

**PAWNEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DECEMBER 10, 2024**

The Pawnee County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., which was open to the public, on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, in the first-floor meeting room in the Pawnee County Courthouse, Pawnee City, Nebraska. Notice of such meeting was published in the Thursday, November 27, 2024, issue of the Pawnee Republican. Present were Ron Seitz, Jan Lang, Lavon Heidemann and County Clerk, Rachel King. Chairman Seitz opened the meeting and announced the open meeting law poster is posted on the east wall of the meeting room. Lang moved and Heidemann seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2024 Commissioner meeting. Voting: Seitz (yes), Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes). Lang moved and Heidemann seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Voting: Lang (yes) Heidemann (yes), Seitz (yes). Lang moved and Heidemann seconded to approve the claims as presented. Voting: Heidemann (yes), Seitz (yes), Lang (yes).

The Board discussed allocating ARPA funds. Heidemann moved and Lang seconded to approve designating the remaining ARPA funds minus what has already been designated towards rock over the next 2 years. Voting: Seitz (yes), Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes). HVAC options were reviewed and discussed. No action was taken at this time.

At 9:10 public comment was held. No public comment was made.

Stephanie Kaster, deputy Assessor, met with the Board and was appointed Assessor effective January 1, 2025. Motion to approve made by Lang and seconded by Heidemann. Voting: Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes), Seitz (yes).

The Board reviewed the month end reports for the Clerk, Register of Deeds and District Court for November.

The Board reviewed the Treasurer November fund balance report and the 6-month accumulated report.

The employee handbook revisions were reviewed and discussed. A clarification under Bad Weather was discussed and will be presented to the County Attorney for the change.

Jill Hahn, Juvenile Diversion, met with the Board and discussed the community plan and grant. Lang moved and Heidemann seconded to approve the community plan and the aid grant for Juvenile Diversion. Voting: Heidemann (yes), Seitz (yes), Lang (yes).

Megan Buckley, Emergency Manager met with the Board and gave updates.

Emily Sisco, County Attorney, met with the Board regarding court appointed counsel.

The County will be sending out letters to attorneys for bids to fill a possible public defender position beginning in July, at the start of our next fiscal year.

Braden Lang, Sheriff, met with the Board to discuss patrol vehicle updates and credit card updates. Heidemann moved and Lang seconded to approve using \$15,000 out of the Law Enforcement Drug Fund, if approved, available funds out of the K-9 Fund, and the remainder out of Miscellaneous General Fund, to purchase a 2024 Durango to be outfitted by SVS. Voting: Seitz (yes), Lang (yes), Heidemann (yes).

Chris Rauner, Highway Superintendent, met with the Board and gave the rock report and discussed the project list, personnel, equipment, materials and supplies.

The following claims were reviewed and signed:

NET PAYROLL 44210.08; FWH 4280.62; SWH 1995.65; FICA 7287.78; MICA 1704.36; NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT 870.00; RETIREMENT 7002.29; DELTA DENTAL 327.92; AMERITAS 99.10; AMERICAN HERITAGE 89.49; MADISON LIFE 87.11; UNITED HEALTHCARE 11827.56; DIRECT DEPOSIT FEE 10.00;

GENERAL FUND:

Capitol Business Systems, sheriff copier 54.48; Central Plains Valuation, assessor rural review 4224.00; City of Pawnee City, courthouse water/ sewer 162.02; Constellation, courthouse heating 115.42; Corporate Warehouse Supply, courthouse supplies 528.85; Donahue & Sisco, December utilities, 12.50, December rent 150.00, December telephone 20.87; Johnson County Clerk, quarterly emergency manager 5012.25; Cindy Johnson, training mileage 94.34; Braden Lang, meal reimbursement 71.53, sheriff misc. expense 1199.00; MIPS, program & support 2276.55; Morrissey, Morrissey & Dalluge, court appointed counsel 475.00; NE Public Health Environmental Lab, testing 105.00; Pawnee County Treasurer, 2024 real estate taxes 77.74; Pawnee Republican, publishing 90.38; Pawnee Village. Polling place rent 40.00; Petty Cask- Cler, postage reimbursement 20.90; Shelby Snyder, training mileage 94.34; Soarin Group, IT security 824.00; Tichy Land Survey, surveyor 750.00; Pawnee True Value, building repairs 389.04, janitorial supplies 72.95; US Bank, treasurer postage 6.10, treasurer supplies 59.84, building supplies 44.18, sheriff equipment 14.94, sheriff repair 313.30, sheriff fuel 1170.43, sheriff lodging 168.00, sheriff transport 313.30; Verizon Wireless, sheriff phones 372.12; Village of Burchard, polling place rent 40.00; Village of Steinauer, polling place rent 40.00; Village of Table Rock, polling place rent 40.00; Windstream, courthouse telephones 973.28;

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:

Dens County Meats, fuel 540.25; Mainelli Wagner & Associates, engineering 30533.03; Martin Marietta Materials, rock/ gravel 11181.57; NPPD. Electricity 1116.38; OPPD, electricity 33.00; Pawnee Republican, subscription 45.00

SPECIAL ROADS FUND:

Bauer Infrasture LLC, paving 10041.00

VISITOR PROMOTION FUND:

Pawnee County Promotional Network, building improvements 2000.00

ROD PRESERVATION FUND:

MIPS, programs & support 175.15

Chairman Seitz adjourned the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

S/Ron Seitz

S/Jan Lang

S/Lavon Heidemann

Attest: Rachel King, Pawnee County Clerk