

PAWNEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DECEMBER 12, 2023

The Pawnee County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., which was open to the public, on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, in the first-floor meeting room in the Pawnee County Courthouse, Pawnee City, Nebraska. Notice of such meeting was published in the Thursday, November 30, 2023, issue of the Pawnee Republican. Present were Ron Seitz, Jan Lang, Lavon Heidemann and County Clerk, Candi Nicholas. Chairman Seitz opened the meeting and announced the open meeting law poster is posted on the east wall of the meeting room. Lang moved and Heidemann seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2023 Commissioner meeting. Voting: Seitz (yes), Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes). Lang moved and Heidemann seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Voting: Lang (yes) Heidemann (yes), Seitz (yes). Lang moved and Heidemann seconded to approve the claims as presented. Voting: Heidemann (yes), Seitz (yes), Lang (yes).

The Board reviewed the November month end clerk, Register of Deeds, Clerk of District Court, Treasurer, year to date Clerk of District Court and July through November Treasurer reports. After discussion Heidemann moved and Lang seconded to approve the use the Hireclick Hiring tool for hiring, the Clerk will check into how this will be done. Voting: Seitz (yes), Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes). The Board discussed the appointment of the surveyor and weed/zoning administrator. Tabled until the next meeting.

At 9:10 public comment was held. Scott Brown, Johnson Winemiller, Karen Stanley, Vickie Weirs and Tonya Brown spoke supporting the Sheriff office, questions regarding the county budget and road equipment.

Jill Hahn, Four-County Juvenile Diversion, met with the Board and discussed the Nebraska Crime Commission FY 2025 Community Based Juvenile Services Aid Application and gave updates. After discussion Heidemann moved and Lang seconded to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for purposes of obtaining Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program Funds for July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025. Voting: Seitz (yes), Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes).

Terry Kerl, Zoning Administrator, met with the Board and presented an application for Craig Binder subdivision of a parcel of land being part of the NW1/4 NE1/4 of 35-2-11 that the zoning board approved on December 5, 2023. After discussion Lang moved and Heidemann seconded to approve the subdivision of a parcel of land being part of NW1/4 NE1/4 of 35-2-11. Voting: Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes), Seitz (yes).

Charlie Hatfield, Pawnee City Mayor, met with the Board to discuss his correspondence to the Commissioners regarding how the Commissioners were going to move forward regarding the Sheriff office requests.

Megan Buckley, Emergency Manager, met with the Board and gave updates.

Chris Rohrbaugh, met with the Board to give his concern regarding crime and his support of the Sheriff office for more funding.

Candi Nicholas, Clerk, met with the Board and gave her resignation from Pawnee County Clerk effective at 4:00 p.m. March 1, 2024.

Chris Rauner, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board. Rauner gave the rock report and discussed various projects.

Braden Lang, Sheriff, met with the Board and discussed the Canine Fund, Lang will contact the donors that have not responded if they want a refund or the Sheriff office to keep their donations. The Board and Lang will work together to come to an agreement regarding the deputy requests for changes to salary and policies. Heidemann moved and Lang seconded to go into executive session to discuss staffing for the protection of public interest at 11:19 a.m. Voting: Seitz (yes), Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes). At 12:08 p.m. Lang moved and Heidemann seconded to exit executive session. Voting: Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes), Seitz (yes). No action taken.

The following claims were reviewed and signed:

NET PAYROLL 39845.99; FWH 4041.11; SWH 1830.71; FICA 6489.56; MICA 1517.68; NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT 1400.00; RETIREMENT 6278.82; DELTA DENTAL 322.75; AMERITAS 108.97; AMERICAN HERITAGE 88.95; MADISON LIFE 80.13; UNITED HEALTHCARE 11493.22; DIRECT DEPOSIT FEE 10.00;

GENERAL FUND:

Central Plains Valuation, parcel review reappraisal contract 5582.50; City of Pawnee City, water/sewer 90.51; H&H Auto, Sheriff supplies 4.49; Dylan L. Handley, court appt atty 475.00; Johnson County Clerk, quarterly emergency manager payment 5012.25; Stephen Kraviec, child support enforcement 1003.78; Kyle's Service, Sheriff repairs 8893.55; Lancaster County Sheriff, service fee 18.69; Midwest Special Services, inmate transport 111.00; MIPS, programs & support 2298.18 & jury list 219.79; NPPD 505.39; Pawnee County Treasurer, 2023 real estate taxes 99.16; Pawnee County Clerk, reimburse postage 9.65; Pawnee County Court, uncollectible court costs 158.00; Pawnee County District Court, court costs 111.00; RR Donnelley, Sheriff supplies 55.17; SoarinGroup, IT security 753.00; US Bank, Treasurer supplies 33.17 & postage 23.26, Sheriff equipment 203.20 & fuel 332.30; Windstream, courthouse telephones 930.48;

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:

Binder Bros, supplies 2172.86; City of Pawnee City, water/sewer 81.50; Den's Country Meats, fuel 435.02; Eggers Bros, repairs 375.79; H&H Auto, parts and supplies 661.03; Kyle's Service, repairs 3065.00; Martin Marietta, rock 6902.75; NMC, repairs 3526.07; NPPD 151.36; OPPD 33.00; Pawnee Republican, subscription renewal 42.00; Powerplan, repairs 204.57; Speers Truck, repairs 243.75; State Bank of Table Rock, stop payment fee 30.00; Robert Tichy, surveyor 750.00; Turnbull Ag Tires, repairs 460.00; Windstream, telephones 191.75;

ROD PRESERVATION FUND:

MIPS, programs & support 171.36;

CANINE (K-9) FUND:

City of Pawnee City, refund of K-9 donation 3658.00; Community Insurance, refund of K-9 donation 365.80; Den's Country Meats, refund of K-9 donation 731.60; Barb Freeman, refund of K-9 donation 76.13; State Bank of Table Rock, refund of K-9 donation 365.80.

Chairman Seitz adjourned the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

S/Ron Seitz

S/Jan Lang

S/Lavon Heidemann

Attest: Candi Nicholas, Pawnee County Clerk