

March 1, 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.

Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve the meeting minutes of February 23, 2016; approved unanimously. Commissioner Adams motioned to approve the special meeting minutes of February 25, 2016; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Adams motioned to approve Resolution 2016-02 providing exemption from ad valorem taxation for Cox Machine, Inc. expansion project; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve the addition and abatement orders for a negative (-)\$86,391.58; approved unanimously. Commissioner Adams motioned to approve payroll in the amount of \$160,003.17; approved unanimously.

Jenni Carr, Harper County Extension, volunteered the Harper County Master Gardeners to replant the two trees on the courthouse property to the correct planting depth. It was the consensus of the Board to allow the work to be completed.

At 9:32 a.m. Commissioner Adams motioned to enter executive session for non-elected personnel for 10 minutes with Kristie Clark and Tracy Chance; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 9:42 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Greg Barlow, Noxious Weed, gave a department update. He is nearing completion on the annual report. There was discussion about pending legislative action in regards to Noxious Weed Laws. Greg will be attending the annual Weed Director's Conference in Wichita next week. They are also beginning to spray right of ways with pre-emergent for musk thistle and other broadleaf weeds.

John McClure entered the meeting and discussed spraying brush and trees on county right-of-way, including bridges and culverts. Greg will handle the spraying and John will provide a list of the worst areas. The trees will be taken care of when they are young and before they would need to be removed by heavy equipment.

John McClure, Road and Bridge, is working on estimates for sealing NW 150 Rd. It will be sent out for bid once we know a timeframe for the project completion. John reported on a class that he attended yesterday regarding liability issues. Commissioner Adams motioned to approve the contract with Cook, Flatt and Stobel Engineers for the McCormick Bridge design; approved unanimously.

At 10:32 a.m. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to enter executive session for non-elected personnel for 10 minutes with John McClure and Kristie Clark; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 10:41 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Bob Randall, IT and Facilities, provided cost estimates for an independent contractor mowing courthouse property. Bids will be necessary if that option is chosen over hiring an employee. It was the consensus of the Board to purchase an additional license for the County Farm Sign software for Dispatch, which will allow

for posting of pre-approved messages regarding Amber Alerts and Red Flag Warnings. Discussion was held regarding changes to entrance doors to the Health Department and Law Enforcement Center, so that badges can be used for entry.

Lori Reedy, Appraiser, provided information on the mandamus action lawsuit Harper County joined with Johnson County. The Supreme Court ruled in favor of the counties as it is unconstitutional to require appraiser's to hold values for two years following an appeal. Lori reviewed the 2016 value change summary. Value notices have been mailed by postal presort.

Commissioner Adams motioned to approve an additional payroll in the amount of \$275.74 due to a clerical error; approved unanimously.

Lori Reedy, Treasurer Mildred Metzger, Kristie Clark, Ruth Elliott and Cheryl Adelhardt were present to discuss NRP processes for the past plans. It was the consensus of the Board to move the NRP program to the Appraiser's Office as there are still 10 years left on those that qualified under the old plan.

Cheryl Adelhardt, County Clerk, and Ruth Elliott, Deputy County Clerk, gave a department update. Cheryl provided a letter that is required annually verifying the tax exemption granted to Harper Industries. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve the letter as presented; approved unanimously. Cheryl reported last week's SCKEDD meeting and provided the February CID report.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:04 p.m. and reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

Tyler Francis with Ingevity Payment Technologies and Chad Alexander with Circle C Paving presented information regarding a product called ONYX that can seal hard-surfaced roads. John McClure was also present for the discussion.

Kristie Clark, HR, presented health insurance information for open enrollment and travel requests for signature. At 1:48 p.m. Commissioner Adams motioned to enter executive session for non-elected personnel for 10 minutes with Kristie Clark; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 2:06 p.m. with no binding action taken.

Commissioner Adams left the message at 2:07 p.m. There was ongoing discussion about county projects.

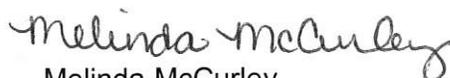
As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday – March 8<sup>th</sup>, at 9 a.m. in the Courthouse Commissioner Room.

APPROVED



Carla Pence, Chair

ATTEST:



Melinda McCurley  
Recording Secretary