

**October 19, 2020**  
**Unofficial Minutes**  
**Russell County Commission Meeting**

Aaron Steinert made the motion to open the meeting. Steve Reinhardt seconded. Don Boxberger was absent. Others present for the meeting were: Clerk Mary Nuss, Administrator John Fletcher, County Attorney Dan Krug, Daron Woelk and Duke Strobel.

Aaron Steinert made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2020 meeting. Steve Reinhardt seconded.

Alan Kuntzsch, Public Works Director, updated the Commission on road projects in the County.

On the OS64, at 20086 4-Corners Rd, South of Dorrance, they are going to finish setting the forms and will start pouring concrete at the end of this week.

On OS18, at 3045 182<sup>nd</sup> St, the shoe fly is built, and they will take out the old structure today.

Mowing and patching is getting done around the County.

Aaron Steinert made the motion to approve a lease agreement with APAC for the NW corner of the Landfill for the Hwy 281 project. The lease is for \$1,000.00 an acre. Steve Reinhardt seconded.

Steve Reinhardt informed Alan that a culvert has collapsed on the mile line west on HWY 40 west of the old drive in theatre.

Alan informed them they have received complaints on a Fairview Twp road. Dan Krug stated that it is Twp road and the County is not responsible for a Twp road. We could close a small portion of that road, but it is not the responsibility of the County to maintain it.

Dan Krug stated that Mark Morris has inquired about closing a road 1 ½ miles E of Dorrance blacktop at 201<sup>st</sup> and 4-Corners Rd. Dan stated a couple of options would be to put it as a minimum maintenance road or gating the road and not to close the road. This will be discussed a future date with the landowners and the Twp Board members.

Chris Brown, GIS Director, presented to the Commission a zoning change from Rural Residential use back to Agricultural use. Steve Reinhardt made the motion to approve Resolution 2020-9 granting a Zoning Change for the following tract: A 1- acre tract of land in the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Ten (10), Township Fourteen (14) South, Range Fourteen (14) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian and Baseline in Russell County, Kansas more particularly described as: beginning at the east quarter corner of said section thence West 819.92', South 580', East 820.65', thence North 579.98' to the point of beginning. Also known

as 4048 US Highway 281, Russell, Ks 67665. From R-R Rural Residential District to an A-1 General Agricultural District classification. Aaron Steinert approved.

Aaron Steinert made the motion to approve Resolution 2020-10 granting a Zoning Change from A-1 General Agricultural District classification to R-R Rural Residential District at the following tract: A tract of land in the Southeast Quarter of Section 23, Township 13 South, Range 12 West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Russell County, Kansas, and more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast Corner of Section 23, Township 13 South, Range 12 West; Thence on an assumed bearing of North 00 Degrees 05'35" West along the East line of said Section 23 a distance of 368.45' to the Point of Beginning; Thence continuing North 00 Degrees 05'35" West along the East line of said Section 23 a distance of 1361.00'; Thence South 89 Degrees 54'25" West a distance of 249.53' to the apparent East Right-of-Way line of 198<sup>th</sup> Street; Thence following the said East Right-of-Way line South 06 degrees 51'.05" East a distance of 1027.54'; Thence South 16 Degrees 33'21" East a distance of 222.69'; Thence South 27 Degrees 22'10" East a Distance of 142.93' to the intersection of the East Right-of-Way line of 198<sup>th</sup> Street and the East line of Section 23, said intersection of lines is also the Point of Beginning. Also known as 4415 198<sup>th</sup> St., Russell County, Ks. Steve Reinhardt seconded.

Steve Reinhardt made the motion to approve two Temporary Conditional Use Permits for A Fairport Knight contingent on acquiring the Kansas Food Vendors License. Aaron Steinert seconded. One permit is for October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and the other is November 7, 2020.

Dan Krug, County Attorney, explained how the Indigent Defense Attorney services work. Russell County will be needing to enter into a new contract for these services. Russell County has received two letters of interest for these services. The Commission is content to follow Judge Keeley recommendation.

Sheriff Fred Whitman updated the Commission on the purchase of replacement vehicles for his fleet. The KHP vehicle is no longer available currently. There is a new 2020 Charger available from Superior. Steve Reinhardt made the motion to purchase a 2020 Dodge Charger fully rigged for \$33,695.51 from Superior Emergency Response Vehicles. Aaron Steinert seconded.

Clint Laflin, Marcia Gier, Jessica Kootz and Craig Dinkel, Representatives of the Midway Extension District updated the Commission on upcoming programs for the District. Jessica Kootz, Family and Consumer Sciences Agent has offered Strength and Training Class for persons 55 and older. They would like to start a Simply Produce program here in Russell County that offers 15# of produce for \$15.00. They are also doing an Adult Mental Program in Ellsworth that they would like to offer here as well. Marcia Gier, 4-H and Youth Development Agent said the 4-H Clubs recently celebrated National 4-H Week by decorating store fronts on Main Street. Ellsworth has Chartered a 4-H Club Shooting Sports program. These shoots are held indoors and use BB guns. She asked if the 4-H building could be used for this program. Steve Reinhardt stated that he didn't see a problem with using the north room of the 4-H building

for this. Craig Dinkel, Crops and Horticulture Agent, said his wheat and milo plot tours had to be done virtually this year. December 1<sup>st</sup> is a Cover Crop Event at the Dole-Specter Conference Center, Russell, Ks. Clinton Laflin, Livestock Agent, said he has been taking feed samples for testing for feed values.

At 11:30 am Aaron Steinert made the motion to enter into a 5-minute executive session for employee evaluation pursuant to non-elected personnel with Chris Venters and John Fletcher in attendance. Steve Reinhardt seconded. At 11:35 am the meeting resumed with no action taken.

The Commission signed a Letter of Support for DSNWK to the Ks Department of Transportation for capital assistance in purchasing equipment and facilities to provide transportation service to the public, elderly and disabled.

It was the consensus of the Commission to allow Gorham Fire District to add Layton Reidel to the Fire Department pending proper paperwork being turned in to the Payroll Department.

Cathy Boxberger, Carleen Gilmore and Jamie Schneider candidates for the November Election introduced themselves to the Commission and informed the Commission as to why they want to run for Election. They have 80 years of combined medical background that they think would be beneficial to the Elected Hospital Board. They also brought in their concerns regarding the Hospital Board.

Checks were approved and signed to be deducted from the following funds:

100 GENERAL	\$	45,845.34	260 COUNTY HEALTH	\$	21,079.67
110 ROAD & BRIDGE	\$	3,773.11	290 GORHAM FIRE	\$	354.54
120 SPECIAL BRIDGE	\$	1,349.74	300 LUCAS FIRE	\$	1,181.93
130 NOXIOUS WEED	\$	1,508.71	310 WAL-PAR-NAT	\$	1,061.15
140 4H	\$	195.29	320 DORRANCE FIRE	\$	381.85
150 CVB	\$	1,321.99	330 APPRAISAL	\$	680.57
155 ED	\$	436.00	340 SPECIAL R&B	\$	152.35
180 ELECTION	\$	390.04	360 SOLID WASTE	\$	5,462.08
190 AMBULANCE	\$	18,599.23	380 EM TELEPHONE	\$	105.02
			718 CTZ REVIEW BRD	\$	1,071.56

At 12:10 pm Aaron Steinert made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve Reinhardt seconded. The next meeting for the Commission will be November 2, 2020 beginning at 9:00 am.