

March 6, 2017

The Harper County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, with Chairman Brian Waldschmidt calling the meeting to order to Commissioners Lee Adams and Carla Pence. Also in attendance was Kelsie Murphy, Deputy County Clerk.

Commissioner Adams motioned to approve abatements in the amount of -\$174.89; approved unanimously. Commissioner Pence motioned to approve benefits withholdings of \$147,987.82; approved unanimously.

Jenni Carr and Christy Reel, Harper County K-State Extension, provided a program update. Christy hosted a freezer cooking workshop in December. Jenni has upcoming classes including grain marketing, women-only equipment operator training and excel training. This coming Saturday is regional 4-H days with 6 participants from Harper County. Christy reported that she has applied for a snap-educ grant for the Harper and Anthony 1<sup>st</sup> graders for nutrition education. Walk Kansas kicks off on March 19<sup>th</sup> through May 13<sup>th</sup> with a fun-run on the last day in conjunction with Balloon Fest. Extension Office is hosting Spring Break Project days where 4H kids can learn about projects and bring a buddy to help encourage enrollment. Upcoming items also include lunch-and-learn with the Anthony Wellness Center.

John McClure and Mike Feist, Road and Bridge, discussed either buying or leasing a bobcat and skid steer. Bobcat can be purchased for \$28,000 with no warranty and 326 hours. Leasing quote for skid steer was \$16,880.26 annual payment with a purchase price of \$48,450.00. Chaparral High School Ag teacher contacted Mike as to when water can be turned back on to the Ag farm. BOC indicated FFA students need to clean the area. Mike will locate the water line to install a shut-off valve until the new landfill building is constructed.

John spoke briefly about McCormick Bridge. Contractors have hit solid rock and are unable to place the piling. The engineer has determined that additional footings will be required with an estimated cost of an additional \$17,000.

Ruth Elliott, County Clerk, indicated that there were 431 registered voters with a 22% voter turnout for the 2017 Attica City Special Election on Tuesday, February 28, 2017. She explained other aspects of the process. Commissioner Adams motioned to approve the 2017 Attica City special election abstract; approved unanimously. This was paid for by Black Hills Energy/Kansas Gas Service in order to purchase the gas rights for \$300,000.

Joanna Kenney, EMS Director, continued discussion about medical director. The BoCC asked for a March staffing schedule. The National Board of EMS states class can be taken at age 16 but those students cannot be licensed until age 17. Ami DeLacerda, HR, entered and advised she would do further research as to the age the County could hire.

Ami DeLacerda discussed updating the travel policy, in particular the per-meal amounts. It was a consensus of the Board to keep that policy the same but update procedures on checking out vehicles. Ami will check with our insurance provider concerning coverage of non-county employees in County vehicles.

At 10:50 am, Bob Randall, IT/ Facilities Director, entered the meeting.

Ami advised that the donated PTO policy was signed off on by KCAMP. After discussion, the Board cancelled the March 13<sup>th</sup> Department Head meeting and will reschedule it.

At 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Adams motioned to enter executive session for non-elected personnel to protect the privacy of the individual, with Ami Delacerda, and to reconvene the open meeting at 11:05 a.m.; approved unanimously. At 11:05 a.m., Commissioner Adams motioned to extend the executive session for 5 minutes; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 11:10 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Ami and the Board agreed to a work session after regular business on Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, to discuss scheduling of annual Department Head evaluations and 2018 budget preparation.

Bob Randall, IT and Facilities, indicated receipt of \$299 from Kelly's Salvage for the disposal of radiators. The Board agreed to deposit the money to a Road & Bridge line item as that staff assisted with the removal and moving of the radiators. With Board approval, Bob will dispose of an old copier and old plotter. Bob provided proposals from R&R Construction for painting and Landfill Building construction. Board provided feedback on both proposals.

The Board discussed the budget summary from the Internal Auditor and would like her to more fully explain the spreadsheet in an upcoming meeting.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday – March 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. in the Courthouse Commissioner Room.

APPROVED



Brian Waldschmidt, Chair

ATTEST:



Kelsie Murphy  
Deputy County Clerk