July 11, 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.

Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve the minutes of July 5, 2016; approved unanimously. Commissioner Adams motioned to approve benefits withholding for the amount of $70,410.91; approved unanimously.

Joanna Kenney, EMS, reported that Ford has pushed back the production date for the two new ambulance chassis. They are looking at delivering them to Osage in September. Joanna reported on repair issues with two of the existing ambulances. A current employee received his certification changing from a regular EMT to an advanced EMT. All AEMT employees received training from LifeTeam on pediatric lifesaving. Joanna presented revenue statistics and write off amounts. The write off amounts that are mandated will continue to increase due to the continued cuts to Medicare and Medicaid. Caldwell, Kansas is now staffing its own EMS department in Sumner County instead of contracting with a private EMS company. Joanna signed a Memorandum of Understanding to provide backup to Caldwell if possible. It was the consensus of the Board to purchase a flag pole for the Anthony EMS station.

Mike Garrett and Kerry Nation with Horizons Mental Health presented the 2017 appropriation request. Mike gave an overview of service offered historically in Harper County with a 73% increase in hours of service offered over the last six years. Additional cuts to Medicare by the State of Kansas continue to decrease revenue to Horizons.

John McClure and Kent Stonebraker, Road and Bridge, were present to discuss open position at the Harper location. It was the consensus of the Board to not fill the position at this time, and to review this decision in a month, due to uncertain budget circumstances. John reported that Andale will be starting this week with NW 90 Rd on Phase 2 of the hard surfacing road plan and reclaiming Spring Road. They are currently sealing NW 150 Rd with HA5 completing two miles at a time.

Marla Canfield and Keith Lawing with Workforce Alliance presented an overview of their programs and statistics for Harper County. They work with individuals to increase their skill sets and help integrate laid off workers back in the workforce. Keith asked to appoint two elected officials to the Chief Elected Officials Board, with no cost to the County except time to attend meetings; considering telecommuting options for meetings. County Attorney Knox will review the Board agreement.

Ryan Scheck and Melissa Romme, presented the 2015 Audit report. Melissa will research fund questions and report back to the Board with an updated audit. There was discussion about the necessity of reconciling bank statements and daily statements timely in the various departments.

Charlie Coggins and Kristie Clark from the CID Finance Committee, and applicant Steve Trotter, were present for discussion on a project for Trotter's Boot Repair. Commissioner Adams motioned to approve Resolution 2016-09 financing 100% of the project, not to exceed $1200; approved unanimously.

Jim Chromik and Martha Hadsall updated the Board on the last joint-hospital board meeting. They continue to consider locations, work with the approved architect on price of the project and to develop the public petition. All grant applications and benefactors must know the price to determine funding levels. The Board is looking at options to utilize existing facilities as they don't want to leave them empty.

Tiffany Hartson, Harper City Clerk, and Amber Kummer, City of Anthony Clerk, were present to ask for the County to participate in the Pioneer Feed during the Harper County Fair. The Commissioners will help serve during the free meal.

Kristie Clark, presented travel requests for the Appraiser's Office and Zoning Office, personnel status form for new hire in Department on Aging, resignation for part time EMS, and 3 new part time EMT for signature. The Board also approved a vacancy notice for a full time dispatcher to switch from part-time to full-time.

Commissioner Adams motioned to approve accounts payable in the amount of $151,560.15; approved unanimously.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:47 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, July 18th, at 9 a.m. in the Courthouse Commissioner Room.

APPROVED

Carla J Pence

Carla Pence, Chair

ATTEST:

Melinda McCurley

Melinda McCurley
Recording Secretary