

The ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE GEARY COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
May 13, 2019

Commissioners Present: Keith Ascher (arrived at the meeting at 10:33), Ben Bennett and Charles Stimatze

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 the vouchers.

The commission held their review and update:

- **Commissioner Ascher requested an executive session to discuss legal matters regarding the Geary Community Hospital starting at 10:50 a.m. for 10 minutes, ending at 11:00 a.m.; At 11:00 a.m.; Commissioner Bennett moved to extend the executive session for five minutes, to end at 11:05 a.m.; Commissioner Ascher seconded and all voted aye.** At 11:05 a.m. the meeting reconvened with no action taken.
- Discussed the panic buttons in the County Office Building. Chairman Stimatze asked Security Solutions if a message could come up on the employee's computer screens, to let them know of an emergency in the building. Security Solutions said a message could come up on cell phones with an app. but not on the computer screens. More research will be done on this.

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

- Reported the Social Security seminar is Wednesday, May 15, 2019, at noon.
- Reported Road & Bridge Supervisor interviews will be this afternoon.

Mr. Thummel requested an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel at the sheriff's department and associated concerns. **Commissioner Bennett moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel and associated concerns at the sheriff's department to start at 11:17 a.m. and ending at 11:32 a.m.; At 11:32 a.m. Commissioner Bennett moved to extend the executive session for 10 minutes ending at 11:42 a.m.; Commissioner Ascher seconded and all voted aye.** The meeting reconvened at 11:42 a.m. with no action taken. Mr. Thummel left the meeting.

Counselor Opat reported as of May 10, 2019, there has been \$756,542.50 collected in delinquent taxes.

The meeting recessed for lunch from 11:47 p.m. to 1:17 p.m.

Counselor Opat distributed correspondence signed by Leon Osbourn, Kaw Valley Engineers, and Counselor Opat from the Corp of Engineers in Kansas City on the Sewer #4 project for the Chairman to sign.

Dan Jackson, Sheriff, Undersheriff Eric Coffman, and Jeanette DeMars, Financial Analyst, reviewed accounts in the Sheriff's Office as follows:

- Mrs. DeMars discussed the various accounts located in the Sheriff's Department, and when they were established. Counselor Opat stated there is a State Statute that says all monies collected by the Sheriff's Department should be deposited into the County's General Fund. A general discussion was held about funds and accounts in the Sheriff's Department and how they should be handled. Counselor Opat stated he knows it will take Sheriff Jackson a while to get to know all the accounts and the way the department takes care of it.

Ron Young, citizen arrived at the meeting.

The discussion continued about the accounts and procedures of the Sheriff's Department. A general discussion was held about the County Coroner and his duties. Mrs. DeMars asked about two bills coming up, \$25,000.00 to replace the boiler in the jail, and \$48,000.00 for new locks on the cells. What fund are they supposed to be paid out of? The boiler expense can be paid out of the Sheriff's Department Capital Outlay fund. The question of where to pay the expense of the locks? Counselor Opat stated the new sheriff and the commission will discuss where to take the lock expense out of. A general discussion about the budget process was held. Chairman Stimatze asked how many calls the Geary County Sheriff's Department was helping the Junction City Police Department. Undersheriff Coffman explained the last time they were keeping track of how many calls they responded to for the city, the number was around 100 calls. He explained there is certain criteria that must be followed, as to when the county assists the city. Chairman Stimatze asked Sheriff Jackson what his future plans are for the Sheriff's Department? He discussed a need for a boat to aid in water rescues, which he is looking at. Chairman Stimatze stated the inter-local agreements with the City of Junction City need to be reviewed. Undersheriff Coffman stated there will be a purchase of new guns for the deputies, but the deputies will have the chance to buy their guns back, which would help to reimburse the fund. Sheriff Jackson, Undersheriff Coffman and Mrs. DeMars left the meeting.

Rebecca Nordyke, County Clerk, arrived at the meeting.

Rebecca Nordyke, County Clerk, presented the weekly report:

- Presented Commission Change Orders for approval. **Commissioner Ascher moved to approve Commission Change Orders 2018-602 through 2018-608. Commissioner Bennett seconded, and all voted aye.**
- Requested that Jim Patterson be appointed Liberty Township Treasurer. **Commissioner Ascher moved to appoint Jim Patterson, Liberty Township Treasurer. Commissioner Bennett seconded, and all voted aye.**
- Requested approval of the engagement letter with Pottberg, Gassman & Hoffman, Chtd for the 2020 budget preparation. **Commissioner Bennett moved to approve the engagement letter with Pottberg, Gassman & Hoffman, Chtd for the 2020 budget preparation. Commissioner Ascher seconded, and all voted aye.**
- Presented a request from Jennifer Zabokrtsky Director of Geary County Campus, Cloud County Community College to allow Breaking Bread of JC to host a "Night Out" on the campus.
- Discussed the death of former County Commissioner Florence Whitebread's husband, Don. Did the commissioners want to give anything in his memory? The commissioners stated they would like to give flowers, and give to the memorial, when it is established. Mrs. Nordyke left the meeting.

Robbin Cole, Director, Joy Davis, Andrea Mace, Pawnee Mental Health Board Members and Gadira Scott-Sanjur, Office Supervisor and Maria Ellis, Pawnee Mental Health, arrived at the meeting.

Robbin Cole, Pawnee Mental Health, presented the 2020 budget request:

- Distributed paperwork showing Pawnee Mental Health's Mission Statement, Agency Description and described the use of funds requested from the county. The funds requested from the county are used to help cover the costs of providing uncompensated care to Geary County citizens. Mrs. Cole stated Pawnee's biggest accomplishments this past year was the securing of a \$725,000.00 grant from the State of Kansas and a \$200,000.00 matching grant from the Goldstein Foundation

for a Crisis Stabilization Center which will provide 24 hour crisis stabilization services for adults in a mental health crisis. The budget appropriation request for budget year 2020 is \$382,180.00, up from \$211,000.00 in 2019. Geary County's current share is 21% of total county funding budget. Since Pawnee Mental Health is receiving the \$725,000.00 grant from the State of Kansas, the amount requested does not include anything for the Crisis Stabilization Center. Mrs. Cole hopes to have the new Crisis Stabilization Center open by October,2019.

- Joy Davis, Pawnee Mental Health Board Member read a Proclamation proclaiming May,2019 as Mental Health Month. The group left the meeting.

Counselor Opat stated he has been asked about Community Corrections using funds from the Law Enforcement Fund for officers to go out in the public and pick up people in bars or in their homes that are on parole and commit a crime. He stated the fund is for extra expenses, such as big cases in District Court and the commission needs to be very vigilant with this fund.

Deputy County Clerk Hoff presented the minutes from May 6, 2019. **Commissioner Bennett moved to approve the County Commission minutes from May 6, 2019. Commissioner Ascher seconded, and all voted aye.**

The press conference was held.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Charles Stumatz

CHAIRMAN-COUNTY COMMISSION

5-20-2019

DATE

Therese Hoff

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK-THERESE HOFF

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