study future land use and transportation of Blue Township area and also presented a map of what they are looking at.

4.7 County Counselor: John Watt updated on Harbour Construction bid lawsuit; judge ruled that through no fault of the bidder, lowest bid is to be awarded to Harbour Construction.

Motion: McKee moved to rescind motion made on March 20, 2023 to award the bid to Vance Brothers. Weixelman seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Motion: McKee moved to award bid to Harbour Construction consistent to the court's decision. Riat seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Watt also presented a settlement agreement with Josh Connet Excavations LLC to reduce liquidated damages from \$45,000 to \$15,000. County will pay settlement proceeds in the amount of \$90,065.

Motion: McKee moved to approve the settlement agreement with Josh Connet Excavations LLC. Weixelman seconded, motion carried 3-0.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT: Chair declared regular meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

6.0 Work Session

6.1 Mental Health

6.2 Havensville Road

seal

Attest:

County Clerk, Dawn Henry

Chair, Dennis Weixelman

Vice Chair, Deloyce McKee

Member, Greg Riat