

May 16, 2016

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

Commissioner Adams motioned to approve both benefits withholding in the amount of \$68,563.84 and the minutes of May 10, 2016; both were approved unanimously.

Kevin Alexander, Harper County Community Foundation Chairman, presented the 2015 Audit report completed by Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball, and the monthly Treasurer's Report ending April 30, 2016. Grant recipients will be honored on May 24th at the semi-annual banquet. There was discussion about using the interest earned on the Fireman's Fund for administrative costs, which equals approximately \$15.00 per quarter. It was the consensus of the Board for the Foundation to keep the interest earned on the funds to help cover the associated bookkeeping costs. Kevin reported on a possible joint program between Attica and Chaparral High Schools for Transition-to-Career Education options.

Lori Reedy, Appraiser, indicated that Personal Property and Oil & Gas Valuations were mailed on April 29th. Hearings will be scheduled for those that wish to appeal. Staff has been working on the 17% data collection cycle in the Northeast part of the County. This could be the first time the current staff has been on the property and they are finding errors. Once the six-year cycle is complete, errors should be drastically reduced. There was a recall issue on the Dodge Dart, so it will be scheduled with Newberry's for repairs.

Todd Pettegrew, Emergency Management and Dispatch Director, said that new employees have started training. Representatives from the State 911 Coordinating Council were on site May 11th to do a walkthrough of our current system, as we transition to being compliant with NG-911 standards. Todd recommended that we consider the price and requirements more closely and move towards the upgrade to NG911. The current answering system is nearing the end of its maintenance agreement on October 5, 2016, at which time the fees triple. It was the consensus of the Board to pay the generator repair bill from fund 027 – 911 fees if allowable by State statute. Todd will research vendors for the new recording system. It was the consensus of the Board to purchase the State Gateway for the CAD system. A summary will be provided to Board review on NG911 upgrade requirements and estimated costs.

John McClure, Road and Bridge, received the final engineering study on the accident site south of Harper on Whiskey Road. The engineer didn't recommend signage be placed at the intersection due to it being open from all viewpoints. Installing such signs would then require the County to mark many similar intersections. Two yield signs were recommended at the intersection of NW 90 Road and NW 90 Avenue, due to poor visibility.

John presented an agreement with BNSF for crossing arms to be installed 2 miles East of Attica and approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile North. John will have County Attorney Knox review the agreement. The project would be of no cost to the County.

Sherry Vierthaler, Health, gave an update on the 2017 budget preparations. She met with the hospitals about the Community Health Needs Assessment. One vendor has asked that the County's Liability policy be increased from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. Sherry will work with County Clerk Elliott on cost of upgrading insurance.

Mildred Metzger, Treasurer, indicated there were many taxpayers who missed the second-half May 10th deadline. June 10th will be the next tax distribution.

Melinda McCurley, in the absence of Kristie Clark/HR, presented personnel status forms for longevity for the Health Department. The overhead garage door at the recycling center was damaged on May 9th in high wind. It was recommended that Mike Feist request at least one more estimate for door replacement for further discussion.

Commissioner Pence was authorized to sign the project agreement for sealing then newly paved Bluff City Road with HA5, for a cost of \$163,742.40, to be paid for out of the Special Highway Fund.

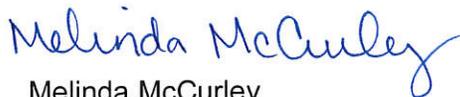
As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, May 24th, at 9 a.m. in the Courthouse Commissioner Room.

APPROVED



Carla Pence, Chair

ATTEST:



Melinda McCurley
Recording Secretary