June 20, 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 and Hannah Alldritt of the Anthony Republican.

Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve payroll in the amount of $158,997.51; approved unanimously. Commissioner Adams motioned to approve the minutes of June 14, 2016; approved unanimously.

Jenni Carr and Christy Reel, Harper County K-State Extension Agents, and Kevin Alexander, Neal Grigsby and Teresa Hayes, Extension Board members, were present to discuss the 2017 Extension Appropriation. Discussion was held regarding the recent cuts to the University by the State of Kansas. Local Extension Offices were asked to return money previously given to them by K-State to make up the deficit, increasing the tax burden at the local level.

Shirley McCartney, Department of Aging, presented 2017 budget figures. Due to increased workload after assuming the Anthony Public transportation services, the budget isn't able to be decreased. Shirley discussed the vacancy at the Harper Senior Center and the burden it puts on her department as she personally has to deal with the meal process.

Kristie Clark, HR, presented a travel request for herself to attend an HR meeting in Pratt, personnel status forms for longevity in Dispatch, personnel status forms for a resignation in Road and Bridge and a new hire in the Treasurer's Office. Kristie presented a vacancy notice for part-time positions in the Register of Deed's Office to complete scanning and indexing of documents. The positions would be for a period of time not to exceed 18 months and would be paid entirely from the Register of Deed's Technology Fund. All documents were signed for approval. Commissioner Adams motioned to declare Kristie Clark, Kelsie Murphy and Emily Harrison authorized agents for KPERS; approved unanimously. County Clerk Elliott was already a designated agent.

At 10:02 a.m. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to enter into executive session for attorney-client privilege information with Kristie Clark and Bud Cowan (by conference call); approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 10:32 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to appoint Lori Reedy, Appraiser, Ruth Elliott, County Clerk and Lyle Wellbrook to the CID Finance Committee; approved unanimously.

John McClure, Road and Bridge, will request bids for the next phase of hard surfacing roads. There was continued discussion of grader/excavator bids. John will bring back additional information next week. John also went over vacant positions in his department

Lori Reedy, Appraiser, presented the 2016 valuation summary for review. Personal Property fell 6%, Oil and Gas valuation dropped 47% and real estate valuation is up 4%. Staff is continuing the 2017 data collection cycle, mainly focusing on the NE part of the County. Letters were sent out requesting whether property is under a CRP contract and if so, its expiration date. This will ensure the land is classified correctly. Lori reviewed recent legislative actions that will affect her office. Imaging software demonstrations will be scheduled in July.

Mildred Metzger, Treasurer and Andrea Reneau, Deputy, presented the department's 2017 budget. Mildred explained expenses paid separately from the general fund and the motor vehicle fund.

Sherry Vierthaler, Health Department, presented a vacancy notice due to an office-staff resignation. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve the Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Contracts with Anthony Medical Center, and the Speech Therapy Contract with Harper Hospital as presented, with the same rates as last year; approved unanimously. Discussed additional details on 2017 budget preparation and how additional cuts to Medicaid by the State of Kansas will affect the local budget.

Sheriff Tracy Chance and Justin Carey, Jail supervisor, presented the 2017 budgets. It is difficult to predict juvenile housing costs and inmate medical costs for the Jail budget. More effective vouchering has items being paid from correct line items. There was discussion about restitution for repayment of juvenile housing costs and medical bills. There is only one vehicle needing replaced in the 2017 budget year. Kenny Hodson Jr. is currently attending DARE training for two weeks in Oklahoma.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, June 27th, at 9 a.m. in the Courthouse Commissioner Room.

APPROVED

Carla Pence

Carla Pence, Chair

ATTEST:

Melinda McCurley

Melinda McCurley
Recording Secretary