



**Board of Pottawatomie County Commissioners**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**August 28, 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.
Steve Minton	Resident	Present 8:30 a.m.
Natha Manges Burns	Resident	Present 8:30 a.m.
Michelle Campbell	Resident	Present 8:30 a.m.
Gina & Robert Besenyi	Resident	Present 8:30 a.m.
Annie Wolfe	The Times	Present 8:30 a.m.
Robin Knoblauch	County Appraiser	Present 8:30 a.m.
Tim Eisenbarth	Public Works Administrator	Present 8:30 a.m.
Leslie Campbell	Health Department Director	Present 8:32 a.m.
Jazmine Schwarts	Community Health Worker	Present 8:32 a.m.
Cody Hartwich	Hartwich Brothers LLC	Present 8:40 a.m.
Ralph Brooks	Resident	Present 8:45 a.m.
Gregg Webster	Zoning Administrator	Present 8:47 a.m.
Janelle Ralph	Administrative Assistant	Present 8:58 a.m.
Heather Gladbach	Assistant County Administrator	Present 9:15 a.m.
David Arteberry	Stifel Nicolaus & Co	Present 9:19 a.m.
Lance Forgy	Assistant Public Works Administrator	Present 9:20 a.m.
Tyler Ellsworth	Kutak Rock	Present 9:25 a.m.
Ed Martin	Resident	Present 9:55 a.m.
Paul Cassella	Resident	Present 9:55 a.m.
Doris Laul	Resident	Present 9:55 a.m.
Heather Peterson	Resident	Present 10:03 a.m.
Bob Averkamp	Resident	Present 10:20 a.m.

**2.0 ROUTINE ITEMS:**

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

**2.2** Weixelman moved to approve August 21, 2023 minutes. Riat seconded, motion carried 3-0.

**3.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** Steve Minton asked for a brief rundown of Judd McCormack since he was appointed on the Planning Commission prior to the meet and greet of other candidates that was planned. Minton had worries of conflict of interest since McCormack serves on the City of St George Council. Minton also asked McKee if she attended a Flint Hills Regional Council meeting in Council Grove in May; McKee stated she did.

#### 4.0 DEPARTMENT UPDATES

**4.1 Health Director:** Leslie Campbell introduced new hire, Jazmine Schwartz, and updated on current activities, meetings, classes, grants, Opioid Taskforce information, Blue Green Algae information, and stated the office will be closed September 15<sup>th</sup> and November 20<sup>th</sup> for training.

**4.2 Planning & Zoning:** Gregg Webster asked to schedule a public hearing for the removal of restricted access lot 45 Wildridge Subdivision. Discussion with owner of property.

**Motion:** Weixelman moved to have a public hearing for the removal of restricted access lot 45 Wildridge Subdivision October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 AM. Riat seconded, motion carried 3-0.

**4.3 Commissioners:** Commissioners updated on phone calls received, roads traveled and meetings attended. (KWORCC, radio, Flint Hills Regional Council)

**4.4 Administration Office:** Chad Kinsley reminded of no meeting next Monday (Labor Day) and Terry Johnson's retirement party. Tim Eisenbarth presented Belvue Bridge 1302 Form and updated on Louisville Rd Bridge.

**Motion:** Riat moved to sign the Belvue Bridge 1302 Form. Weixelman seconded, motion carried 3-0.

**4.5 County Counselor:** John Watt updated on hearing, Mid-States Materials appeal.

#### 5.0 NEW BUSINESS:

**5.1 Speeding on Lake Elbo Rd:** Ralph Brooks handed out a map and would like two signs put up to help with speeding. County will look into it.

Tim Eisenbarth presented a developer agreement for approval.

**Motion:** McKee moved to approve the Developer Agreement Scenic Woods with Hartwich Brothers LLC. Weixelman seconded, motion carried 3-0.

**5.2 2023-A Bond Bid Results:** David Arteberry and Tyler Ellsworth presented bid results.

2023-A	Bid
The Baker Group	3.967489%
Robert W Baird & Co Inc	3.973794%
TD Securities	4.959740%
BOK Financial Securities	4.130288%

**Motion:** McKee moved to approve Resolution 2023-50 authorize issuance of bonds. Riat seconded, motion carried 3-0.

**5.3 2024 Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing and Budget Hearing:** Chair declared hearing opened for 2024 County Revenue Neutral Rate at 10:01 a.m. Heather Gladbach presented Resolution 2023-48 to exceed the revenue neutral rate in its property tax levy for the tax year 2023 and asked commissioners for questions. Chair called for comments once, twice, and three times with comments from Ed Martin, Doris Laul, and Bob Awerkamp (thinks the RNR data is great but confusing, doesn't understand the tax process, handed out a paper copy of a speech). The hearing closed at 10:23 a.m.

**Motion:** McKee moved to approve Resolution 2023-48. Riat seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Chair declared hearing opened for 2024 County Budget at 10:24 a.m. Heather Gladbach presented the budget document and asked commissioners for questions. Chair called for comments once, twice, and three times and with comments from Doris Laul (who to talk to to understand the tax process). The hearing closed at 10:38 a.m.

**Motion:** McKee moved to approve the 2024 Budget. Weixelman seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Doris Laul asked if double yellow lines were possible on Lake Elbo Rd in certain areas to help with speeding and people being careless with passing. She mentioned she was almost hit when she was turning on to Heather Ln and someone tried to pass her.

**6.0 ADJOURNMENT:** Chair declared regular meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

**7.0 WORK SESSION - Landfill**

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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