

Office of the County Clerk
Journal of Proceedings for the Smith County Commissioners
December 9, 2024

The County Commissioners met in a special session on December 9, 2024, in the County Commissioners' room. Present were Commissioners Dale Pickel, Kurt Ifland and Jim Gwennap. Also, present was Ashley Maxwell, Clerk, Travis Story, Assistant Road Supervisor, Chris Schlotthauer and Brady Peterson, Commissioner elect.

At 8:00 a.m. Ifland called the special meeting to order.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to convene in executive session at 8:00 a.m. for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, potential employee. Motion carried unanimously. Maxwell left the meeting. Also in the session was Travis Story, Chris Schlotthauer and Brady Peterson. No action was taken. Regular session reconvened at 8:16 a.m.
Maxwell rejoined the meeting.

Schlotthauer left the meeting.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to convene in executive session at 8:16 a.m. for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, potential employee. Motion carried unanimously. Maxwell left the meeting. Also in the session was Travis Story and Brady Peterson. No action was taken. Regular session reconvened at 8:21 a.m.
Maxwell rejoined the meeting.

Schlotthauer rejoined the meeting.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to convene in executive session at 8:21 a.m. for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, potential employee. Motion carried unanimously. Maxwell left the meeting. Also in the session was Travis Story, Chris Schlotthauer and Brady Peterson. No action was taken. Regular session reconvened at 8:26 a.m.
Maxwell rejoined the meeting.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to offer employment to Chris Schlotthauer. Motion carried unanimously.
Schlotthauer left the meeting.

Jordan Dettmer with Penco Engineering joined the meeting.

At 8:30 a.m. Ifland called the regular meeting to order and Gwennap opened with prayer.

Dettmer shared project updates for Smith County. Dettmer also thanked the commissioners for their business. Dettmer stated bridge inspections will begin soon.
Dettmer left the meeting.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to approve the 12/2/2024 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to approve the 12/9/2024 agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

The commissioners approved voucher #13950-voucher #14012 for the following accounts:

General	\$ 9,753.16
Road & Bridge	\$ 84,957.76

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Noxious Weed	\$ 1,438.16
Health	\$ 4,689.27
Appraiser	\$ 1,363.47
Patterson Family Grant	\$ 30,043.87
Solid Waste	\$ 1,901.30
EMS	\$ 2,935.78
Employee Benefits	\$ 24,616.99
Special Bridge Fund	\$ 2,200.00
CVB	\$ 350.00
Health Care Sales Tax	\$ 668.11
Payroll Clearing	\$ 35,053.84
Next Gen. E911	\$ 165.00
Motor Vehicle Fund	\$ 242.00
TOTAL	\$200,378.71

The commissioners initialed 2 voided checks.

The commissioners and Story discussed the following:

1. Ifland discussed the signs on M Rd between 240 Rd and 250 Rd. Ifland stated the signage is in the ditch.
2. Ifland discussed C Rd, South of 220 Rd. Ifland discussed the holes near the bridges.
3. Gwennap asked about the rock hauling for 300 Rd. Story stated they had several issues with trucks last week, so he only had 1 dump truck and 1 semi hauling. Story stated with these issues, they began researching trailers. Story shared 3 trailers would cost approximately \$48,000.00/ea.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to give Story the authority to purchase the 3 semi trailers. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Gwennap discussed fuel pricing. Last week, Gwennap spoke with Story and also Bob's Inc. The commissioners discussed the need to obtain bids from Midway, Trinity and Bob's Inc.
5. The commissioners discussed the tool purchases and the Foley Equipment invoices.
6. Gwennap discussed road maintenance on P Rd between 50 Rd and the state line.
7. Story stated the wheeled excavator will be going to Concordia to have the pivot removed.
8. Story stated that currently Gary Baetz and Owen Wagner are doing dozer work on the state line.

Story left the meeting.

Gwennap discussed the old hospital and the intent to move forward.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to move forward with the old hospital and sign a letter of intent with Rural Redevelopment Group, LLC. Motion carried unanimously. Ifland signed the drafted Letter of Intent.

Gwennap stated he attended a KDOT meeting last week for a round table discussion. The discussion was mainly about the selection process.

Ifland stated he received some emails from High Plains Mental Health regarding suicide statistics. Ifland stated he was surprised by the statistics. HPMHC is working on extending their outreach education.

Vernon Reinking joined the meeting and shared the current investments for Smith County.

Keith DeWolf joined the meeting.

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Gwennap asked about the tax distribution time frame. Gwennap asked about ways to generate revenue for the county. Gwennap asked about the tax statements. Reinking stated the Kansas Statutes require the statements be mailed by December 15, 2024. Reinking also stated the tax statements will be mailed today (12/09/2024). Ifland also asked about the tax sale information Reinking previously discussed. Reinking stated Osborne County utilized this company last year. Reinking will get the information to the board. Reinking left the meeting.

Colbie Lewis joined the meeting.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to convene in executive session at 10:00 a.m. for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, employee performance. Motion carried unanimously. Maxwell, Peterson and DeWolf left the meeting. Also in the session was Colbie Lewis. No action was taken. Regular session reconvened at 10:12 a.m.

Lewis left the meeting.

Maxwell, DeWolf and Peterson rejoined the meeting.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to convene in executive session at 10:16 a.m. for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, employee performance. Motion carried unanimously. Maxwell left the meeting. Also in the session was DeWolf and Peterson. No action was taken. Regular session reconvened at 10:26 a.m.

Maxwell rejoined the meeting.

DeWolf discussed the following:

1. DeWolf stated he received a call from the Safety Director at Midway in Portis and Lebanon in regard to anhydrous tanks. The fire district that covers the tanks Northwest of Portis is Osborne Rural Fire, but Gaylord Fire will assist.
2. DeWolf stated he has been doing some dispatching. He has been working with EMS and law enforcement.

DeWolf left the meeting.

Tiffany Wiseman joined the meeting.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to convene in executive session at 10:37 a.m. for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, employee performance. Motion carried unanimously. Maxwell left the meeting. Also in the session was Tiffany Wiseman and Brady Peterson. No action was taken. Regular session reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

Maxwell rejoined the meeting.

Wiseman left the meeting.

Jeff Levin joined the meeting and discussed the NRP application. Levin stated he had begun his project and asked the commissioners if there is a possibility of an exception.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to grant Jeff Levin an exception to the NRP policy and allow Levin to proceed with his project. Motion carried unanimously.

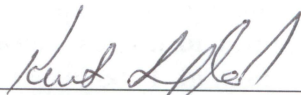
Maxwell shared the estimate from Kingsbury Septic for the drain issue in the boiler room of \$2,694.00.

At 10:58 a.m. a motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Ifland to adjourn to attend the multi-county meeting in Osborne County. Motion carried unanimously.

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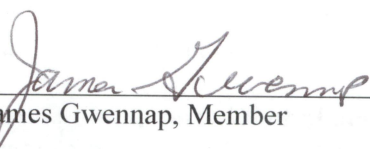
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Items discussed in Alton at the multi-county meeting:
Christmas Holiday Schedules
Pay Increases
Health Insurance
Clothing Allowance
Water Quality in Kansas
Presentation from Tracey Barton, Kansas Natural Resource Coalition
Presentation from Ginger Howell, Bull City Community Foundation




Kurt Ifland, Chairman


Attest:



James Gwennap, Member



Ashley Maxwell, Clerk



Dale E. Pickel, Member

These minutes are not official until signed by the county commissioners and attested to by the County Clerk.

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