August 9, 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 Hannah Alldritt with the Anthony Republican and Recording Secretary Melinda McCurley.

Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve the minutes of August 1, 2016; approved unanimously. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve the Add and Abates for a positive $175.89

Shirley McCartney, Department on Aging, presented bids for 10 tires. Joe's Service bid $1400, Pronto bid $1500 and Anthony Coop bid $1300. It was the consensus of the Board to approve the low bid from Anthony Coop. Shirley received a scholarship to pay for costs related to a conference in Kansas City and the Commissioners authorized the travel request.

At 9:31 a.m. Commissioner Adams motioned to enter executive session for 30 minutes with Kristie Clark and Tracy Chance for the reason of non-elected personnel; approved unanimously. At 10:00, the meeting returned to open session with no binding action taken.

Tracy was advised to make additional cuts to his 2017 budget for the Sheriff and the Jail and report back to the Board next week. There was discussion about restitution for juvenile housing.

John McClure and Sonja Feist, Road and Bridge, met with the Board to continue discussion related to the Special Bridge budget and the Road and Bridge Budget.

John presented pictures of damages to ditches and roads due to the right-of-way being farmed. The bridge crew will assist with setting the courthouse memorial stone this week. An agreement was found where the City of Anthony assumed maintenance of the lake road leading to the gun club.

At 11:25 a.m., Commissioner Adams motioned to enter executive session for 5 minutes for non-elected personnel with John McClure; approved unanimously. At 11:30 the meeting returned to open session with no binding action taken.

Kristie Clark, HR, presented travel requests for signature from the Health department and Register of Deeds. The Board tabled the requests for further review. The Board approved a vacancy notice for a mower position in Road & Bridge, new dispatcher, new front desk clerk at the Health department, and the three part-time temporary positions in the Register of Deed's office.

At 11:51 a.m. Commissioner Adams motioned to enter executive session for 10 minutes for non-elected personnel with Kristie Clark; approved unanimously. At 12:01, Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to extend for five minutes; approved unanimously. At 12:06 p.m., the meeting returned to open session with no biding action taken.

Commissioner Pence read a letter received from the State of Kansas Department of Property Valuation stating that our Appraiser's Office was found to be in compliance for all classes of valuation in Harper County.

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

At 1:16 p.m., Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to enter executive session for 30 minutes with Joanna Kenney for non-elected personnel; approved unanimously. At 1:46 p.m., the meeting returned to open session with no binding action taken.

Joanna Kenney then worked with the Board on the 2017 budget request.

At 2:04 p.m., Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to enter executive session for 5 minutes with Joanna Kenney for non-elected personnel; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 2:08 p.m.

Melinda McCurley presented the Workforce Alliance agreement. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to appoint Commissioner Pence as representative to the Workforce Alliance Board; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Adams motioned to approve the 2015 audit; approved unanimously.

At 2:48 p.m., Commissioner Adams motioned to enter executive session with Melinda McCurley for 10 minutes for non-elected personnel; approved unanimously. At 2:58 p.m., Commissioner Adams motioned to extend for 5 minutes; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 3:02 p.m. with no binding action taken.

Commissioner Adams motioned to approve accounts payable for $514,336.58 and benefits withholding for $26,124.98; approved unanimously.

Audrey Anderson, Register of Deed's, was present to discuss her travel requests. The Board approved the travel to the CIC symposium but denied the request for the KCOA conference due to budget constraints.

Sherry Vierthaler, Health, was present to discuss her travel requests. The Board approved the travel requests to the Home Health Conference and the South Central Coalition meeting.

Representatives from Saddlehorn Pipeline were present to give an overview of the completion of the pipeline passing through the County. They will be applying for a 10-year property exemption from the State of Kansas.

There was continued work on the 2017 budget with various departments.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, August 15th, at 9 a.m. in the Courthouse Commissioner Room.

APPROVED

Carla J Pence

Carla Pence, Chair

ATTEST:

Kelsie Murphy

~~Melinda McCurley~~
~~Recording Secretary~~
Kelsie Murphy
Deputy County Clerk