

July 25, 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 Hannah Alldritt with the Anthony Republican and Recording Secretary Melinda McCurley.

Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve the minutes of July 18, 2016; approved unanimously. Commissioner Adams motioned to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$180,533.01; approved unanimously. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve benefits withholding in the amount of \$163,446.77. Of that amount, \$50.00 was a memorial donation due to the passing of two employees' family member; approved unanimously.

It was the consensus of the Board to not allocate additional funding for the ROZ program but still participate so that employers can match the state's portion of the student loan repayment program. Melinda will contact Kansas Department of Commerce to have a resolution prepared for next week.

John McClure, Road and Bridge, indicated Sonja was able to contact fuel provider and determined that we were overcharged on a per-gallon price. We will be issued a refund. The reclaiming project on South County Road and the soil stabilization project on NW 90 Rd are complete. Paving on NW 90 Rd will be completed this week, pending weather. Received agreements for 5 road grader leases and one excavator for signature. County Attorney Knox has reviewed the contract and Commissioner Pence was authorized to sign them. John continues to work with FEMA on the McCormick Bridge near Bluff City. It was the consensus of the Board to allow county employees to drive county-owned equipment in the local parades if they would like to volunteer to do so.

Audrey Anderson, Register of Deed's, discussed the hiring range for temporary, part-time employees, who will work for approximately one year to scan and index documents for online file retrieval. They will be paid out of the Deed's Technology Fund, where all revenue comes from filing fees, not tax dollars. It was the consensus of the Board to offer a starting wage between \$10.50 and \$11.14.

Bob Randall, IT and Facilities, reported on a computer issue last week that made some files unusable. Bob was able to restore all files. Ongoing IT projects include adding additional backup/server protection for dispatch, PC updates for departments, and training staff to handle simple tasks while he is out of the office. The flagpole for dispatch has been received and is awaiting installation. Discussion was held regarding utilizing a contractor to perform work on the courthouse sprinkler system and it was the consensus of the Board to use the contractor pending

insurance requirements. The bridge crew is working on the footing for the Courthouse sign that was purchased with courthouse memorial-fund monies, which are non-tax dollars. Bob presented maintenance ideas since the 4<sup>th</sup> floor project is coming to a close. It was the consensus of the Board to proceed with the clock face repair once a company has been found that can facilitate this work. The Board discussed seating options for the hallway of the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

Catherine Rohrer, South Central Community Corrections, presented the annual year-end fiscal information along with KDOC audit findings. Statistics were given for services offered in the County. Pratt County is highest in the region with 56 cases and Harper County was second with 53. Commissioner Pence was authorized to sign the year-end report.

Mike Feist, Solid Waste, asked to purchase a lawnmower for the landfill area. It was the consensus of the Board to utilize the mower and trailer at Noxious Weeds. KWORC paid for the damages to the golf cart. Mike has been making repairs to it to ensure it is in working order. Consensus of the Board was to utilize the insurance proceeds to repair the golf cart including new tires.

Todd Pettegrew, Mike Feist, and Joanna Kenney were present to brief the Board on a medical incident in Manchester, Oklahoma. A Kansas EMS entity cannot respond across state lines unless they are licensed in that state or are requested by an Oklahoma agency. If an Oklahoma agency needs mutual aid, Harper County EMS will respond if available. The County can't be left unattended

Tracy Chance, Sheriff, presented call statistics for June. Inmate population is currently at 9, which is the lowest for a long time. Tracy reported on an underage drinking situation in Oklahoma that we provided mutual aid to at the request of Oklahoma authorities. Oklahoma had the ticketing authority.

Claudine Willett, Mirror Inc, introduced the new director of clinical services, Jennifer Truman. They presented their 2017 budget request. Commissioner Waldschmidt asked for more information and presence during the year, not just at budget prep time. Harper County has more cases than Barber County.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

Kristie Clark and Sherry Vierthaler were present to discuss two vacancy notices for Attendant Care Aides. It was the consensus of the Board to advertise for one at this time. Kristie presented a travel request for the Health department and the two personnel status forms for the two resignations in the Health department.

At 2:03 p.m. Commissioner Adams motioned to enter executive session for non-elected personnel with Kristie Clark for 10 minutes; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 2:13 p.m. with no binding action taken.

Melinda McCurley, Zoning Administrator briefed the Board on possible upcoming zoning text regulation changes.

The rest of the meeting was to continue work on the 2017 budget with Cheryl Adelhardt and Melinda McCurley present.

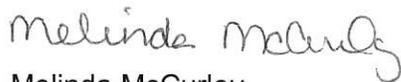
As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, August 1st, at 9 a.m. in the Courthouse Commissioner Room.

APPROVED



Carla Pence, Chair

ATTEST:



Melinda McCurley  
Recording Secretary

