

February 2, 2016

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. Recording Secretary Melinda McCurley and Mr. Troy Carlson were also in attendance.

Commissioner Adams motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 26, 2016 and the special meeting minutes of January 28, 2016; approved unanimously. Commissioner Adams motioned to approve payroll in the amount of \$159,368.64; approved unanimously. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$3,928.85; approved unanimously.

County Clerk Adelhardt explained the additions and abatement orders due to changes in the state assessed value for utilities. Commissioner Adams motioned to approve the addition and abatement orders for a negative -\$68,927.94; approved unanimously.

Mildred Metzger, Treasurer and Andrea Reneau, Deputy Treasurer, requested a part-time position in the Treasurer's Office. No action taken.

Greg Barlow, Noxious Weeds, didn't report during his scheduled time.

Jason Godfrey with Better City out of Utah, spoke with the Board by conference phone. Jason is working with City of Anthony on Economic Development activities. A major issue is increasing job opportunities and retaining the population. Jason asked for the County to partner with the City on the strategic plans in order to apply for grant funding.

Troy Carlson, Initiatives, Inc. gave an update on Phase V activities. Companies are still researching how to become compliant with the Clean Power Plan. Troy will report back to the Board in April.

Cheryl Adelhardt, County Clerk entered the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Mike Feist, Solid Waste, reported that it is time to schedule Spring Clean Up Days. Last year there was only one week allowed for cleanup. Discussion was held regarding extending the Clean Up Days to three weeks and allow for larger tire disposal. It was the consensus of the Board to change the cleanup days to three weeks from April 11th – April 30th and allow 5 tires less than 20 inches for free disposal. In the past only those tires 18 inches and under were free. The gate will close at 3 p.m. during clean up days to allow staff time to prepare for next day's business.

Discussion was held regarding the Waste Oil Collection trailer that was acquired by an RC&D grant and utilized by Harper County. RC&D Board Member Cheryl Adelhardt spoke in regards to not getting information from Mike in a timely

manner on the situation. RC&D pays the insurance and tags for the trailer. Solid Waste staff picks up waste oil for citizens and either sells it or takes it to the County Shop for use in the shop heater. It was recommended that the item be researched further and taken to the RC&D Board for discussion and then back to the County Commissioners for a solution.

John McClure, Road and Bridge, update on road projects around the county, will work with departments on getting their own car-wash keys instead of using the Road and Bridge account. Stop signs are repeatedly being removed and information has been placed in the paper to help solve the crimes.

At 11:17 a.m. Commissioner Adams motioned to enter executive session for non-elected personnel for 5 minutes with CJ Downing, Bob Randall and Kristie Clark to remain; approved unanimously. At 11:22 a.m., CJ Downing left the executive session and Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to extend the session for 15 minutes; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 11:37 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Audrey Anderson, Mike Feist, Monty Hess, Melinda McCurley and Heather Struble, Insurance Committee members, were present for recommendations on the 2016-2017 plan year. Kristie Clark presented the information from Blue Cross and Blue Shield regarding the 11% premium increase due to overall usage, although we had experienced decreases for 2 years. The Committee recommends staying with the current provider with no changes to the plan, and to keep the HRA at the same levels as last year.

Kristie Clark, HR, presented personnel status forms for signature. At 12:13 p.m., Commissioner Adams motioned to enter executive session for 15 minutes for non-elected personnel with Kristie Clark to remain; approved unanimously. At 12:28 the meeting returned to open session with no binding action taken.

The meeting recessed at 12:30 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

The Board discussed repeater repairs at the tower. It was the consensus of the Board to purchase a new repeater for the Road and Bridge channel that has dual capability, utilizing both digital and analog communications. A new repeater was purchased for the fire channel as well due to emergency necessity. Discussion was held regarding the importance of having consistency in call handling in the dispatch center for all entities.

County Clerk Adelhardt, reported that the 2016 pilot payment had been received in the amount of \$771,839.17. Harper County Community Foundation will be paid \$150,000 for the fire departments per the agreement, and the remaining \$621,839.17 can be transferred. Commissioner Adams motioned to transfer the \$621,839.17 to reserves for capital road improvement projects; approved unanimously.

Cheryl reported on issues with KDOT rent not being paid for the last two years.

Cheryl contacted Jim Kaup, CID Attorney, regarding the NRP for the downtown CID project. It was requested that a letter be drafted by Mr. Kaup on his findings to be forwarded to the City of Anthony.

Commissioner Adams left the meeting at 1:58 p.m.

The meeting recessed for Commissioner Pence to attend interviews for dispatcher position at 1:58 p.m. and reconvened at 3:00 p.m.

At 3:11 p.m. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to enter executive session for 10 minutes for non-elected personnel with Tracy Chance and Kristie Clark to remain present; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 3:21 p.m. with no binding action taken.

There was ongoing discussion about county road improvement projects. Terra Con will be contacted to being the process of sampling additional miles for hard surfacing.

County Clerk Adelhardt reported that interviews were concluded for the vacant position in her office. She asked to be able to fill the position that will be created upon her retirement April 1, 2016. It was the consensus of the Board to fill both at this time to simplify training processes.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday – February 9th at 9 a.m. in the Courthouse Commissioner Room.

APPROVED



Carla Pence, Chair

ATTEST:



Cheryl Adelhardt
County Clerk

