

January 9, 2017

The Harper County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, with Chairman Carla Pence calling the meeting to order to Commissioners Lee Adams and Brian Waldschmidt. Also in attendance was Melinda McCurley, Recording Secretary.

Elisha Downing, previous EMS employee, was present for public comment regarding her previous resignation. Also present were Crissa Cox, EMS Director Joanna Kenney and HR Director Ami DeLacerda.

Britt Hedlund, Transition to Career Program Coordinator, reviewed a CNA class being offered this semester, for high school credit, through Attica Long Term Care. Upon completion, students will possess a CNA license for entry into the workforce. Other classes may be offered. Through Senate Bill 155, vocational college education credits are free for high school students. A possible partnership with the County and USDs would need to be worked out prior to the Fall 2017 EMT class.

Kent Olds and Rozie O'Brien, Friendship Meals, gave an update on the services offered at the Anthony location. The average cost of meals provided is \$4.75. Due to the varying donations per meal, there was discussion about increasing the County's contribution although they need more citizens to utilize the service. Anyone can eat there and if you volunteer, your meal is paid for.

The meeting recessed at 9:56 a.m. to attend the swearing in of elected officials in the District Court room and reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

Melinda McCurley, assisted the Board in the annual reorganization, Commissioner Waldschmidt was nominated as Chair, and Commissioner Adams was nominated as Vice-Chair.

SCKEDD Representative	– Cheryl Adelhardt
• Juvenile Justice	– Lee Adams
• Health Coalition	– Brian Waldschmidt
• Sunflower H2O Advisory Board	– Brian Waldschmidt
• 911 Advisory Board	– Carla Pence
• Kansas Legislative Policy Group	– Carla Pence
• Local Emergency Planning Committee	– Brian Waldschmidt
• Western Kansas Rural Economic Development Alliance	– Melinda McCurley

The following departments were assigned:

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| • Courthouse and Dispatch | – Carla |
| • Noxious Weeds and EMS | – Brian |
| • Road and Bridge, Solid Waste and Health | – Lee |

Commissioner Adams motioned to approve the assignments as discussed; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Waldschmidt assumed the role of Chairman.

At 10:45 a.m., Commissioner Pence motioned to enter executive session with Ami DeLacerda for non-elected personnel to protect the privacy of the individual and to reconvene the meeting in this room at 11:00 a.m.; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 11:00 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Robert Fadden, Matt Crocket, and Mark Holmes with Waste Connections were present to give an update on operations. Methane production continues to increase but energy prices are too low to entice a developer to use the gas for a power generation project. Levels should continue to rise over the next 12-24 months to a level more suitable for development. There was discussion about possible amendments to the host agreement to allow for wind farm development. County Appraiser Lori Reedy was also present for the discussion.

John McClure, Road and Bridge presented a letter of agreement with Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers to conduct the biennial bridge inspection. The cost increased from \$80 to \$83 dollars per bridge for a total of \$28,386.00. Commissioner Pence motioned to approve the agreement for the biennial bridge inspection for 2017; approved unanimously. There was further discussion about hiring an engineer to inspect the McCormick bridge construction project. John will check with CFS to see what guarantee we receive if we utilize their services for the project.

Joanna Kenney, EMS Director, presented revenue collections for 2016. Several persons have made payment arrangements helping the outstanding debt level. The Board was informed about rumors indicating that Commissioners are prohibiting EMS staff from participating in the full-scale emergency exercise in March. That is not true and Commissioners are encouraging participation in all County-wide training; trucks shall be made available for the mock exercise. The Department Head should be in attendance as those exercises take priority over other classes/conferences. There was discussion about advertising for the upcoming EMT class that starts tomorrow. No indication of the employment-contract was included to entice citizens to sign up.

Commissioner Adams motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 3, 2017; approved unanimously. Commissioner Pence motioned to approve the addition/abatement orders for a positive \$6,274.67; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Adams motioned to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$45,623.84 excluding vouchers for registration costs for training that were not approved by an official travel request; approved unanimously. Commissioner Pence motioned to approve benefits withholding in the amount of \$63,609.46; approved unanimously.

Daily Statements from the Treasurer's Office are completed through December 29th, 2016. The December 30th daily statement is still open even though the Commissioners held a special meeting on that day to finalize the year end transfers. Funds 045 and Fund 054 have yet to be reconciled. There were additional questions for County Treasurer Mildred Metzger but she was not available.

Commissioner Adams motioned to approve Resolution 2017-01, Elected Officials Salaries with the following; approved unanimously.

- Commissioners - \$20,000.00
- County Attorney - \$50,272.00
- County Clerk - \$48,776.00
- County Treasurer - \$39,020.80
- Register of Deeds - \$48,776.00
- Sheriff - \$50,211.00

Chairman Waldschmidt opened three proposals for the 2017 audit and 2018 budget preparation from the following companies:

- Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball
- Varney and Associates CPA
- Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris

Melinda will compare the proposals and have information available next week for further discussion.

At 2:20 p.m., Commissioner Adams motioned to enter executive session with Melinda McCurley for confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts and individual proprietorships and reconvene the meeting in this room at 2:30 p.m.; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 2:30 p.m. and Commissioner Adams motioned to approve the Community Grant Program application 2017-01 for \$40,000 total (\$20,000 reimbursable) for technology upgrades and interior store reset; approved unanimously.

Melinda provided additional updates on the grant program and eligibility guidelines.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on TUESDAY, January 17th at 9 a.m. in the Courthouse Commissioner Room.

APPROVED



Brian Waldschmidt, Chair

ATTEST:



Melinda McCurley
Recording Secretary

