

Office of the County Clerk  
Journal of Proceedings for the Smith County Commissioners  
September 30, 2024

The County Commissioners met in a regular session on September 30, 2024, in the County Commissioners' room. Present were Commissioners Kurt Ifland, Dale Pickel and Jim Gwennap. Also, present was Ashley Maxwell, Clerk, and Travis Story, Assistant Road Supervisor.

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

**A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to approve the 9/23/2024 regular meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to approve the 9/30/2024 agenda. Motion carried unanimously.**

The commissioners and Story discussed the following:

1. Ifland discussed C Rd between Hwy 9 and 260 Rd, there are washboards that need to be cut.
2. Gwennap discussed the mounds of material on P Rd between 40 Rd and 30 Rd.
3. Gwennap discussed 50 Rd, East of Hwy 281. There are several potholes that need worked.
4. Gwennap discussed Q Rd, North of 10 Rd. Gwennap discussed that there is new fencing being installed and the landowner would like the road shaped, and the plum thickets sprayed.
5. Gwennap shared with Story that the potholes are resurfacing on P Rd in the BaseOne section.
6. Gwennap discussed where to park the blades. The commissioners would like to see the blades parked at the 90 Rd location instead of Reamsville.
7. Story shared a KDOT contract for the bridge replacement on M Rd between 180 Rd and 190 Rd. The commissioners reviewed the contract.
8. Story shared the cost per mile for rock and hauling is approximately \$3,800.00.

Gary Arment joined the meeting.

Arment thanked the commissioners for the gravel added to the roadway in his area.

Arment left the meeting.

9. The commissioners discussed the quitting time of the road department employees.
10. Story discussed the driveway request on M Rd, South of Hwy 9.
11. Story stated they are putting Lane Fuller in district 11.
12. Story stated there was a company from Kearney that came to look at the possibility of an electronic gate.

**A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to approve the KDOT contract for off system bridge on M Rd between 180 Rd and 190 Rd. Motion carried unanimously.**

Ryan Allen joined the meeting and discussed the following:

1. Allen stated the engineer visited the landfill last week. The engineer asked about the daily cover. Allen stated he contacted KDHE and shingles are allowed for cover.
2. Allen will be attending the SWANA conference Tues.-Thurs. this week.
3. Allen stated the new hours at the landfill begin today (9/30/2024).

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**A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to convene in executive session at 9:44 a.m. for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, employee performance. Motion carried unanimously. Also in the session was Ryan Allen and Ashley Maxwell. Regular session reconvened at 9:49 a.m.**

4. Allen and the commissioners discussed the hours and changing for winter hours. Phillip Pennington with Murphy Tractor joined the meeting. Allen left the meeting.

Pennington stopped in to see if the commissioners had any machinery needs at the time. The commissioners have no needs currently. Pennington left the meeting.

**A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to approve resolution 24-07 exempting Smith County from certain provisions of K.S.A. 65-201 et seq., specifically K.S.A. 65-202 subsection (C) regarding annual sanitary inspections of school buildings and grounds by the local health officer. Motion carried unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to approve the purchase of the replacement battery for the emergency lighting in the elevator for \$900.00. Motion carried unanimously.**

Ifland shared the update for the 2020 Chevrolet Silverado for the County Sanitarian. The original invoice from J & S Auto is for \$29,000.00 and the trade-in value is \$9,000.00. The final invoice total is \$20,000.00.

**A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to accept the recommendation of the LEPG Board and approve the purchase of the 2020 Chevrolet Silverado. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commission Chairman Ifland opened the sealed bid for the office chairs from the court. 1 bid was received for \$1.00.

**A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to accept the bid for \$1.00 for the office chairs. Motion carried unanimously.**

Ifland opened the sealed bid for the Poulan lawn mower. 1 bid was received for \$102.00.

**A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to accept the bid for \$102.00 for the Poulan mower. Motion carried unanimously.**

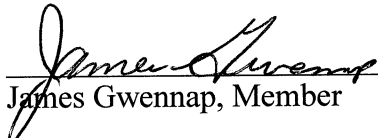
**At 10:30 a.m. a motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to adjourn to view county roads. Motion carried unanimously.**

The following roads were viewed:  
O Rd between 160 Rd and 140 Rd

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 140 Rd between O Rd and P Rd  
 P Rd between 140 Rd and 50 Rd  
 50 Rd between P Rd and T Rd  
 T Rd between 50 Rd and 30 Rd  
 30 Rd between T Rd and Y Rd  
 Y Rd between 30 Rd and 125 Rd  
 125 Rd between Y Rd and X Rd  
 X Rd between 125 Rd and 140 Rd  
 140 Rd between X Rd and P Rd  
 M Rd between Hwy 36 and 190 Rd  
 L Rd between 190 Rd and 240 Rd  
 240 Rd between L Rd and Hwy 281

  
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 Kurt Ifland, Chairman

  
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 James Gwennap, Member

Attest:

  
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 Ashley Maxwell, Clerk

  
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 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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