



Board of Pottawatomie County Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2023

612 E Campbell
 Westmoreland KS 66549
www.pottcounty.org

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.
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 Manges Burns	Broderick FCE	Present 8:30 a.m.
Desiree Thompson	Deputy County Clerk	Present 8:30 a.m.
Norman Thompson	Resident	Present 8:30 a.m.
Tim Eisenbarth	Public Works Administrator	Present 8:30 a.m.
Michelle Campbell	Resident	Present 8:30 a.m.
Whitney Phebus	HR Director	Present 8:30 a.m.
Robin Knoblauch	County Appraiser	Present 8:30 a.m.
Jennifer Merrow	Emergency Management Director	Present 8:30 a.m.
Jared Barnes	Fire Supervisor	Present 8:30 a.m.
Stephan Metzger	County Planner	Present 8:30 a.m.
4 th Graders	Westmoreland Elementary School	Present 8:30 a.m.
Lance Forgy	Assistant Public Works Administrator	Present 9:39 a.m.
Janelle Ralph	Administrative Assistant	Present 9:47 a.m.
Robbin Cole	Pawnee Mental Health Service	Present 10:00 a.m.
Molly Schmidt	Conservation District	Present 10:22 a.m.
Irene Johnson	Conservation District	Present 10:22 a.m.
Dennis Schwant	Conservation District	Present 10:22 a.m.

2.0 ROUTINE ITEMS

2.1 McKee moved to approve the agenda adding Rock Creek Township Trustee appointment to consent items. Riat seconded, motion carried 3-0.

2.2 Riat moved to approve May 8, 2023 minutes. Weixelman seconded, motion carried 3-0.

3.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Steve Minton asked what the drop-dead date was to add a sales tax question on the ballot and commented on looking at the revenue from the sales tax, and property tax increasing. Desiree Thompson presented a letter and complaint against alleged incidents against the clerk's office. Jim Brinkman commented on his bus route going over the Louisville bridge and inquiring the next steps to correct the issue.

4.0 DEPARTMENT UPDATES

4.1 County Appraiser: Robin Knoblauch updated on monthly sales, Notice of Value forms were mailed out to all taxpayers, tax appeals finished, certified appraiser roll to clerk and informed them of a new team member.

4.2 EMGT: Jennifer Merrow updated on trainings, exercises, siren tests, and informed Division of Emergency Management had acquired a FirstNet MegaRange in preparation for Wamego 4th of July event for situational awareness (live radar) with the amount of people there.

4.3 Fire: Jared Barnes asked commissioners for approval for Havensville City Sign placement
Motion: Riat moved to approve the sign placement with the stipulation of if there is any moving, it is at their expense. Weixelman seconded, motion carried 3-0. (4th grade class were in favor also)

4.4 Planning & Zoning: Stephan Metzger informed commission they were going to be updating zoning regulations (UDR) in the planning commission meeting, publish for the hearing in June, and present to commissioners in July. Metzger informed commission in April, the planning commission made a motion to recommend a one-year moratorium on any new rezoning's or preliminary plats in Blue Township, that motion passed.

Motion: Riat moved to send moratorium back to planning and zoning for further discussion and more information. Weixelman seconded, motion carried 3-0

4.5 Commissioners: Commissioners updated on phone calls received, meetings attended or attending, and roads they drove (EcoDevo, Planning & Zoning, KWORCC, sales tax, phone calls, manufacturing workshop)

4.6 Administration Office: Chad Kinsley reminded of EcoDevo meeting, tour of Immaculata church, City County County and brought up the current debt limit.

4.7 County Counselor: none

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Pawnee Mental Health Services: Robin Cole gave an update on services and requested a 3% increase in their budget.

5.2 Conservation District 2024 Budget: Molly Schmidt gave an update and explanation on 2024 Operations Fund budget asking for \$90,000, an increase of \$2,500.

6.0 CONSENT ITEMS:

6.1 Ledger Transactions totaling \$1,034,209.53

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

7.0 ADJOURNMENT: Chair declared regular meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

8.0 Work Session

8.1 Sales Tax

seal

Attest:

County Clerk, Dawn Henry

Chair, Dennis Weixelman

Vice Chair, Deloyce McKee

Member, Greg Riat