

April 5, 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.

Greg Barlow, Noxious Weed, is finalizing state reporting requirements. Seasonal employees will report next week once the uniforms are in. Citizens can contact the department to purchase chemicals at a reduced cost.

Commissioner Adams motioned to approve the minutes of March 28, 2016; approved unanimously.

Ruth Elliott, County Clerk, presented the February transfer listing for approval. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve the February transfers in the amount of \$84,881.34; approved unanimously. Ruth also presented the updated credit card agreement changing authorized agents.

John McClure, Road and Bridge, spoke by speaker phone with Pete Molitar, Andale Construction, with questions regarding road projects. John presented an aerial map of a bridge near Harper that needs to be replaced and he will contact the County-designated engineer for design suggestions. Motor grading school details will be finalized next week. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve the 90-cent-on-the-dollar federal funding agreement; approved unanimously. Leases for seven motor graders and an excavator will expire in July. The Board requested research on costs associated with extended lease terms and the increase in warranty cost. John will compare the difference in composition in the chip and seal options.

Todd Pettegrew, Dispatch/EM, reported on assistance provided last week to Barber County. He will travel to Medicine Lodge this afternoon to retrieve borrowed equipment. John McClure was present for discussion on utilizing county-owned equipment for fire activities. John reported that Lawrence Smith was able to use the dozer to clear brush in the southern part of the County for a fire. The tanker is also filled with water connected to semi for easy deployment.

At 11:07 a.m. Commissioner Adams motioned to enter executive session for 20 minutes for confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorships with Charles Coggins, Kristie Clark, and Melinda McCurley, members of the CID Finance Committee; approved unanimously. At 11:27 a.m. the meeting returned to open session. It was the consensus of the Board to award The Sporting Zone \$18,013 of CID funding to be used for flooring, ceiling tiles, material for new bar/counter, flooring and labor for approach, and half of the driveway rehabilitation expenses.

Joanna Kenney, EMS, presented 2015 write-off amounts. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve the 2015 EMS write off in the amount of \$9,359.71; approved unanimously. Joanna reported that the loaner ambulance has arrived for use, while the new chassis is having the box placed on it.

Todd Pettegrew, Dispatch update, indicating he is discontinuing services with TYCO, electronic notification service, and is researching how the new CAD system can handle those notifications. He continues to check the generator weekly. The most recent service issue was not covered under the maintenance agreement. Final interviews for open position in dispatch will take place this week.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:25 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

At 1:04 p.m. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to enter executive session for 30 minutes for non-elected personnel with Kristie Clark; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 1:34 p.m. with no binding action taken.

At 1:40 p.m. Commissioner Adams motioned to enter executive session for 30 minutes for non-elected personnel with Kristie Clark to remain present; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 2:05 p.m. with no binding action taken.

Kristie Clark, HR, presented travel requests for signature along with personnel - status forms for new hires for (2) truck drivers and (2) seasonal mowers for Road and Bridge. There was discussion about possible changes to the federal wage laws in relation to salaried exempt positions.

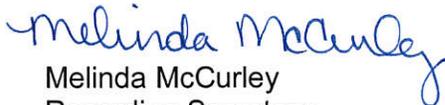
As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:18 pm. The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday – April 12th, at 9 a.m. in the Courthouse Commissioner Room.

APPROVED



Carla Pence, Chair

ATTEST:



Melinda McCurley  
Recording Secretary