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**January 27, 2020**  
**All Commissioners Present**  
**Commissioner Wilson Presiding**

1. Commissioner Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Courthouse.
2. Commissioner Wiens moved to approve the agenda as presented and the minutes of the January 13<sup>th</sup> session with the following corrections,

#8 Paragraph 3 Change: Public Works Administrator Tom Robl sought permission to purchase 2,000 ton of 1 ½" of road rock at a price of \$18.50 per ton.

#18 Paragraph 2 Omit: What does she do in the future when she has a situation that is a public safety concern? She asked if there was an ordinance for rural animals to be vaccinated. Should there be a Public Service Announcement when these situations occur?

Paragraph 4 Change to: Commissioners discussed Shingles vaccine pricing. County costs vs Pharmacy pricing.

The motion carried unanimously following a second by Commissioner Wiens.

3. There were no public comments
4. Commissioner Wiens moved to approve a CMB (Cereal Malt Beverage) license for Sterling Country Club for 2020. The motion carried unanimously following a second by Commissioner McCloud.
5. Commissioner Wiens moved to accept a bid from Jerome Gaylor to replace flooring in the Health Department in the amount of \$3,941.67 with \$1,933.00 to be paid upfront for materials and the remaining \$2,008.67 to be paid upon completion. The motion carried unanimously following a second by Commissioner McCloud.

Commissioners discussed cracked exterior walls at the Health department causing water damage. They will discuss this with the Road & Bridge Administrator.

6. Public Works Administrator Tom Robl appeared to present updates to the Commissioners. Tom reported that he has submitted an application to KDOT (Kansas Department of Transportation) for an HRRR (High Risk Rural Roads) grant for 2022 to replace signs in the northeast quarter of the county.

The commissioners approved the placement of equipment on purplewave.com for sale to the public.

Commissioners asked Tom to inspect cracks in the exterior walls & sidewalks at the Health Department. The cracks will be sealed by the Road & Bridge department or a contractor based on the extent of the damage.

Tom requested an executive session to discuss non – elected personnel regarding leave. Commissioner Wiens moved to enter executive session from 9:55 – 10:00 for non-elected personnel regarding leave and will return to the Commissioners room at the Courthouse. The motion carried unanimously following a second by Commissioner Wilson. Public Works Administrator was present for the session.

Commissioners returned to open session at 10:00 in the Commissioners Room at the Courthouse.

7. Economic Development Director Stacy Clark appeared to present quarterly updates. Stacy reported that the website was now live, loan programs, a new Rice County Magazine, Advertising, Guest Tax increase that began on October 1, 2019, Conferences she will be attending, and various improvements being made to the Courthouse Square.

Stacy requested to put the Economic Development vehicle on purplewave.com. Commissioners suggested that the car could potentially be used as a courtesy vehicle at the Airport.

8. Register of Deeds Rhonda Hunt requested an executive session for non – elected personnel regarding hiring. Commissioner Wiens moved to enter executive session from 10:35 – 10:50 for non – elected personnel regarding hiring and will return to the Commissioners room at the Courthouse. The motion carried unanimously following a second by Commissioner McCloud. Register of Deeds Rhonda Hunt was present for the session.

Commissioners returned to open session at 10:50 in the Commissioners Room at the Courthouse.

9. Commissioner Wilson moved to enter into executive session from 10:50 – 11:05 for Attorney Client privilege regarding weed subsidiary and will return to the Commissioners room at the Courthouse. The motion carried unanimously following a second by Commissioner Wiens. County Counselor Scott Bush was present for the session.

Commissioners returned to open session at 11:05 in the Commissioners Room at the Courthouse.

10. City Administrator Chad Buckley and Community Development Coordinator Audree Aguilera appeared to discuss a draft notice to FBO (Fixed Base Operator) for the Airport. A few changes were made to the draft after hearing from County Counselor Scott Bush. The City and County are working together to open a RFP (Request For Proposals) from FBO groups that may be interested in managing the Airport. RFP's are due no later than February 24, 2020.

11. Health Administrator Marci Detmer reported that grants have opened up for Marci to start writing and are due by March 15, 2020.

Marci requested Commissioners allow her to advertise for her replacement prior to her upcoming retirement in June so that she could train them in the grant writing process. Commissioners suggested Marci train her Nurse Supervisor on the grant process.

Marci presented a report of the Coronavirus Global outbreak. Marci submitted Status Form changes with increases to the Commissioners reflecting the years and certification acquired in order to perform certain duties in her office.

Marci informed the Commissioners that Letters will go out to school board administrators informing them of upcoming Health Inspections.

12. County Clerk Aurelia Garcia presented Escapes, Abates and Refunds in the amount of \$58.08 for approval and a Thyssen Krupp Agreement to maintain service on the Elevator.

Commissioner McCloud moved to approve the Escapes, Abates and Refunds for a total amount of \$58.08. The motion carried unanimously following a second by Commissioner Wiens.

Commissioners have requested more information from Thyssen Krupp and will decide after further documentation has been submitted.

Commissioners approved one Solid Waste abatement.

13. Commissioners will meet on Thursday, January 30, 2020 at 2pm to review month end vouchers, once done they will head out to the Weed Department to assess the Chemical inventory.

Commissioner Wilson adjourned the meeting.

Adjourned.