



**Board of Pottawatomie County Commissioners**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**August 7, 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.
John Watt	County Counselor	Present 8:30 a.m.
Dawn Henry	County Clerk	Present 8:30 a.m.
Michelle Campbell	Resident	Present 8:30 a.m.
Steve Minton	Resident	Present 8:30 a.m.
Annie Wolfe	The Times	Present 8:30 a.m.
Whitney Phebus	Human Resources Director	Present 8:30 a.m.
Mark Jack	Noxious Weed Director	Present 8:30 a.m.
Thomas Edwards	Building Facility Manager	Present 8:30 a.m.
Tim Eisenbarth	Public Works Administrator	Present 8:30 a.m.
Betty Abitz	Register of Deeds	Present 8:30 a.m.
Hayes Rickstrew	Lucky'Leven 4H Club	Present 8:30 a.m.
Westin Abitz	Lucky'Leven 4H Club	Present 8:30 a.m.
Liberty Sharpe	Lucky'Leven 4H Club	Present 8:30 a.m.
Sharon Blume	Lucky'Leven 4H Club	Present 8:30 a.m.
Joel Lounderback	Lucky'Leven 4H Club	Present 8:30 a.m.
Stephan Metzger	County Planner	Present 8:35 a.m.
Lance Forgy	Assistant Public Works Administrator	Present 8:38 a.m.
Nathan Bergman	Bartlett & West	Present 8:51 a.m.
Trent Nichols	USI	Present 9:50 a.m.
Darci Nightingale	USI	Present 9:50 a.m.

**2.0 SERVICE AWARDS:**

Katie Krohn (not present), Appraisers 5 years

Betty Abitz, Register of Deeds 30 years

Lucky'Leven 4H Club presented their cookie jar to commissioners.

**3.0 ROUTINE ITEMS:**

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

**3.2** Weixelman moved to approve July 31, 2023 minutes. Riat seconded, motion carried 3-0.

**4.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** Steve Minton spoke on the pipe liner presentation last week, question on manhole cover that has yet to be covered, and St George water warning (can something be put in the final plat?).

**5.0 DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

**5.1 Human Resources:** Whitney Phebus gave a recruitment update.

**5.2 Noxious Weed Director:** Mark Jack updated on chemicals sales July 2023 vs July 2022, recycling, and projects.

**5.3 Planning & Zoning:** Stephan Metzger spoke on changes to the Unified Development Regulations and discussion on verbiage in Article 3(c) in the UDR.

**Motion:** McKee moved to inform them (Planning Commission) about all the repercussions of the golden rules that apply relative to their decision making. (motion withdrawn)

**5.4 Public Works:** Tim Eisenbarth asked for permission to go for bid on the pipe lining. Eisenbarth also mentioned he had a signed developer’s agreement for Scenic Woods, discussion after.

**Motion:** McKee moved to go out for bid on the pipe lining with specifications mentioned. Riat seconded, motion carried 3-0.

**5.5 Commissioners:** Commissioners updated on phone calls received, roads traveled and meetings attended. (County Fair, meeting in Topeka with Vic Miller, Flint Hills Regional, meeting with KDWP on Pott #2 Fishing Lake private road, gambling money not going back to local government)

**5.6 Administration Office:** Chad Kinsley updated on meetings, passed out a list of potential candidates for Planning Commission, and passed out a better breakdown of sales tax in Pottawatomie County.

**5.7 County Counselor:** John Watt stated he is doing trial prep for the Mid-States appeal.

**General discussion to pass time.**

**6.0 NEW BUSINESS:**

**6.1 Health Insurance Update:** Trent Nichols stated renewal estimates look like a 7.2% increase.

**7.0 CONSENT ITEMS:**

**7.1 Ledger Transactions totaling \$494,576.26**

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

**8.0 ADJOURNMENT:** Chair declared regular meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.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  
Board of Pottawatomie County Commissioners

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Member, Greg Riat