

February 23, 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. Also in attendance was Recording Secretary Melinda McCurley.

Deputy County Clerk, Ruth Elliott, introduced LaTisha Armstrong as a new employee in the Clerk's Office. Cheryl and Ruth went over additions to accounts payable. Discussion was held regarding car wash policies. Commissioner Adams motioned to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$303,352.48; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 16, 2016 and the special meeting minutes of February 17th and February 18th, 2016 as presented; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Adams motioned to approve benefits withholding in the amount of \$155,960.18 and the addition and abatement orders for a negative -\$2,198.17; both approved unanimously.

At 9:38 a.m. Commissioner Adams motioned to enter executive session for 10 minutes for the purpose of non-elected personnel, with Kristie Clark and Greg Barlow; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 9:48 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Greg Barlow, Noxious Weeds, presented a proposed agreement from KDOT concerning State right-of-way areas. It was the consensus of the Board to not sign the agreement to spray the state of right of ways on behalf of the State of Kansas. KDOT will need to maintain them.

Mike Feist, Solid Waste, indicated that the new cell is nearing completion. The last phase is for Terra Con to conduct a final inspection, with KDHE doing its final inspection. The City of Harper has decided against free curb-side pickup during spring clean-up days. Discussion was held regarding trash along the route from Wichita to Plumb Thicket Landfill, which will have crews cleaning up this week. Plumb Thicket did close early on several days due to windy conditions.

Bob Randall, IT and Facilities, indicated water heaters will be installed this week in the women's restroom of the courthouse. Bob stated that the Jail roof is still covered under warranty and will be repaired by the contractor. Discussion was held regarding the vacancy in Maintenance. At 10:13 a.m., Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to enter executive session for 5 minutes for non-elected personnel with Bob Randall; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 10:17 a.m. with no binding action taken

Janis Knox, County Attorney, presented information regarding burial of indigent persons. More research will be conducted in order to develop a county policy.

John McClure, Road and Bridge, presented contract for design of McCormick Bridge. It was recommended that Attorney Knox review the document prior to

approval. There was discussion about trees in county road ditches and who is responsible for keeping them under control.

Pete Molitor, Andale Ready Mix, was present for discussion about ongoing road projects and the possibility of adding additional miles. Terra Con is scheduled to sample an additional 10 miles this month.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:04 p.m. and reconvened at 1:02 p.m.

The Board discussed creating a 10-year road plan for hard-surfacing additional miles of arterial roads throughout the County.

Kristie Clark, HR, presented travel requests for the Health Department, Noxious Weeds, and Solid Waste as well as personnel status forms. Kristie reported that the Department of Labor will allow detention staff to be switched to similar overtime requirements as Sheriff's Deputies, overtime being figured on 86 hours per pay period rather than 40 hours per week. More research will be conducted before a decision is made.

At 1:27 p.m., Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to enter executive session for non-elected personnel for 10 minutes with Kristie Clark; approved unanimously. At 1:37 p.m., Commissioner Adams motioned to extend the executive session for 10 minutes; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 1:47 p.m. with no binding action taken.

The Board heard a presentation from Jim Rowland, Red Hills Group, offering consulting services in relation to Economic/Community Development. Red Hills Group currently services Barber and Kingman County.

There was ongoing discussion about county projects.

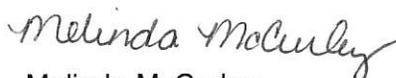
As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday – March 1st, at 9 a.m. in the Courthouse Commissioner Room.

APPROVED



Carla Pence, Chair

ATTEST:



Melinda McCurley
Recording Secretary