



Pawnee County Board Minutes



PAWNEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

APRIL 9, 2019

The Pawnee County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, which was open to the public, on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the first-floor meeting room in the Pawnee County Courthouse, Pawnee City, Nebraska. Notice of such meeting was published in the Thursday, March 21, 2019 issue of The Pawnee Republican. Present were Dennis Schardt, Jan Lang, Ron Seitz and County Clerk, Candi Nicholas. Chairman Schardt opened the meeting and announced the open meeting law poster is posted on the east wall of the meeting room. Lang moved and Schardt seconded the motion to approve the minutes of March 26, 2019 as presented. Voting: Schardt (yes), Lang (yes) and Seitz (yes). Lang moved and Seitz seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Voting: Lang (yes), Seitz (yes) and Schardt (yes). Seitz moved and Lang seconded the motion to approve the claims as presented. Voting: Seitz (yes), Schardt (yes) and Lang (yes).

The Board reviewed the Project Response funding request of \$1,000.00. After discussion Seitz moved and Lang seconded to accept Project Response request for \$1,000.00 for 2019-2020 budget year. Voting: Schardt (yes), Lang (yes) and Seitz (yes). The Board reviewed the March month end reports of Clerk, Register of Deeds, Clerk of District Court, Treasurer, year to date Clerk of District Court and quarterly Sheriff reports. The Board reviewed correspondence from US Census Bureau regarding the 2020 Census New Construction Program. The Board wants Jon Bailey to review and let the Board know at the April 23rd meeting.

Susan Keholm and Nicole Wilken, SENCA, met with the Board and discussed annual updates. April and May will be volunteer appreciation month, May is community service month, June is the annual golf tournament. Lang moved and Seitz seconded to sign a Proclamation proclaiming May 2019 as Community Action Month. Voting: Schardt (yes), Lang, (yes) and Seitz (yes).

Dave Merrill, Region V Services & C.J. Johnson, Region V Systems, met the board. C.J. Johnson indicated that Region V Systems serves mental health and substance abuse issues and gave annual updates. Region V Systems requested \$6,650.00 for mental health and \$1,196.00 for substance use for the 2019-2020 year, this is the first increase in three years. Dave Merrill and Melody McLaughlin discussed that Region V Services serves the developmentally disabled community and gave annual updates. Region V Services requested \$4,936.00 for the 2019-2020 year and indicated that there has been no increase in twenty-four years.

Barb Otto, In God We Trust-America, Inc, met with the Board and discussed wanting all counties in Nebraska to post the nation's motto IN GOD WE TRUST in their courthouses, she is visiting all the counties with this request. Ms. Otto provided the Pawnee County Commissioners a sample resolution to use if they decide to post IN GOD WE TRUST in the Pawnee County courthouse. The Commissioners will discuss this again at the April 23rd meeting.

Jennifer Stehlik Ladman, County Attorney, met with the Board and requested Executive Session for the protection of the public interest to possibly approve a settlement regarding litigation with the Board, Chris Rauner and Candi Nicholas. Lang moved and Seitz seconded to go into executive session 10:06 a.m. to discuss litigation. Voting: Seitz (yes), Schardt (yes), Lang (yes). Lang moved and Seitz seconded to exit executive



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session at 10:13 a.m. Voting: Schardt (yes), Lang (yes) and Seitz (yes). Seitz moved and Lang seconded to approve the proposed settlement agreement conditional on the approval of federal highway administration reimbursement funds and authorize Chairman Schardt to execute the agreement for Project BRO-7067(16). Voting: Lang (yes), Seitz (yes) and Schardt (yes).

Candi Nicholas and Chris Rauner, met with the Board. There is a need to amend the road budget due to replacing a semi-tractor that was wrecked in 2018. There was an insurance settlement for \$100,000.00 that needs to be budgeted for revenue and \$100,000.00 needs to be budgeted in expenditures or the road department will be short of funds at the end of the budget year. This will not effect tax dollars that were requested for the 2018-2019 year.

Chris Rauner, Hwy Supt, and Heather Duryea, Admin Asst, met with the Board. Heather gave the rock report. Rock is being designated to FEMA spots first. Tiemann Construction will haul 44.5 miles of rock, hauling price will be \$46,813.20 rock will be \$120,550.50 with a grand total of \$167,363.70. Westover Rock and Sand, Inc. will haul approximately 38 miles hauling price will be \$64,790.25, rock will be \$105,336.00, with a grand total of \$170,126.25. The County crew will haul the remainder of the rock. Chris discussed various projects. Farmer's Coop found two fuel tanks that Chris will look at to replace our existing tanks. Chris requested executive session regarding personnel for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Lang moved and Seitz seconded to go into executive session at 11:25. Voting Seitz (yes), Schardt (yes) and Lang (yes). Seitz moved and Lang seconded to exit executive session at 11:50. Voting: Schardt (yes), Lang (yes), Seitz (yes). No action taken.

The following claims were reviewed and signed:

NET PAYROLL 29985.83; FWH 2603.16; SWH 1080.98; FICA 4795.82; MICA 1121.60; RETIREMENT 4767.78; NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT 1095.00; DELTA DENTAL 287.29; UNION DUES 75.00; AMERITAS 110.70; AMERICAN HERITAGE 120.83; MADISON LIFE 76.57; UNITED HEALTHCARE 11881.62; DIRECT DEPOSTI FEE 10.00

GENERAL FUND:

Ambulance Service, 1000.00; Charles Bentjen, court appt atty 315.00; City of Pawnee City, water/sewer 81.75; Clerk of Supreme Court, appeal costs 126.00; Downtown Motors, repairs 61.37; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies 26.40; Johnson County Treasurer, dispatch quarterly payment 12996.02; Johnson County Sheriff, inmate lodging 975.00; Lynn Peavey, supplies 73.45; Steven Mercure, court appt atty 1080.00; MIPS, programs, support and supplies 2280.87; Naylor Rappl Law Office, court appt atty 775.00; Arden Nitz, supplies 207.28; Pawnee County Clerk, reimburse postage 7.35; Pawnee County Sheriff, service 18.50; Pawnee Republican, publishing 82.69; Quill, supplies 1316.74; True Value, supplies 217.11; US Postal Service, box rent 120.00; Verizon, sheriff cell 267.08; Windstream, courthouse telephone 742.35;

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:

Ace Eaton Metals, culverts/tubes 30652.16; City of Pawnee City, sewer/water 79.44; Diversified Drug Testing, personnel testing 75.00; Friedly Oil, fuel 103.50; H&H Auto, supplies & parts 336.10; Hamm, rock 5059.59; Koch's Auto, repairs 4164.00; Martin Marietta, rock 15050.96; Medical Enterprises, personnel testing 35.00;



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NMC, supplies 1737.55; NE Assoc Co Engineers, 2019 dues & registration 160.00; NMC, repairs 3064.09; NPPD 353.69; OPPD 33.00; Chris Rauner, reimburse fuel 53.50; Sapp Brothers, fuel 3029.95; State NE Motor Fuels Div, fuel tax 213.00; Tichy Land Survey, surveyor 1500.00; Windstream, shop telephone 199.91; Zees Backhoe, road/bridge improvements 3777.50;

911 FUND:

Johnson County 911, quarterly 911 payments 2354.00.

Chairman Schaardt adjourned the meeting at 11:52 a.m.

S/Dennis Schaardt

S/Jan Lang

S/ Ron Seitz

Attest: Candi Nicholas, Pawnee County Clerk

The next Board of Commissioner meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 23, 2019 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the first-floor meeting room of the Pawnee County Courthouse, Pawnee City, Nebraska.