

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE GEARY COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
November 12, 2019

Commissioners Present: Keith Ascher and Charles Stimatze

Commissioner Absent: Ben Bennett (attending KAC)

Others present: Therese Hoff, Deputy County Clerk and Steve Opat, County Counselor

Chairman Stimatze called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The commission and Mr. Opat reviewed and approved vouchers.

Troy Livingston, Zoning/GIS Director arrived at the meeting.

Counselor Opat presented a notice to the Commission. The Board of Commissioners has determined that certain roads in rural Geary County are only occasionally used, or are used by few individuals, and therefore such roads are subject to being declared as "minimum maintenance" roads; A public hearing will be held at the Geary County Office Building in the Board of County Commissioners Room, at 12:30 p.m. on December 9, 2019. Commissioner Ascher moved to approve Resolution 11-12-2019-A Resolution declaring certain roads within Geary County to be "Minimum Maintenance Roads", and taking action as required by K.S.A.68-5,102. Chairman Stimatze seconded and both voted aye.

Counselor Opat discussed the land located at the Milford State Park. He received a response from an email he sent to the Corps of Engineers about the land being deeded to the county or the sheriff wanting to build a building for dive team equipment. The Corps said they are still working on this request.

Rebecca Nordyke, County Clerk, presented the weekly report:

- Presented the 2019 Levy Sheet and the November 2019 value comparison information. Mrs. Nordyke stated the County's Valuation went down from July, as predicted, because of two large tax payers taking their cases to BOTA and winning, therefore the county losing almost a million dollars in valuation.
- Discussed aTa Bus requesting a letter of support from the commissioners for budgeted funding in the 2020 budget. It is the consensus of the commission to sign the letter of support. Mrs. Nordyke will get Commissioner Bennett to sign the letter when he gets back from KAC.
- Reported for the legislative meeting next Monday, all legislators can stay most of the afternoon, as requested.
- Reported the election audit is tomorrow. The races audited will be USD 475, Ward 1-Precinct 4, and the Milford City Council.
- Reported the canvass of votes for the November 5, 2019 election will be Friday, November 15, 2019 at 9:45 a.m. Mrs. Nordyke left the meeting.

Counselor Opat requested a 5 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel; Commissioner Ascher moved to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel starting at 11:57 a.m.; Chairman Stimatze seconded and both voted aye.; the meeting reconvened at 12:02 p.m. and Commissioner Ascher moved to extend the executive session for 10 more minutes, until 12:12 p.m. Chairman Stimatze seconded and both voted aye; the meeting reconvened at 12:12 p.m. with no action taken.

The meeting recessed for lunch from 12:17 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Robbin Cole, Pawnee Mental Health, discussed the crisis stabilization center:

- Presented an update on the crisis stabilization center which opened on November 4, 2019. It is open 24-7, and 23 employees are providing services around the clock. Mrs. Cole stated she is very pleased with how things are going. The new office is in the city of Manhattan but located in Pottawatomie County. It is all out patient care, not a hospital. It is a voluntary service to patients, and they can spend the night, but if they have created a crime, they cannot stay at this facility. If there are patients that have a complicating health condition, they can't stay at the crisis stabilization center. There are 7 people staying there right now, on day 3, they had 7 people, so the number is staying consistent. It is an 11-bed facility and in the first week, they had 6 direct referrals from Law Enforcement, which just shows how the officers are dealing with the mentally ill. She reported there is a lot of interest about the stabilization center from the State of Kansas. She reported about 15 legislators rode a bus around the State, visiting mental health facilities. Their last stop was Pawnee's Crisis Stabilization Center, and they were very interested in the operation of the center. There was a contract amendment of \$700,000.00 for fiscal year 2020, which will pay for individuals who do not have Medicaid. Medicaid is the only insurance that will pay for individuals to get services at the Stabilization Center. The Goldstein Foundation has provided a matching grant. The startup costs were \$1.1 million dollars, of which the state gave them \$725,000.00. The Goldstein Foundation pledged \$200,000.00 and will match all grants received from private funding. They have collected \$25,000.00 from the private sector and are about \$3000 short of achieving the second \$25,000.00, which means they will be able to receive \$50,000 from the Goldstein Foundation. Mrs., Cole discussed the expansion of Medicaid, and how it would help the crisis stabilization center. Chairman Stimatz asked Mrs. Cole if Pawnee Mental Health had been invited to a Health Summit in Junction City. She said Pawnee attended a health summit last week, but it was in Manhattan, she doesn't recall anything about a summit in Junction City. Commissioner Ascher asked Mrs. Cole if Pawnee receives any funds from USD 475. Mrs. Cole stated no, they do not receive any funds from USD 475 at this time. Mrs. Cole left the meeting.

The press conference was held.

Deputy Clerk Hoff presented commission meeting minutes from November 4, 2019. **Commissioner Ascher moved to approve the minutes from November 4, 2019; Chairman Stimatz seconded, and both voted aye.**

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.



 CHAIRMAN-COUNTY COMMISSION
 CHARLES STIMATZE



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11-25-19

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