

April 12, 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.

Todd Pettegrew, Emergency Management, discussed extending the countywide burn ban. Commissioner Adams motioned to extend the burn ban for an additional 7 days, with the issue to be reconsidered at the next regularly scheduled meeting; approved unanimously.

Shirley McCartney, Department on Aging, is currently training new part-time driver. Department on Aging had a shared car-wash key with Road and Bridge but have gotten a separate one. They are charged a minimum of \$22 per month regardless of use. At 9:22 a.m. Commissioner Adams motioned to enter executive session for 10 minutes for non-elected personnel with Kristie Clark and Shirley McCartney to remain; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 9:32 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Martha Hadsell, with the Anthony Hospital Board, introduced Jim Chromik and reported on the last joint Board meeting. Mr. Chromik is facilitating the possible merger between Anthony and Harper Hospitals. The Boards will be conducting a site-selection study in the near future to determine the best location for the combined hospital. Due to an interlocal agreement between the two hospitals, they are able to save money on equipment and service contracts. The next joint Board meeting will be on April 28th.

Mike Garrett, Horizons Mental Health and Pat Kerschen, Chairman of the Advisor Board, presented the 3rd quarter report for FY16. The Board is working on the FY17 Budget. Mike gave an update on legislative issues in relation to privatizing state hospitals. The juvenile justice bill was signed into law; it shifts responsibility for juveniles from the state to the local level without an increase in funding. Pat indicated that they are still looking for a better location as they have outgrown their current space.

Janis Knox, County Attorney, and John McClure, Road and Bridge, discussed issues with two intersections that have been the scene of multiple accidents. It was the consensus of the Board to conduct a traffic study at both locations to help improve the safety of the intersection.

Janis Knox, County Attorney, reviewed the Register of Deed's Resolution to set policies for camera usage. It was the opinion of the Board and Janis that the Register of Deed's has the authority to set the policies without Board approval. Janis also discussed the burn ban and explained the local disaster declaration process.

John McClure, Road and Bridge, presented pictures of the Bluff City Road project. The Board asked John to compare the cost difference in extending leases on equipment from 5- to 6/7 years. John reported on other bridge repairs.

Kenny Hodson Sr, Cyndra Kastens, Amber Kummer, representing the City of Anthony, asked that County landfill fees be waived in relation to demolition of the old Anthony High School building. The Board will discuss the request and report back to the City.

Corey Thomas, Pishny Restoration, gave an update on the courthouse step project. The engineer will be on site this week to do the final walk through. Corey recommended contacting the County property insurance company to have the entrances reassessed now that they are up to code. It could allow for a savings on premiums. The approach on the West side was reinforced to allow for driving of delivery vehicles.

Ruth Elliott, County Clerk, presented the March CID report, and discussion was held regarding the 5% statutory administrative collections.

Commissioner Adams motioned to approve the minutes of both the regularly scheduled meeting of April 5th and the special meeting of April 6th; approved unanimously.

At 12:01 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 12:30 p.m. with no binding action taken.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:35 p.m. and reconvened at 1:35 p.m.

Joanna Kenney, EMS, presented March transfer statistics. April 29th is the date for a drunk-driving-prevention event at Chaparral. She is completing annual state certification paperwork. Staff will be conducting blood draws at the April 22nd health fair. Medic 74 is out of service due to fuel injectors and computer issues.

Kristie Clark, HR, presented travel request for Road and Bridge, status forms for Road and Bridge, Department on Aging, Treasurer, Clerk, and Jail for signature.

At 2:00 p.m. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to enter executive session for 15 minutes for non-elected personnel with Kristie Clark; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 2:15 pm. with no binding action taken.

Bob Randall, IT and Facilities Director, discussed repairs to the clock face. The north side needs to have repairs to the mechanical parts as it is unable to keep time. The other sides need the hands painted. Bob will prepare quotes for repairs.

Melinda McCurley presented a bill from the City of Harper for the sidewalk replacement for the Extension Office. It was Board consensus to pay the entire bill of \$4,590.00, instead of 5 annual payments, out of the capital improvement reserves.

Pete Molitar and Heath Hazen, Andale Construction. gave an update of the Bluff City Road Project. Soil Stabilization process has started on the first mile North of Bluff City. If the project stays on schedule, paving will begin Monday - April 18th.

Commissioner Pence and Quinn Pence provided a power-point presentation of different roads and types of sealants for a comparison.

Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve accounts payable for the amount of \$195,867.61; approved unanimously. Melinda will research the possibility of two different types of reports for accounts payable.

Commissioner Adams motioned to approve payroll in the amount of \$157,360.64; approved unanimously.

It was the consensus of the Board to waive the rental fee for the City of Harper, for the candidate forum to be held at the Harper Senior Center.

Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to move the next regularly scheduled meeting from Tuesday, April 19th to Monday, April 18th due to a scheduling conflict; approved unanimously.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:31 pm. The next regular meeting will be held MONDAY- April 18th, at 9 a.m. in the Courthouse Commissioner Room.

APPROVED



Carla Pence, Chair

ATTEST:



Melinda McCurley
Recording Secretary