



Board of Pottawatomie County Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 23, 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.
Tabitha Caudill	Deputy 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.
Lisa Wright	Treasurer	Present 8:30 a.m.
Tim Eisenbarth	Public Works Administrator	Present 8:30 a.m.
Michelle Campbell	Resident	Present 8:30 a.m.
Joel Fager	Assistant EMS Director	Present 8:30 a.m.
Scott Schwinn	County Sanitarian/Transfer Station Supervisor	Present 8:42 a.m.
Nathan Bergman	Bartlett & West	Present 8:44 a.m.
Stephen Metzger	County Planner	Present 9:00 a.m.
Lance Forgy	Assistant Public Works Administrator	Present 9:25 a.m.

2.0 ROUTINE ITEMS:

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

2.2 Weixelman moved to approve October 16, 2023 minutes. Riat seconded, motion carried 3-0.

3.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Steve Minton commented on the chain of command in the service and the commission listening to the county counselor about sales tax issues.

4.0 DEPARTMENT UPDATES

4.1 County Treasurer: Lisa Wright updated on motor vehicle transactions, abstract totals, licenses, and office staffing and training. Wright attended the national treasurer meeting and the state county treasurers meeting. Wright updated on sent reports and published delinquent taxes.

4.2 EMS: Joel Fager updated on attending KEMSA and upgrading the county membership. Fager mentioned the PulsePoint AED registry. Fager updated on new PRN staff requirements, transitioning to a new training platform, and electronic patient reporting. Deana Wiltz has replaced

Raquel Geddry on the employee committee. Fager updated on 2023 YTD billing and PR events attended.

4.3 Sanitarian/Landfill: Scott Schwinn presented a request to raise the landfill rate for 2024 and 2025 from \$49.75 to \$58.00 per ton, keeping the minimum at \$10 for all loads up to 320 pounds.

Motion: Riat moved to accept the new landfill rate. Weixelman seconded, motion carried 3-0.

4.4 Planning & Zoning: Stephen Metzger informed the Commission they needed to appoint the 2 at large members to the East Manhattan Gateway Plan committee. Metzger stated there were 11 applicants to fill 11 positions, thus the only options remaining were John Green and Jenny Sue Hayward.

Motion: Riat moved to appoint John Green and Jenny Sue Hayward to the 2 at large positions.

Weixelman seconded, motion carried 2-1, McKee opposed.

Weixelman requested written notes be taken at any meetings with the plan committee.

Metzger notified the commission that Marcie Wood's term on the planning commission is ending.

Metzger handed out a map with current planning commissioners and those interested in being on the planning commission.

Motion: Weixelman moved to extend Marcie Wood's term for 1 year. Riat seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Metzger reminded the planning commission still needs 1 at large member appointed.

Motion: McKee moved to appoint Josh Marquette, motion died for lack of second.

Discussion occurred.

Motion: McKee moved to appoint Aaron Sylvester, motion died for lack of second.

Riat requested planning and zoning to make a recommendation. Weixelman requested Metzger contact those who have expressed prior interest in the planning commission be contacted to see if they are still interested. Riat added, making sure they know of the attendance requirements. Metzger also reminded that the temporary solar moratorium expires at the end of the year. Weixelman requested Metzger and Watt start to put together a resolution for a temporary moratorium with a list of reasons why.

4.5 Public Works: Tim Eisenbarth updated on items sold at the last auction. The total amount of items sold was \$183,520. Most items sold were from public works. Sheriff and fire also had items in the sale. Eisenbarth presented an agreement with Bartlett & West for a new bridge over the Vermillion Creek on Armstrong Road.

Motion: McKee moved to accept agreement with Bartlett & West. Riat seconded, motion carried 3-0. Eisenbarth updated on Salzer Road acquisition of right away, have spoken with 2 landowners out of 10. Weixelman wants to wait 3 or 4 weeks and then start the condemnation process. An update will be provided at the November 6th meeting. Weixelman requested Eisenbarth begin discussions again with the water district to discuss moving lines on Elm Slough. Eisenbarth mentioned an issue from another county where a commercial fertilizer truck fell through a bridge. Eisenbarth wants people to be aware of tonnage limits on bridges. Watt commented that if someone knowingly chooses to cross a bridge over the limit they could be held liable for damages that occur.

4.6 Commissioners: Commissioners updated on phone calls received, roads traveled and meetings attended. (Abatement Hearing for John Deere facility in Wamego, Salzer Road, Juvenile Detention facility concerns, Letter from Janet Barkey concerning animal control, Community Development projects for Manhattan Area, FHRC board)

4.7 Administration Office: Chad Kinsley updated on meetings. Kinsley asked who the delegate for KCAMP will be, Riat and McKee will be the alternate.

4.8 County Counselor: John Watt is redrafting the resolution for animal control and will compare wording with letter received. Watt is working on a resolution for the treasurer and appraiser for next week.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT: Chair declared regular meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Chair, Dennis Weixelman

Vice Chair, Deloyce McKee

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Attest:

County Clerk, Dawn Henry

Member, Greg Riat