

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE GEARY COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

January 11, 2021 – Session from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Keith Ascher, Brad Scholz and Charles Stimatze

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

Chairman Ascher called the meeting to order and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

The commission reviewed and approved the monthly vouchers.

**Commissioner Scholz moved to appoint Ryan Garrison to the PBC Board; Commissioner Stimatze seconded, and Chairman Ascher voted Nay.** Chairman Ascher stated that he has nothing against Mr. Garrison, he just wants to ask the PBC Board if they would have a suggestion of anyone to serve on the board.

**Commissioner Stimatze moved to approve the purchase of two security cameras from Security Solutions to be placed at the Health Department; Commissioner Scholz seconded, and all voted aye.**

Jon Thummel, Human Resources Director, presented the weekly report:

- Requested an executive session. **At 10:38 a.m.: Commissioner moved to go into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with Mr. Thummel. Commissioner seconded and all voted aye.** The meeting reconvened at 11:08 a.m. with no action taken. Mr. Thummel left the meeting.
- Presented HR Memo No. 2021-2-Creation of Corrections Compliance Officer. The Sheriff is requesting the creation of a Corrections Compliance Officer classification. The Sheriff is requesting to reclassify employee 1CB000261 to the new Corrections Compliance Officer position with no change in pay. Commissioner Elect Giordano asked what position it is that the Sheriff is reclassifying. Mr. Thummel said he didn't know, it was at the request of the Sheriff. She stated that she didn't think the commission should be voting for this if they don't know what the Memo is actually doing. Chairman Ascher said they will table this Memo until more information can be obtained from the Sheriff. Ms. Giordano stated she didn't think the current commission should be voting on anything, and Commissioner Stimatze stated they are still elected, and she stated other new commissioners around the state have been sworn in already.
- Presented HR Memo No. 2021-3-Senior Account Clerk annual leave "Sell-Back" request. The senior account clerk in the Geary County Clerk's office is submitting a request to sell back 40 hours of excess annual leave. The Geary County Clerk has approved this request. Human Resource Policy 50.00 states that the employee must use at least twelve days of annual leave, five of which must be consecutive, before being eligible to sell any leave back. Due to the additional COVID restrictions and complicated Election season, the Senior Account Clerk has not taken the full amount of annual leave or taken it consecutively to fulfill this requirement. The Senior Account Clerk is requesting special dispensation for the Board of County Commissioners to be allowed to sell leave back to the County. **Commissioner Scholz moved to approve Memo 2021-3; Commissioner Stimatze seconded, x c and all voted aye.**

The voucher approval continued.

Commissioner Scholz asked about live streaming the meetings, and Chairman Ascher stated after talking with the new commissioners, and the County Clerk, this decision should be made after the new commissioners take office, not now.

Deputy Clerk Hoff presented minutes from February 28, 2020. **Commissioner Stimatze moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Scholz seconded, and all voted aye.**

Deputy Clerk Hoff presented minutes from July 10, 2020. **Commissioner Stimatze moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Scholz seconded, and all voted aye.**

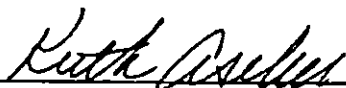
Deputy Clerk Hoff presented minutes from January 8, 2021. **Commissioner Stimatze moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Scholz seconded, and all voted aye.**

Deputy Clerk Hoff presented minutes from January 4, 2021. **Commissioner Stimatze moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Scholz seconded, and all voted aye.**

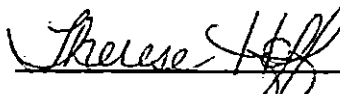
Deputy Clerk Hoff presented minutes from the morning session January 11, 2021. **Commissioner Stimatze moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Scholz seconded and all voted aye.**

Clerk Nordyke presented minutes from December 21, 2020. **Commissioner Stimatze moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Scholz seconded, and all voted aye.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.



CHAIRMAN-COUNTY COMMISSION  
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ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE GEARY COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES  
January 11, 2021 – Session from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Keith, Ascher, Trish Giordano, and Alex Tyson

Others Present: Rebecca Nordyke, County Clerk, Steve Opat, County Counselor and Therese Hoff, Deputy County Clerk

The following is noted for the record:

At noon the following officials were sworn into office:

Therese Hoff, Deputy County Clerk, swore in Rebecca Nordyke, County Clerk.

Clerk Nordyke swore in:

Keith Ascher, County Commission District #3

Alex Tyson, County Commissioner, District #2

Trish Giordano, County Commissioner District #1, Unexpired Term

Diane Briestensky Leonard, Register of Deeds

Krista Blaisdell, County Attorney

Dan Jackson, Sheriff

Members of the public that arrived at the meeting: Patty Maycroft, Ashley King, Lydia Kautz, Ronna Larson, Melissa Tyson, Krista Blaisdell, John Lamb, Corey O'Dell, Travis Lilly, Vanessa Haslouer, Jackson Schneider, Kathy Tremont, Dale Dennison, Kim Graham, Mary Martinez, Jessica Godfrey, Todd Godfrey, Calvin Nordyke, Willie Thornberg, Pat Thornberg, Lilly Thornberg, Ryan Coffman, Diane Briestensky-Leonard, Tammy VonBusch, Lance Karmann, Dan Jackson, Jon Thummel, Allen Dinkel, Lindsey Miller, Tammy Melton and Tiffany Havener.

