



Board of Pottawatomie County Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 26, 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.
John Watt	County Counselor	Present 8:30 a.m.
Dawn Henry	County Clerk	Present 8:30 a.m.
Tabitha Caudill	Deputy County Clerk	Present 8:30 a.m.
Natha Manges Burns	Broderick FCE	Present 8:30 a.m.
Michelle Campbell	Resident	Present 8:30 a.m.
Steve Minton	Resident	Present 8:30 a.m.
Rita Newell	Resident	Present 8:30 a.m.
Brenda Spencer	Resident	Present 8:30 a.m.
Dru Clark	Resident	Present 8:30 a.m.
Debby Werth	City of St George	Present 8:30 a.m.
Whitney Phebus	Director of Human Resources	Present 8:30 a.m.
Jared Barnes	Fire Supervisor	Present 8:30 a.m.
Lynn Crain	Resident	Present 8:33 a.m.
Richard Grime	Resident	Present 8:33 a.m.
Annie Wolfe	The Times	Present 8:38 a.m.
Leslie Campbell	Health Department Director	Present 8:38 a.m.
Nathan Bergman	Bartlett & West	Present 8:43 a.m.
Stephan Metzger	County Planner	Present 8:48 a.m.
Tim Eisenbarth	Public Works Administrator	Present 9:25 a.m.
Steve Roggenkamp	Project Coordinator	Present 9:25 a.m.
Lance Forgy	Assistant Public Works Administrator	Present 9:40 a.m.
Erin Tynon	Extension Office	Present 9:57 a.m.
Sidney Pine	Extension Office	Present 9:57 a.m.
Shannon Blocker	Extension Office	Present 9:57 a.m.
Linda L Brinkman	Resident	Present 10:35 a.m.

2.0 ROUTINE ITEMS:

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

2.2 McKee moved to approve June 19, 2023 minutes as amended. Weixelman seconded, motion carried 3-0.

3.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Debby Werth spoke on the water situation in Scenic Woods (St George). Steve Minton asked about blending the water from wells to help. Michelle Campbell handed out a 66549-initiative brochure and asked to not forget about the smaller communities.

4.0 DEPARTMENT UPDATES

4.1 Human Resources: Whitney Phebus followed up after last week's work session about a 2.5% raise for county employees on first paycheck in July.

Motion: McKee moved to approve a 2.5% raise on first paycheck in July. Riat seconded, motion carried 3-0.

4.2 Health Director: Leslie Campbell updated on current activities, diseases, conferences, HIPPA breach, grants, and funding.

4.3 Fire: Jared Barnes updated on call totals through April 30th, hose testing, pump testing, radio/towers, and 2023 Fire Season (94,597 acres burned).

4.4 Planning & Zoning: Stephan Metzger wanted to remind commissioners of the Solar Regulations and asked if they needed any more information. Discussion on regulations for solar and quarter quarter rule.

4.5 Public Works: Steve Roggenkamp presented a project programming request for widening Kirtner Hill on Flush Rd. KDOT will contribute \$300,000 and the county will contribute \$100,000. Nathan Bergman updated on Havensville Rd bridge and the other bridge that was damaged.

Motion: McKee moved to move forward with Flush Road improvements on Kirtner Hill with participation with KDOT. Weixelman seconded, motion carried 3-0.

4.6 Commissioners: Commissioners updated on phone calls received, roads traveled and meetings attended. (complaints on too much rock on certain roads, KWORCC, sales tax in Blue Twp, Department of Commerce)

4.7 Administration Office: Chad Kinsley reminded of radio tomorrow, handed out a copy of Evergy's plans for Jeffrey Energy Center, and discussion on structural study of the old courthouse.

4.8 County Counselor: John Watt stated he is working on development agreements for Kanon Ridge and Scenic Woods and updated on Churchman lawsuit and rock quarry trial.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS:

5.1 2023-A Bond: Heather Gladbach, Tyler Ellsworth, and Dave Arteberry presented Resolution 2023-29 Notice be Provided for Public Hearings on Proposed Special Assessments to be Levied in Connection with Certain Improvement Districts within the County.

Motion: McKee moved to approve Resolution 2023-29 Notice be Provided for Public Hearings on Proposed Special Assessments to be Levied in Connection with Certain Improvement Districts within the County. Weixelman seconded, motion carried 3-0.

5.2 Extension Office: Erin Tynon introduced Sidney Pine, the new 4H agent. Discussion on new proposed position and budget.

6.0 CONSENT ITEMS:

6.1 Ledger Transactions totaling \$1,697,588.84 & \$366.84

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

7.0 ADJOURNMENT: Chair declared regular meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

8.0 WORK SESSION:

8.1 2024 Budget

seal

Chair, Dennis Weixelman

Vice Chair, Deloyce McKee

Attest:

County Clerk, Dawn Henry

Member, Greg Riat