

Cowley County Regular Commission Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 19, 2019

The Board of County Commission met in regular session Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 6:00 pm. Those present were Chairman Bob Voegele, Vice Chairman Wayne Wilt, Commissioner Alan Groom, Lucas Goff, County Administrator, Mark Krusor, County Counselor and Karen Madison, County Clerk. Also present were Toni Long, Phillip Russell, Eric Neal, Cheri Hulse, Crystal Merz, Kayla Cartlidge and Brian Lawrence.

- Commissioner Alan Groom delivered the invocation.
- Commissioner Groom moved, Vice Chairman Wilt seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular County Commission Meeting held on February 5, 2019 as presented. Vote 3-0
- Cheri Hulse, Agora Architecture, LLC, addressed Commissioners regarding the bids received for the chiller for the Courthouse. Commissioner Groom expressed concern again with the approximate \$90,000 expense to cover the chiller to be housed north of the Courthouse. Commissioner Groom stated his business subcontracts welding for Winfield Plumbing, one of the contractors who bid on the chiller. Brian Lawrence, Owner of Winfield Plumbing, answered questions from the Commission on the bid submitted. Chris Sele with Integrated Consulting Engineers Inc. was unable to attend the meeting due to inclement weather. The recommendation sent through Cheri Hulse was to accept the Five Star Control bid on the temperature controls. Chairman Voegele moved, Vice Chairman Wilt seconded to accept the bid submitted by Winfield Plumbing & Heating, Inc. for the Air Cooled Chiller including the in stock fee for a total of \$259,900 and to accept the bid to use Five Star for the temperature controls for \$10,300.00. Commissioner Groom abstained, Chairman Voegele – yes and Vice Chairman Wilt – yes.
- Phillip Russell, Noxious Weed Coordinator and Eric Neal, Equipment Operator I, presented the 2019 Annual Noxious Weed Management Plan to Commissioners. The plan has virtually no changes from 2018. Commissioner Groom moved, Vice Chairman Wilt seconded to approve the 2019 Annual Noxious Weed Management Plan as presented. Vote 3-0
- Phillip Russell, Noxious Weed Coordinator and Eric Neal, Equipment Operator I, addressed Commissioners regarding the 2019 Chemical Cost Share Program. Per State Statute, the County must pay 25% of the noxious weed chemicals purchased by residents to eradicate noxious weeds. Chairman Voegele moved, Commissioner Groom seconded to approve the 2019 Chemical Shared Cost Price Plan as presented. Vote 3-0
- Commissioners were presented with the agreement with Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) for replacement of the bridge known locally as Fox Bridge. Application for bridge replacement was submitted in 2018 and accepted by KDOT. Cowley County is responsible for approximately \$300,000 of the \$1.1 million bridge expense scheduled for completion in late 2020. Funds are currently in the Special Highway Improvement Fund. Commissioner Groom moved, Vice Chairman Wilt seconded to approve the project agreement with Kansas Department of Transportation for replacement of Off System Bridge #145 locally known as Fox Bridge. Vote 3-0

- Chairman Voegle moved, Commissioner Groom seconded to approve the appointing of Neil Watt to the vacant position on Fire District #8 Board. Vote 3-0
- Commissioners were presented with the SKT Franchise Fee Contract discussed at the February 5 Commission Meeting. Chairman Voegle moved, Vice Chairman Wilt seconded to approve the SKT Franchise Fee Contract as presented. Vote 3-0
- Commissioners discussed the requested revision to the pay plan by Sheriff Falletti to include at Range 13 a Sheriff Evidence/Drug Court Sergeant Position. Vice Chairman Wilt moved, Commissioner Groom seconded to approve the Revised 2019 Pay Plan as presented. Vote 3-0
- Commissioners discussed approval of claims for the period ending February 19, 2019 for checks numbered 180004-180093 totaling \$150,993.09, wires totaling \$290,938.97 and direct deposits totaling \$119,462.42. Hand checks numbered 812408-812432, totaling \$53,577.09 other hand check 701684-701710 totaling \$699.76. Vice Chairman Wilt moved, Commissioner Groom seconded to approve the claims register as presented. Vote 3-0
- Commissioner Groom moved, Vice Chairman Wilt seconded to approve and endorse the correction orders as presented. Vote 3-0
- Commissioners signed certifications of unpaid delinquent property taxes for vendors.
- Commissioners signed payroll dated February 15, 2019 for \$245,849.67 taken to RCB February 14, 2019.
- Chairman Voegle moved, Commissioner Groom seconded to recess into executive session with the County Administrator and the County Counselor to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)1 to reconvene in this room at 7:10 p.m. Vote 3-0
- Chairman Voegle stated there were no decisions made or action taken in executive session.
- Commissioner Groom moved, Vice Chairman Wilt seconded to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Vote 3-0

Karen Madison
Cowley County Clerk