

Cowley County Regular Commission Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 18, 2018

The Board of County Commission met in regular session Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 6:00 pm. Those present were Chairman Alan Groom, Vice Chairman Bob Voegele, Commissioner Wayne Wilt, Lucas Goff, County Administrator, Mark Krusor, County Counselor and Karen Madison, County Clerk. Also present were, Toni Long, Britt Shipley, AJ Wilson, Carl Bowman, Maci DeCoudres, Debbie Miller, Jess Fisher, Lee Chamberlain, Chris Hammond, Dave Falletti, John Oller, Keith Nulik, Kayla Cartlidge, Chad Monroe, and Judith Zaccaria.

- Vice Chairman Bob Voegele delivered the invocation.
- Commissioner Wilt moved, Vice Chairman Voegele seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular County Commission Meeting held on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 as presented. Vote 3-0
- Vice Chairman Voegele moved, Commissioner Wilt seconded to approve the minutes of the Special County Commission Meeting held on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 as presented. Vote 3-0
- John Oller, Carl Bowman, Keith Nulik and Jess Fisher, Cowley County residents, addressed Commissioners regarding the increased traffic due to US 166 bridge closure and traffic detours not followed by commercial truck traffic. AJ Wilson, Area Engineer with KDOT, answered some of the concerns stating barricades will be placed at various places to stop the truck traffic. KDOT is willing to do anything they can to help alleviate the concerns with local residents. Commissioners are also looking at ways to help the situation. Sheriff Falletti has sent additional patrols in the area.
- Debbie Miller, Director of Kansas Animal Protection Society, addressed Commissioners regarding the lack of regulations preventing puppy mills in Cowley County. Chairman Groom asked Ms. Miller to get in touch with the Administrator to be placed on the agenda with all the information for them to review.
- Commissioners discussed the proposed alternate route from Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT). AJ Wilson, Area Engineer KDOT, again stated KDOT will be placing barricades on Lover's Lane to keep commercial truck traffic from traveling those roads. Sheriff Falletti has been sending deputies to work the area and will continue to send deputies to the area. There was discussion regarding signage in Oklahoma and also on US 77.
- Vice Chairman Voegele moved, Commissioner Wilt seconded to approve the Cereal Malt Beverage Permits for Murk's Corner and River's Eagle Bar & Grill as presented. Vote 3-0
- Vice Chairman Voegele moved, Commissioner Wilt seconded to close the Cowley County Clerk, Register of Deeds, and Treasurer's offices to the general public at 12:00 PM on Monday, December 31, 2018 to allow county employees time to complete year-end closeout activities. Any employee who wishes to leave early on this date must be pre-approved and use appropriate leave. Vote 3-0

- Maci DeCoudres, County Treasurer, appeared before Commissioners to present the request to write off delinquent taxes over 20 years or under \$50. The Treasurer's office has collected over \$16,000 in 2018 delinquent taxes. The County has also earned more than \$144,000 in additional interest over the past two years since the investing policy has changed. Pursuant to KSA 79-2012, Chairman Groom moved, Vice Chairman Voegele seconded to authorize the county treasurer to credit the delinquent taxpayer(s) detailed in her report, and to comply with the balance of the procedures therein set forth with the amount of said claims detailed in her report to satisfy the delinquency. Pursuant to KSA 79-2013, I further move and second to issue warrants against the proper funds of the county, in favor of the county treasurer and authorize her to credit such warrants to the county tax account for distribution as allowed by law. Vote 3-0
- Commissioners discussed an agreement for an insurance audit to determine the validity of dependents covered on the County's insurance plan. Vice Chairman Voegele moved, Commissioner Wilt seconded to approve a service agreement with BMI for a dependent eligibility audit not to exceed \$6,000.00. Vote 3-0
- Karen Madison, County Clerk, addressed Commissioners regarding the open township clerk position on Liberty Township. The certified winner from the General Election is currently the Treasurer and has declined the Clerk position. Mary Kadau is currently serving as Liberty Township Clerk. Vice Chairman Voegele moved, Chairman Groom seconded to approve Mary Kadau to the Liberty Township Clerk position to serve from January 14, 2019 to January 8, 2023. Vote 3-0
- Commissioners discussed approval of payment register for period ending December 18, 2018 for checks numbered 179615-179660 totaling \$314,575.04, wires totaling \$189,471.73 direct deposits totaling \$47,780.34 and hand checks numbered 812259-812294 totaling \$158,011.84. Vice Chairman Voegele moved, Commissioner Wilt seconded to approve the payment register as presented. Vote 3-0
- Chairman Groom moved, Vice Chairman Voegele seconded to approve and endorse the correction orders as presented. Vote 3-0
- Commissioners signed three journal entries.
- Commissioners signed payroll dated December 7, 2018 for \$309,372.87 taken to RCB December 6, 2018.
- Lucas Goff, County Administrator, reported to Commissioners off that system bridge #73, located on 192nd east of 61st Road has had repairs made to it.
- There being no further business, Chairman Groom moved, Vice Chairman Voegele seconded to adjourn at 6:48 PM. Vote 3-0

Karen Madison
Cowley County Clerk