

May 24, 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 were Recording Secretary Melinda McCurley and Deputy County Clerk Kelsie Murphy.

Commissioner Adams motioned to approve the minutes of May 16, 2016; Commissioner Waldschmidt abstained from voting due to not being at the meeting; Commissioner Pence and Commissioner Adams voted yes.

Commissioner Adams motioned to approve the addition and abatement orders for a negative -\$323.95; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$1,671,769.58; approved unanimously.

Melinda McCurley, in Kristie Clark's absence, presented the following items for approval: travel requests for health department, vacancy notice for home health aide due to resignation and personnel status form for longevity increase for road and bridge employee.

Sherry Vierthaler, Health, presented 2017 budget request. Discussion about KanCare/Medicaid changes and increase in ad valorem taxes requested in the past. Continued cuts from the State to Medicare will impact the department going forward.

Ruth Elliott, County Clerk, discussed progress with the election equipment agreement and pros and cons of utilizing paper ballots only. Due to ADA accessibility, certain equipment is required and we must protect the integrity of the election. County Attorney Knox is continuing to work with Atkins on the purchase agreement. Reported on staff attending election training during the last couple weeks. June 1st at noon is deadline to change party affiliation and to file for offices. It was the consensus of the Board to continue offering the Fred Pryor training.

George Tannoury and Kurt Heimerman with Terracon gave an overview of the services they offered during the Bluff City Road project. They tested the soil cementing to ensure the right proportions were used along with compaction and uniformity. Terracon is offering contract services to provide the testing instead of being a subcontractor with the chosen construction company. Quality Assurance (QA) and Quality Control (QC) are relatively the same issue. John McClure was also present for the discussion. Differences between super slurry and powder operations were shared. Uniformity is the most critical component of construction projects.

John McClure, Road and Bridge, presented the agreement for BNSF to install crossing arms 2 miles West of Attica and a mile North. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve the agreement at no cost to the County; approved unanimously. John presented an updated Federal Aid Agreement for the 90-cents-on-the-dollar funding. Commissioner Adams motioned to approve the updated agreement for federal funding; approved unanimously.

Tracy Chance, Sheriff, presented call statistics for the last month along with the jail population issues. There was an update on conversion to new CAD system. Hazel's Sheet Metal will install a new shower in the jail – it was ordered in a previous year but there was a back-log of orders. Tracy presented his plan on vehicle trades, as he purchased two new Dodge pickups: keep one of the trucks due to low trade-in value and utilize the other one to bring cost down on trucks. The transport van must be retired so the Traverse will be used for transport. Undersheriff Burns and Deputy Vance will get the new trucks. Tracy also opted to purchase the lifetime warranty on the new trucks for a cost of \$2800 per vehicle. Sheriff Chance indicated the vehicles were parked at his residence to save parking space at the Courthouse prior to them being taken to Greensburg for equipment installation. Tracy was reminded that per county policy, all vehicle purchases must be sent out to competitive bid and approved by the Commissioners prior to purchase.

Joanna Kenney, EMS, gave an updated report on Lifeteam billing credits and presented the 2017 budget request for EMS. The Board recommended Joanna research the process of small claims court to better collect delinquent accounts. New EMT graduates must work 4, 24-hour shifts a month for 2 years, with one being a weekend, to have class paid for. Discussion about excessive overtime.

Mike Feist, Solid Waste, presented 2017 budget request and department update. Projecting a decrease in revenue due to collapsing material markets. Mike received KDHE approval to burn 12,000 railroad ties brought in by BNSF. There was discussion about the availability for help to unload recycling from citizens.

Commissioner Adams motioned to approve payroll in the amount of \$156,911.12; approved unanimously.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:12 p.m. and reconvened at 1:02 p.m.

Lori Reedy, Appraiser, presented 2017 budget request. She is working with other departments, researching options for electronic imaging/filing.

Audrey Anderson, Register of Deeds, presented 2017 budget request.

Commissioner Pence reported on office furniture donation from Magellan Pipeline. It was the consensus of the Board to offer furniture to county departments on a first-come / first-serve basis. Any remaining items will be sold as surplus with proceeds going to the Harper County Community Foundation.

Commissioner Adams motioned to turn the storm-damage claim (recycling building) into insurance and accept the low bid from Albert's Custom Door to have it replaced; approved unanimously.

There was a discussion about landscaping at the Anthony EMS station. It was the consensus of the Board to spend up to \$400 on perennial, low-maintenance plants.

Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to seal NW 150 Rd with ½ HA5, a mineral-density bonding agent and ½ with the Onyx polymer; Commissioner Adams voted Yes, Commissioner Pence voted No, due to the type of product selected. Motion passed 2-1.

The Commissioners discussed ongoing county projects in a work session.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, May 31st, at 9 a.m. in the Courthouse Commissioner Room.

APPROVED



Carla Pence, Chair

ATTEST:



Melinda McCurley
Recording Secretary

