



Board of Pottawatomie County Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 29, 2020

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, Vice Chair	Present 8:30 a.m.
Deloyce McKee	Chair Commissioner, Chair	Present 8:30 a.m.
Greg Riat	County Commissioner, Member	Present 8:30 a.m.
Nancy McCarter	County Clerk	Present 8:30 a.m.
Chad Kinsley	County Administrator	Present 8:30 a.m.
John Watt	County Counselor	Present 8:30 a.m.
Mark Portell	Wamego Times	Present 8:30 a.m.
Kathy Bitikofer	Resident	Present 8:30 a.m.
Lisa Wright	County Treasurer	Present 8:30 a.m.
Steve Minton	Resident	Present 8:30 a.m.
Dorothy Campbell	Resident	Present 8:30 a.m.
Dru Clarke	Resident	Present 8:30 a.m.
Peter Clark	Public Works Director	Present 8:30 a.m.
Sara Keatley	Resident (via zoom)	Present 8:30 a.m.
Leanne Cusimono	Resident (via zoom)	Present 8:30 a.m.
Dustin Newman	Assistant Public Works Director	Present 8:30 a.m.
Stephanie Peterson	Director of MPO (via zoom)	Present 8:30 a.m.
Jared Tremblay	MPO (via zoom)	Present 8:30 a.m.
Jared Barnes	Fire Supervisor	Present 8:40 a.m.
Dennis Kemitz	Resident	Present 10:00 a.m.
Heather Gladbach	Finance Officer	Present 1:05 p.m.

2.0 ROUTINE ITEMS:

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

2.2 Weixelman moved to approve June 19, 22 & 24, 2020 meeting minutes. Riat seconded, carried 3-0.

3.0 Comments from the Public:

3.1 Dru Clarke requested approval to order roof tiles for the jail to maintain the integrity of the building. Commissioner Riat moved to have the tiles ordered and put on by Scott Campbell. Commissioner Weixelman would like permission in writing from the Historical Society before going forward. Commissioner Riat amended his motion to include pending conformation and approval from the Historical Society. Commissioner Weixelman seconded, carried 2-1, Commissioner McKee voting against.

3.2 Dorothy Campbell requested the commissioners consider putting Christmas lights on the courthouse. Commissioner Riat would like to see the lights, but believed it should be paid for with private funds and not tax dollars. Dorothy Campbell stated half of the funds have already been raised. Commissioners directed Dustin Newman to research the cost and design of the possible lighting project.

3.3 Sarah Keatley expressed concerns about the need for a reduced speed limit from Vineyard to Rockingham. Peter Clark advised against a four way stop which was Keatley’s first request and

then advised lowering the speed limit as this would create a safer area, but could cause other requests. Commissioner Riat did not have any trouble lowering the speed limit, due to the terrain. Commissioner McKee agreed to a lower speed limit because the area has its challenges. Commissioner Weixelman would like to see the sheriff out there and maybe put out the signboard/speed trailer. Commissioners directed Peter Clark to perform a speed study and recommend a speed limit based on 85% of the recorded speed and to gather information from the Sheriff on recorded accidents.

4.0 DEPARTMENT UPDATES & ACTION ITEMS:

4.1 Commission: Commissioners briefed on Fleet Facility, Olsburg and Onaga meetings, KMAN Radio, Blue Township and KAC grants.

4.2 Administration: Chad Kinsley reported on Federal CARES Act, wage study, medical billers interviews and requested meeting with each commissioner one on one to go over budgets. Kinsley shared concerns from employees about the comments on ditch and roadwork. Kinsley described an area within the county that is farmed right up to the road way and the need to define the county right of ways.

4.3 Counselor: John Watt reported on the issues concerning the County Health Officer.

4.4 Treasurer: Lisa Wright requested increasing out of County driver's licenses renewals to \$15.00 for all out of county customers, as her office is getting a lot of out of county customers, in county customers would continue at the \$5.00 fee. Commissioner McKee moved to approve the request to charge out of county customers a fee of \$15.00 fee for renewing licenses. Commissioner Riat seconded, carried 3-0.

