

April 3, 2017

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

Ron Poor, Chairman of the Harper County Republican Party, discussed the recent County Attorney resignation. District Judge Solomon has temporarily appointed Laurel McClellan to that position until the Republican committee can recommend an appointment to the Governor. The County Attorney salary is set at \$50,272 for 2017. Commissioner Adams will assist the Republican Committee with candidate interviews.

Teresa Mandevill, Blake McLemore, and Chris Hoskinson with NRCS and Harper County Conservation Office, gave an update on the Wildcat Dam Project. The amount of dirt needed is approximately 11 yards to bring the top of the dam back into compliance. Due to the maintenance agreement, the County Road and Bridge employees will work with the conservation office to ensure all items in the inspection report are taken care of. The project will begin in July or August depending on the weather. John McClure was present for the discussion.

John McClure and Mike Feist discussed Landfill hours. Mike asked to close earlier to complete work and avoid overtime when loads arrive late. It was the consensus of the Board to keep hours as posted. There was continued discussion regarding purchasing a skid steer for the landfill. Mike asked Commissioner Adams to participate in the 5-year solid waste-planning process. The plan is due by July 1st.

John reported on the fatality accident over the weekend, provided an update on the McCormick Bridge, and indicated a retirement reception this week for an employee.

Shirley McCartney, Department on Aging, said that the new bus has been ordered through the KDOT grant, which pays 80% versus the County's 20%. The Board approved a \$619.95 dishwasher purchase, for the Attica Senior Center, from Ron's Appliance. Topline provided a quote of \$409.00 to repair the bus that was damaged by a tree last Fall. The bus will be repaired in preparation of the surplus sale. Shirley reported that there is still a vacancy for a part-time driver.

At 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Adams motioned to enter executive session for 30 minutes for attorney/client privilege for legal counsel, with Melinda McCurley and Kevin Fowler, and to reconvene in this room at 10:45 a.m.; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 10:45 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Todd Pettegrew, EM and Dispatch Director, indicated that the NIXLE emergency notification-system implementation is progressing. The generator maintenance agreements from Foley were received. The annual inspection should be in June.

Tracy Chance, Sheriff, asked for reinstatement of his credit card. The Board agreed, with the understanding that all department employees follow the meal policy or pay the overage from designated funds, not the general fund.

Joanna Kenney, EMS, worked through the salary budget and determined that going to a mandatory on-call schedule, instead of using call-back crews, would increase the budget. It was the consensus of the Board to leave the schedule as is.

The Board received correspondence from County Clerk Ruth Elliott indicating that election materials from 2012 through the 2015 City/School process will be shredded on Thursday – April 6th, according to the Ks Historical Society Retention schedule.

Commissioner Adams motioned to approve the add and abate orders for a negative \$842.17; approved unanimously.

Ami DeLacerda, HR, presented a truck driver vacancy notice for Road & Bridge due to a retirement. Commissioner Adams was authorized to sign the notice. Personnel status forms were presented for annual Health Department employee evaluations, retirement in Road and Bridge, and two new hires for Road and Bridge. There was discussion about the civil leave and PTO policies.

At 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Adams motioned to enter executive session for 10 minutes for non-elected personnel to protect the privacy of the individual, with Ami DeLacerda, and to reconvene in this room at 11:40 a.m.; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 11:40 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Joanna Kenney entered the meeting to discuss correspondence received regarding an EMS complaint. Joanna will research the issue and report back next week.

At 11:50 a.m. Commissioner Adams motioned to enter executive session for 5 minutes for non-elected personnel to protect the privacy of the individual, with Ami DeLacerda and Melinda McCurley, and to reconvene in this room at 11:55 a.m.; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 11:55 a.m. At 12:02 p.m. Commissioner Adams motioned to enter executive session for 5 minutes for non-elected personnel to protect the privacy of the individual, with Ami DeLacerda and Shirley McCartney, and to reconvene in this room at 12:07 p.m.; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 12:07 p.m. There was no binding action taken at either time.

Commissioner Adams motioned to approve the minutes of March 27th and March 29th, 2017; and to approve benefits withholding for \$143,010.97; all three were approved unanimously.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:24 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 10, 2017 at 9 a.m. in the Courthouse Commissioner Room.

APPROVED



Brian Waldschmidt, Chair

ATTEST:



Melinda McCurley
Recording Secretary