Chairman Ascher called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.:-

Clerk Nordyke said that Garry Berges, Emergency Management/Rural Fire needed to add an item to the afternoon agenda. Mr. Berges needs to have a representative appointed to the Local Emergency Planning Committee. Commissioner Stimatze was the rep with the former commission.

At 2:30 p.m.; Clerk Nordyke conducted the annual reorganization of the County Commission.

**Commissioner Tyson moved to elect Trish Giordano as chairman for 2021. Commissioner Giordano seconded and all voted aye.**

**Commissioner Tyson moved to elect Keith Ascher vice-chairman for 2021. Commissioner Giordano seconded and all voted aye.**

**Commissioner Giordano moved to elect Alex Tyson secretary for 2021. Commissioner Ascher seconded and all voted aye.**

**Commissioner Giordano moved to appoint Keith Ascher to the Public Building Commission for 2021. Commissioner Tyson seconded and all voted aye.**

**Commissioner Tyson moved to appoint Trish Giordano to the Economic Development Commission for 2021. Commissioner Ascher seconded and all voted aye.**

**Commissioner Ascher moved to appoint Alex Tyson to the Military Affairs Committee for 2021. Commissioner Giordano seconded and all voted aye.**

**Commissioner Giordano moved to appoint Keith Ascher to the Solid Waste Management Planning Committee for 2021. Commissioner Tyson seconded and all voted aye.**

**Commissioner Tyson moved to appoint Keith Ascher to the North Central Kansas Regional Juvenile Detention Center Board for 2021. Commissioner Giordano seconded and all voted aye.**

**Commissioner Tyson moved to appoint Trish Giordano to the county's Risk Management Committee for 2021. Commissioner Ascher seconded and all voted aye.**

**Commissioner Ascher moved to appoint Alex Tyson to the county's Local Emergency Planning Committee for 2021. Commissioner Giordano seconded and all voted aye.**

**Commissioner Giordano moved to appoint Alex Tyson to the aTa Bus Committee for 2021. Commissioner Ascher seconded and all voted aye.**

**Commissioner Giordano moved to appoint Alex Tyson to the Junction City Area Chamber of Commerce Board for 2021. Commissioner Ascher seconded and all voted aye.**

**Commissioner Ascher moved to appoint Trish Giordano to the Flint Hills Regional Council for 2021. Commissioner Tyson seconded and all voted aye.**

**Commissioner Giordano moved to appoint Keith Ascher to the MPO for 2021. Commissioner Tyson seconded and all voted aye.**

**Commissioner Ascher moved to appoint Alex Tyson as an alternate on the MPO for 2021. Commissioner Giordano seconded and all voted aye.**

**Commissioner Ascher moved to appoint Trish Giordano to the Heartland Works board. Commissioner Tyson seconded and all voted aye.**

**Commissioner Tyson moved to appoint Trish Giordano as the County Commission representative to the Geary Community Hospital Board of Trustees. Commissioner Ascher seconded and all voted aye.**

**Commissioner Giordano moved to name the Junction City Daily Union as the official paper for 2021. Commissioner Ascher seconded and all voted aye.**

**Commissioner Ascher moved to name Central National Bank as the official depository for 2021. Commissioner Tyson seconded and all voted aye.**

**Commissioner Ascher moved to adopt Resolution 01-11-2021 waiving the requirements for GAAP accounting. Commissioner Giordano seconded and all voted aye.**

Clerk Nordyke noted that the commission is to consider re-districting every three years and districts were re-drawn in 2014. She stated the census was done in 2020 and should be available later this year. It was the consensus of the commission to consider re-districting when the new census numbers are available.

The reorganization meeting concluded at 2:26 p.m.

Clerk Nordyke presented the weekly report:

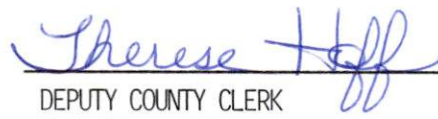
- Presented Commission Change Orders for approval. Chairman Giordano asked about a change order which lowered a house value. Clerk Nordyke said she would contact the County Appraiser to answer any questions. Chairman Giordano said she would email Mr. Lilly to get more information. **Commissioner Ascher moved to approve Commission Change Orders 2020-105 through 2020-111. Chairman Giordano seconded and all voted aye.**
- Presented a cereal malt beverage license from Clem’s Convenience Corner. **Chairman Giordano moved to approve the cereal malt beverage license for Clem’s Convenience Corner, for sale in original and unopened containers and not for consumption on premises. Commissioner Tyson seconded and all voted aye.**
- Presented the Milford Township Annual Report. **Commissioner Ascher moved to accept the Milford Township Annual Report. Chairman Giordano seconded and all voted aye.**
- Discussed future Commission Agendas. Do the new commissioners want to change anything? Chairman Giordano stated she wants a public comment session in the morning for any citizens that would like to come in with any concerns. The consensus of the commission was to add a public comment time to the agenda every week. Clerk Nordyke stated she will do that. A general discussion was held regarding the agenda and what is usually on it, and what could be added or changed. Chairman Giordano also stated she would like to see shorter meetings, if there is no business to conduct.

Chairman Giordano stated that one of the indigent defense attorneys the County Counselor contracted with does not have a law license. She does not feel the County should hire an attorney without a license. Commissioner Ascher said to contact the County Counselor about her questions.

The press conference was held.

There being no further business to come before the board of county commissioners the meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

  
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