4.5 Fire: Jared Barnes recommended the purchase of the Eagle Air System air trailer. Commissioner Riat moved to approve based on it was budgeted. Commissioner McKee seconded, carried 3-0.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS:

5.1 Flint Hills Metropolitan Planning Organization: Stephanie Peterson presented an overview of the Metropolitan Planning Organization, (MPO). Peterson said there should be a new project list in October.

6.0 CONSENT ITEMS:

6.1 Ledger Transaction dated 6/26/2020 totaling \$589,863.31

6.2 Tax Roll Corrections: TENE0006 12.00- and CARP0006 148.40

Commissioner Weixelman moved to approve the consent items. Commissioner Riat seconded, carried 3-0. *(Documents signed)*

7.0 OTHER BUSINESS:

7.1 Peter Clark presented a sales quote from TFMComm Inc. for 800MHZ radio for \$75,354.00 for approval. Commissioner McKee expressed concerns on if they will serve across county lines. Commissioner Riat moved to approved pending a conversation with the Sheriff and KDOT on if they can work together with these radios. Commissioner Weixelman seconded, motion carried 2-1, Commissioner McKee voting against due to lack of full information.

7.2 Peter Clark presented information on US 24 Highway and Green Valley Road Intersection Improvements along with documents for approval: separation of Federal Funding, supplemental

design agreement and inspection services agreement. Commissioner McKee moved to approve the supplemental County-State Agreement for the separation of Federal Funds from the State funds for the US 24 & Green Valley Road Intersection improvement project. Commissioner Weixelman seconded, carried 3-0. *(Document signed)* Commissioner Weixelman moved to approve the supplemental engineering agreement with Bartlett & West to amend the original agreement for the US 24 & Green Valley Road Intersection improvement project, in the amount of \$10,000. Commissioner Riat seconded, carried 3-0. *(Document signed)* Commissioners took no action on the third document for a full time Project Inspector for up to 42 hours per week for up to 60 weeks.

7.3 Peter Clark updated commissioners on the Dyer Road Safety Project, informing them the bids came in higher than anticipated. Commissioner McKee moved to reject all bids and rebid the project. Commissioner Weixelman seconded, carried 3-0.

8.0 EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

8.1 Commissioner McKee moved to recess to executive session to begin at 12:15 p.m. for up to 15 minutes under land acquisition exception, *(K.S.A. 75-4319 (b) (6)* subject sell price. Commissioner Riat seconded, carried 3-0, others in attendance, Chad Kinsley, Peter Clark, and John Watt. Regular meeting resumed at 12:30 p.m. Commissioner Weixelman moved to continue the session another 10 minutes. Commissioner McKee seconded, carried 3-0. . Regular meeting resumed at 12:40 p.m. Commissioner Weixelman moved to continue the session another 10 minutes. Commissioner McKee seconded, carried 3-0. Public session resumed at 12:50 p.m. with no action as a result of the meeting

8.2 Commissioner Riat moved to recess to executive session to begin at 12:50 p.m. for up to 10 minutes under personnel matters of individual non-elected personnel, *(K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(1)* subject health officer. Commissioner McKee seconded, carried 3-0, others in attendance, Chad Kinsley and John Watt. Public session resumed at 1:00 p.m. as a result of the meeting Commissioner Riat moved to increase the health officers wage by \$5,540 annually. Commissioner Weixelman seconded, carried 2-1, Commissioner McKee voting against.

9.0 OTHER BUSINESS:

CARES Act Funds: Chad Kinsley and Heather Gladbach provided commissioners with information on the Coronavirus Relief Funds. Commissioners agreed to review the information and taken action on it during next Mondays meeting.

10.0 Adjournment: Chair declared meeting adorned at 1:41 p.m.

Chair, Deloyce McKee

Vice Chair, Dennis Weixelman

Member, Greg Riat

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Attest:

County Clerk, Nancy McCarter
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