



**Board of Pottawatomie County Commissioners**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**May 22, 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.
Dawn Henry	County Clerk	Present 8:30 a.m.
John Watt	County Counselor	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.
Michelle Campbell	Resident	Present 8:30 a.m.
Lisa Wright	County Treasurer	Present 8:30 a.m.
Becky Ryan	Communications Manager	Present 8:30 a.m.
Leslie Campbell	Health Department Director	Present 8:30 a.m.
Amy Blackwood	Personal Property Clerk	Present 8:30 a.m.
Shenan Cline	Administrative Secretary	Present 8:30 a.m.
Raquel Geddry	EMS	Present 8:30 a.m.
Stephan Metzger	County Planner	Present 8:30 a.m.
Nathan Bergman	Bartlett & West	Present 8:30 a.m.
Tim Eisenbarth	Public Works Administrator	Present 8:30 a.m.
Gregg Webster	Zoning Administrator	Present 8:30 a.m.
Stephen Roggenkamp	Project Coordinator	Present 8:30 a.m.
Whitney Phebus	Director of Human Resources	Present 8:30 a.m.
Mark Freel	Evergy	Present 8:46 a.m.
Eric Neilson	UC Commercial Properties	Present 8:46 a.m.
Jack Allston	Economic Development	Present 9:47 a.m.
Jessica Venneberg	Economic Development	Present 9:50 a.m.
Judith Cremer	Pott-Wab Regional Library	Present 9:59 a.m.
Pam Bales	Pott-Wab Regional Library	Present 9:59 a.m.
Paulette Simecka	Pott-Wab Regional Library	Present 9:59 a.m.
Trent Nichols	USI	Present 11:00 a.m.
Darci Nightingale	USI	Present 11:00 a.m.
Rebecca Rookstool	Indigent Attorney	Present 11:22 a.m.
Jack Turner	Indigent Attorney	Present 11:22 a.m.

**2.0 ROUTINE ITEMS**

**2.1** Riat moved to approve the agenda. Weixelman seconded, motion carried 3-0.

**2.2** Weixelman moved to approve May 15, 2023 minutes. Riat seconded, motion carried 3-0.

**3.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** Natha Manges Burns thought it was wonderful to get the kids involved in last week's meeting.

#### 4.0 DEPARTMENT UPDATES

**4.1 County Treasurer:** Lisa Wright updated on information on a couple townships' 2023 budget and collection totals so far.

**4.2 Employee Committee:** Becky Ryan stated the committee would like to have an employee of the month program but done quarterly. The form is accessible online as well as physical for anyone to fill out.

**4.3 Health Director:** Leslie Campbell gave a monthly update on current activities, diseases, trainings, grants, and asked to rehire a temporary Medical Clerk position as permanent fulltime.

**Motion:** McKee moved to rehire a temporary Medical Clerk position as permanent full time. Riat seconded, motion carried 3-0.

**4.4 Planning & Zoning:** Gregg Webster presented Stoneybrick Subdivision Unit 3 final plat for approval.

**Motion:** McKee moved to approve Stoneybrick Subdivision Unit 3 final plat. Riat seconded, motion carried 2-1. Weixelman against.

**4.5 Public Works:** Steve Roggenkamp presented a 2023 Chip Seal construction contract with Harbour Construction Inc to sign totaling \$563,456.04.

**Motion:** Riat moved to sign 2023 Chip Seal contract. McKee seconded, motion carried 3-0.

**4.6 Commissioners:** Commissioners updated on phone calls received, meetings attended or attending, and roads they drove (Economic Development Planning commission, KWORCC, Flint Hills Regional, Department of Revenue)

**4.7 Administration Office:** Chad Kinsley reminded of county closed on Memorial Day, department budget meeting, budget work sessions, radio, and retirement party for Sharron Wahl.

**4.8 County Counselor:** John Watt stated he has been busy catching up on emails and preparing a resolution for Heather on the opioid litigation money.

#### 5.0 NEW BUSINESS

**5.1 Evergy:** Mark Freel and Aaron Speir spoke on transmission update project and substation upgrades and phases of work.

**5.2 Economic Development 2024 Budget:** Jack Allston and Jessica Venneberg presented their 2021-2022 accomplishments, new issues and future, 2023 objectives, and 2024 budget requesting a decrease of \$25,000.

**5.3 Pott-Wab Regional Library 2024 Budget:** Judith Cremer presented a recap and updates, annual report, and 2024 budget requesting an increase of 5.83%.

**McKee left meeting at 11:17 a.m.**

**5.4 Health Insurance:** Trent Nichols updated on Health insurance program; early budget projection is an increase of 3.6% on the conservative side.

**5.5 Indigent Attorney 2024 Budget:** Rebecca Rookstool and Jack Turner requested a raise from \$5,750 a month per attorney to \$7,750. Commissioners countered with \$7,000 a month per attorney plus COLA (whatever employees get). Decision was 2% increase in July, \$7,000 a month per attorney starting in January. Then years following, COLA will be applied.

**6.0 CONSENT ITEMS:**

**6.1 Tax Corrections**

KAWV0001	243.62-
TSCC0001	136.94
LENA0001	78.02-

**Motion:** Riat moved to approve consent items. Weixelman seconded, motion carried 2-0.

**7.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**7.1 Attorney Client Privilege-Potential Litigation**

Commissioner Weixelman moved to recess to executive session to begin at 11:52 a.m. for up to 20 minutes under: Attorney-Client Privilege (*K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(2)*) subject to be discussed during session potential litigation. Others in attendance were Chad Kinsley, Whitney Phebus and John Watt. Commissioner Riat seconded, motion carried 2-0. Regular meeting resumed at 12:12 p.m. no action was taken as a result of the session.

**8.0 ADJOURNMENT:** Chair declared regular meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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Chair, Dennis Weixelman

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Vice Chair, Deloyce McKee

*Attest:*

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County Clerk, Dawn Henry

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Member, Greg Riat