



Board of Pottawatomie County Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 14, 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.
Tabitha Caudill	Deputy 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.
Tim Eisenbarth	Public Works Administrator	Present 8:30 a.m.
Scott Schwinn	County Sanitarian/Transfer Station Supervisor	Present 8:30 a.m.
Betty Abitz	Register of Deeds	Present 8:30 a.m.
Lance Forgy	Assistant Public Works Administrator	Present 8:38 a.m.
Janell Ralph	Public Works Administrative Secretary	Present 8:43 a.m.
Nathan Bergman	Bartlett & West	Present 8:46 a.m.
Haylee Litzinger	Solid Waste Clerk	Present 9:07 a.m.
Shannon Blocker	Extension Ag Agent	Present 9:53 a.m.
Leslie Campbell	Health Department Director	Present 9:56 a.m.
Ron Fehr	City of Manhattan	Present 10:25 a.m.
Kate Kennedy	KMAN Radio	Present 10:30 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 August 7, 2023 minutes. Riat seconded, motion carried 3-0.

3.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Steve Minton spoke about applicants for the zoning compliance inspector. Commented on the wage being offered compared to other places and responsibilities for the position.

4.0 DEPARTMENT UPDATES

4.1 Register of Deeds: Betty Abitz gave an update of deeds filed and the total indebtedness is down by about half. Abitz will be taking old books to the salt mine for long term storage.

4.2 Sanitarian/Landfill: Scott Schwinn reported on environmental health numbers. Water tests are down due to Riley County not currently having a sanitarian. (Most of our samples are taken there.) Schwinn reported on landfill numbers and invited the commissioners to the open house for the new Transfer Station and retirement reception for Terri Johnson. Schwinn also introduced the new solid waste clerk, Haylee Litzinger.

4.3 Public Works: Tim Eisenbarth updated on bridge and road crews, current project progress and went to Jackson County to watch a demo of tube cleaning with Jetter. It would be something to consider in the future to save time and money on tube cleaning. Eisenbarth gave numbers for total rock used, rock remaining, and traffic count updates.

4.4 Commissioners: Commissioners updated on phone calls received, roads traveled and meetings attended. (Flint Rock Rd, Rockenham Rd, Speed limit on St Clere Rd, KAC monthly meeting next week, Work Force Board and Job Corp, Hiring new Flint Hills Regional Council director, Retreat to discuss the direction and future of FHRC)

4.5 Administration Office: Chad Kinsley updated on upcoming meetings, passed out Substance Abuse Taskforce information, and commented on the lack of representation and communication to the county. Leslie Campbell commented on who the grant was originally wrote for, what the Substance Abuse Taskforce has done, and the lack of communication. KCAMP – Kansas is ranked the riskiest state for cyber-attacks. Kinsley passed out a press release from Country Stampede about bringing the event back to Tuttle Creek. Kinsley also commented on lack of involvement of and communication to the county.

4.6 County Counselor: John Watt stated he is preparing for an appeal next week.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS:

5.1 City of Manhattan: Ron Fehr updated on traffic light at Hwy 24 and Levee Dr. It is operational and will be programmed to coordinate with the light at Hwy 24 and McCall Rd. Looking at an advance notice signal being installed. KDOT will do the permanent stripping of Hwy 24 from Excel Rd to Ft Riley Blvd. KDOT will be putting in roundabouts on Hwy 24 at Hwy 13 and Seth Childs Rd intersections; delayed until 2025. Updated on the east gateway project and Stantec consultation. Weixelman commented on the lack of communication with and representation of the county.

6.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION:

6.1 Attorney Client Privilege – Potential Litigation

Commissioner McKee moved to recess to executive session to begin at 10:03 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, John Watt, Shannon Blocker, and Leslie Campbell. Commissioner Riat seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular meeting resumed at 10:23 a.m. No action was taken as a result of the session.

6.1 Non-Elected Personnel – Performance

Commissioner Riat moved to recess to executive session to begin at 11:11 a.m. for up to 10 minutes under: personnel matters of individual non-elected personnel (*K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(1)*) subject to be discussed during session performance. Others in attendance were Chad Kinsley and John Watt. Commissioner Weixelman seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular meeting resumed at 11:21 a.m. No action was taken as a result of the session.

7.0 CONSENT ITEMS:

7.1 Tax Corrections

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

8.0 ADJOURNMENT: Chair declared regular meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

9.0 WORK SESSION:

9.1 Belvue Bridge

seal

Attest:

County Clerk, Dawn Henry

Chair, Dennis Weixelman

Vice Chair, Deloyce McKee

Member, Greg Riat