August 1, 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.

At 9:20 a.m. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to enter executive session for 10 minutes for non-elected personnel with Greg Barlow; approved unanimously. Greg Barlow left the meeting at 9:27 a.m. The meeting returned to open session at 9:30 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Lori Reedy, Appraiser, gave an update on previewing vendors for document imaging software. Several demonstrations have occurred over the last week with 4 more scheduled this week. Department heads and users have worked diligently to narrow the list and prioritizing requirements for the system chosen. The imaging software will allow instant document retrieval and indexing of important fields. All documents will be scanned using OCR (Optical Character Recognition) so that you can search by any word within the document not just by the fields indexed. Options could include workflows where a document needing attention would be delivered to your inbox instead of paper copies floating through various offices. Once documents are scanned and indexed, they can be stored in other locations instead of taking up valuable office space.

Lori then briefed the Board on 5 oil/gas leases where one of the royalty owners paid their portion of taxes under protest. When the value was set, production numbers weren't known for the current year. She is working with PVD on a possible agreed-upon value after updated production numbers were given to the Appraiser's Office. If the values are not accepted, it will go to trial. A hearing is scheduled with the Board of Tax Appeals in October. This will affect the 2016 budget for all taxing entities involved since it is an appeal of the 2015 value. Kansas law states that if the royalty owner appeals, it goes to everyone including the working interest and all other royalty owners involved in that particular lease. Other counties are experiencing appeals as well. Lori gave a summary at how oil/gas values are determined. Commissioner Pence will continue discussion with the KLPG and see if we can work with other counties experiencing these appeals.

John McClure, Road & Bridge, said that crews were working on mowing NW150 Rd for Onyx project that will begin today. Andale Construction will start the paving of Danville Road in 7-10 days. A mower operator has resigned in the Harper district. It was the consensus of the Board to approve the vacancy notice. There was discussion about splitting the cost of labor with the City of Anthony on replacing the bridge on NW 20 Rd near the lake. The City of Anthony offered to pay for materials. More research is needed. It was recommended that a representative from the City of Anthony meet with the Board to discuss the project.

Commissioner Adams motioned to approve the amended agreement with Circle C Paving for chip seal projects, to correct the road name; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve the amended minutes of July 18, 2016, correcting the road name; approved unanimously. Commissioner Adams motioned to approve the minutes of July 25, 2016; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve a special accounts payable for benefits withholding to pay the 2nd Quarter unemployment in the amount of $1,658.29; approved unanimously.

The monthly transfer listing for July was tabled for additional information.

Commissioner Adams motioned to approve payroll in the amount of $161,972.02; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve the additions and abatements for a negative $138.49; approved unanimously.

The Board held a work session for details of the 2017 budget.

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

The Board continued their 2017 budget work session.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, August 8th, at 9 a.m. in the Courthouse Commissioner Room.

APPROVED

Carla Pence

Carla Pence, Chair

ATTEST:

Melinda McCurley

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Recording Secretary