



Board of Pottawatomie County Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 16, 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.
Dawn Henry	County Clerk	Present 8:30 a.m.
John Watt	County Counselor	Present 8:30 a.m.
Annie Wolfe	The Times	Present 8:30 a.m.
Steve Minton	Resident	Present 8:30 a.m.
Natha Manges Burns	Resident	Present 8:30 a.m.
Betty Abitz	Register of Deeds	Present 8:30 a.m.
Ross Hill	Resident	Present 8:30 a.m.
Lance Forgy	Assistant Public Works Administrator	Present 8:30 a.m.
Tim Eisenbarth	Public Works Administrator	Present 8:34 a.m.
Shane Jager	Sheriff	Present 8:34 a.m.
Doug Adams	Undersheriff	Present 8:34 a.m.
Jennifer Ebert	Community Health Educator	Present 8:50 a.m.
Lanny Bosse	Economic Development	Present 9:50 a.m.
Jack Allston	Economic Development	Present 9:55 a.m.
Dave Perry	Economic Development	Present 9:55 a.m.
Whitney Phebus	Director of Human Resources	Present 10:22 a.m.

2.0 ROUTINE ITEMS:

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

2.2 Weixelman moved to approve October 2, 2023 minutes. Weixelman seconded, motion carried 3-0.

3.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Ross Hill passed out pictures of abandoned utility stuff on county right away and the companies should have been responsible of removing stuff.

4.0 DEPARTMENT UPDATES

4.1 Register of Deeds: Betty Abitz thanked commissioners for In-Service Day and updated on the September report.

Tim Eisenbarth presented a contract for culvert lining for approval. Discussion on State Lake Road.

Motion: Riat moved to sign the contract for culvert lining. McKee seconded, motion carried 3-0.

4.2 Commissioners: Commissioners updated on phone calls received, roads traveled and meetings attended. (Economic Development, In-Service, KAC, Blue Twp meeting, Jack Allston's retirement, Flint Hills Regional, City County County, Chamber Retreat)

4.3 Administration Office: Chad Kinsley updated on meetings and asked who will be delegates for the Kansas Association of Counties 48th Annual Conference & Exhibition. McKee will be delegate and Riat as alternate. Kinsley also stated there were 13 applicants to serve on the East Gateway Plan Committee but two were disqualified and only 11 can serve. Discussion on animal control contract.

4.4 County Counselor: John Watt put together the contract for culvert lining and is working on revising the resolution regarding dogs.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS:

5.1 Community Health Educator: Jennifer Ebert presented on the Opioid Crisis, "Empowering our Community to Increase Awareness of Opioids and Decrease Youth Substance Use".

5.2 Economic Development: Lanny Bosse and Jack Allston asked for approval of Economic Development By-laws and Board Appointments.

Motion: McKee moved to approve Economic Development By-laws. Riat seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Motion: Weixelman moved to approve Economic Development Board Appointments: District 1- Kristin Brighton, District 2- Chris Eichman, District 3- Pete Reilly, At-Large- Dr David Cancelada. McKee seconded, motion carried 3-0.

6.0 CONSENT ITEMS:

6.1 Ledger Transactions totaling \$839,102.99

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

7.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION:

7.1 Attorney Client Privilege – Potential Litigation

Commissioner Riat moved to recess to executive session to begin at 10:49 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, and Whitney Phebus. Commissioner McKee seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular meeting resumed at 11:09 a.m. Weixelman moved to return to executive session for an additional 15 minutes. Riat seconded, motion

carried 3-0. Regular meeting resumed at 11:24 a.m. Weixelman moved to return to executive session for an additional 5 minutes. Riat seconded, motion carried 3-0. Regular meeting resumed at 11:29 a.m. No action was taken as a result of the session.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT: Chair declared regular meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Chair, Dennis Weixelman

seal

Vice Chair, Deloyce McKee

Attest:

County Clerk, Dawn Henry

Member, Greg Riat