

Commissioner Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 - 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Kevin Stuber, Jerry Sedlacek, Bret Helm, and Amanda DeWitt. Justin Clark absent.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

- Jerry Sedlacek moved to approve the agenda. Kevin Stuber seconded. Motion passed.
- Jerry Sedlacek moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Kevin Stuber seconded. Motion passed.

Fair Board Discussion - Casey Diver:

- Addressed an issue between the Fair Board and the Goat/Sheep Auction regarding ownership responsibilities and priority use of fairgrounds.
- The refrigerator in the community building is no longer functional and needs replacement.
- Two furnace units on the east end of the community building are not working and need inspection.
- Andrea received a request from Hope Cathcard to use the entire community building for Halloween. Commissioners requested Hope attend a meeting to discuss.
- Jerry Sedlacek noted that Trent Smith repaired a running toilet and a leaky faucet to reduce high water usage at the community building.

Executive Session:

- Jerry Sedlacek moved to recess into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel confidentiality regarding employee performance until 9:20 a.m. with the commissioners, county counselor, clerk, and Cari. Kevin Stuber seconded. Motion passed.

Building Maintenance:

- Cari reported that the front door of her office is dragging. A company from Topeka estimated repairs at \$2,415.50. Commissioners requested Trent Smith inspect the issue first.

Executive Session:

- Kevin Stuber moved to recess into executive session for attorney-client privilege until 9:35 a.m. with the commissioners, treasurer, county counselor, and clerk. Jerry Sedlacek seconded. Motion passed.

Payroll Discrepancies:

- Jerry Sedlacek reported discrepancies in payroll with KPERS insurance over the last four years. Some employees were underbilled while others were overbilled.
- The county will write off the underbilled amounts and reimburse overbilled employees.

Executive Session:

- Kevin Stuber moved to recess into executive session for attorney-client privilege until 9:45 a.m. with the commissioners, treasurer, clerk, and county counselor. Jerry Sedlacek seconded. Motion passed.

Department Reports:

- Michelle presented the last of the December department reports for signing. They were previously approved.
- Kevin Stuber moved to sign the year-end department reports. Jerry Sedlacek seconded. Motion passed.
- John Atkin will explore options for live-streaming commissioner meetings.
- Kevin Stuber moved to sign the January department reports. Jerry Sedlacek seconded. Motion passed.
- John Atkin inquired about Bret's progress on the floodplain ordinance.

Bret Heim left at 9:56 a.m.

Moratorium on Commercial Renewable Energy Projects:

- Kevin Stuber moved to approve Resolution 25-05 establishing a moratorium on commercial renewable energy project development. Jerry Sedlacek seconded. Motion passed.

Sheriff's Office - Jacob Morrison:

- Plans to resume inmate transportation once staffing allows.
- Still working on obtaining new uniforms and badges.
- Jail operations remain under review.

Budget Inquiry:

- Jerry Sedlacek inquired about payroll budgets for Annette and the dispatch department.

Solid Waste - David Waddell:

- No major updates.
- Kevin Stuber notified him that Yates Center Days will require three dumpsters.
- David has placed an ad to hire a new employee to replace a departing worker.

Road & Bridge - Gary Ward:

- One grader is expected to be repaired in Chanute by Friday.
- No definitive cause determined for a failed pump other than overheating.
- Five employees are in Chanute taking the CDL learner's permit test; one more will take it later in the week.
- CDL training will begin the week of March 10. The county will cover the \$2,500 cost for employees who complete the class.
- Total participation includes 11-12 employees from the county, city, and solid waste department.

Appraiser's Office - Michelle:

- Provided an updated contract for SAM.
- Commissioners requested Bret review the contract for discussion at the next meeting.

Executive Session:


- Jerry Sedlacek moved to recess into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel confidentiality regarding employee performance until 10:30 a.m. with the commissioners and clerk. Kevin Stuber seconded. Motion passed.

Voucher Approval:

- Kevin Stuber moved to sign vouchers in the amount of \$65,943.45. Jerry Sedlacek seconded. Motion passed.
- Kevin Stuber moved to sign vouchers in the amount of \$9,367.24. Jerry Sedlacek seconded. Motion passed.

Adjournment:

- Kevin Stuber moved to adjourn at 11:12 a.m. Jerry Sedlacek 2nd, motion passed.


Justin Clark, Chairman


Kevin Stuber, Vice-Chairman

Attest: 
Amanda DeWitt, County Clerk


Jerry Sedlacek, Member