

August 22, 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 Melinda McCurley, Recording Secretary.

Greg Barlow, Noxious Weeds, gave information about the vehicle damaged in accident. Greg sent cost estimates to the insurance company. They will send a technician to finish the adjustment process due to the specialty nature of the vehicle.

Amber Kummer and Greg Cleveland, with Anthony City, discussed repairing the bridge on NW 20 road that leads to the lake gun club. They are offering to purchase materials and asked the County to provide labor. John will determine the replacement cost and report back to the Board today. There was discussion about having cities contribute to the EMS budget similar to Kingman County.

John McClure, Road and Bridge, discussed selecting an engineer for the next phase of road projects. Commissioners will review both proposals and financial reports prior to making a decision.

At 9:53 a.m., Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to enter executive session with John McClure for non-elected personnel for 5 minutes; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 9:58 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Janis Knox, County Attorney, presented information regarding indigent burial policy options. There was discussion about who is responsible for cost for such cremations. The county is responsible if no family members can be located.

Tracy Chance, Sheriff, presented jail statistics for July with population continuing to drop. Sheriff call statistics were unavailable for this meeting. The Sheriff and local police departments are holding a back-to-school bash at the lake. There will be food, door prizes and a car raffle - the car was seized for evidence and Newberry Auto donated labor to ensure the car was in proper working order. There was additional discussion about the 2017 budget.

Samantha Troyer entered at the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

Mike Feist, Solid Waste, reported wood material coming from Anthony High School demolition project is being disposed of at our Landfill. His crew is hauling donated rock for Landfill locations. Recycling continues to be normal with some business customers utilizing their own hauling trailers. Mike will meet this afternoon with Robert Furnell, the new Plumb Thicket Manager. Our main concerns are the monitoring of methane production and that trucks are tarped properly to avoid blowing trash.

Commissioner Adams motioned to approve the notice of bids for the FEMA project to replace the McCormick Bridge. This will be published in the official County newspaper (Attica Independent).

Joanna Kenney, EMS, presented a mock schedule for October, with one crew available 6 am – 6 pm and the other crew on duty 12 pm – 12 am. Anyone on call would need to be within 5 minutes of the station or stay at the station. Ambulances would rotate among three towns. The Board will review the proposed schedule and discuss next week.

At 11:06 a.m., Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to enter executive session with Joanna Kenney for non-elected personnel for 5 minutes; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 11:11 a.m. with no binding action taken. Joanna is working with the Treasurer's Office, which sent letters to all outstanding accounts receivable, with payment plans available. If there is no response, the bill will be sent to court, which limits us to 20 small-claims per year.

Melinda McCurley presented the updated Workforce Alliance Agreement for signature. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to authorize Chairman Pence to sign the agreement at no cost to the county; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve the minutes of August 12th and August 19th; approved unanimously.

Samantha Troyer left at 11:17 a.m.

Melinda McCurley reported that the 2nd Quarter 2016 Plumb Thicket Tonnage check was received in the amount of \$422,260.19.

At 11:31 a.m., Commissioner Adams motioned to enter executive session for non-elected personnel for 10 minutes; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 11:42 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Commissioner Adams motioned to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$352,756.71; approved unanimously.

At 11:55 a.m., Commissioner Adams motioned to enter executive session for community/economic development interview for 15 minutes; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 12:10 p.m. Commissioner Adams motioned to appoint Melinda McCurley as Harper County Community/Economic Development Director for a 3-year term; approved unanimously. A press release will be issued to media outlets.

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

At 1:42 p.m., Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to enter executive session with Lori Reedy for non-elected personnel for 15 minutes; approved unanimously. Melinda McCurley entered the meeting at 1:50 p.m. At 1:57 p.m. the meeting returned to open session. Zoning/GIS and Environmental Services will now be taken care of in the Appraiser's Office.

John McClure entered the meeting to provide additional information for the requested bridge repair near the lake. John will discuss these details with City Officials and report back to the Board next week.

Ruth Elliott, County Clerk, was involved in a discussion about job-responsibility changes and office-space requirements.

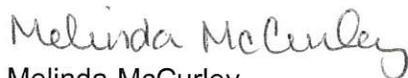
As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:48 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, August 29th, at 9 a.m. in the Courthouse Commissioner Room.

APPROVED



Carla Pence, Chair

ATTEST:



Melinda McCurley
Recording Secretary

