

August 29, 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.

Ruth Elliott, County Clerk, provided information regarding the recent indigent burial. Information received from Prairie Rose Funeral Home indicated a family member; Ruth will discuss our options with the County Attorney.

Sherry Vierthaler and Jonna Gaffney, Health Department, thanked the Board for approving Jonna's travel request to attend the Public Health Informatics Conference. All expenses will be reimbursed by the Kansas Association for Local Health Departments. Sherry gave an overview of how reductions to Home Health Services were determined. There was discussion about the transition of Environmental Services to the Appraiser's Office.

Lori Reedy, Appraiser, reviewed a road vacation issue in Anthony. It has been determined that our records were incorrect about a road having been vacated. Lori has requested official documentation determining the width of the road and alley, before any updates will be done. An unfiled 2008 survey was provided by Mike Alldritt, showing the road and property lines. Had the survey been filed, the issue could have been corrected at that time. Now that the survey has been filed, the issue will be corrected by a property tax abatement with the current year, and the prior two years per State law.

Commissioner Adams motioned to appoint Lori Reedy as Harper County Zoning/Subdivision Administrator effective September 1, 2016; approved unanimously. There is still a vacant position on the Planning Board for District 3 that needs filled and since Matt Booker works in the Appraiser's Office, he will be stepping off the Board. Commissioner Pence and Commissioner Waldschmidt will seek out additional Board volunteers.

Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve the minutes of August 15th and August 22, 2016; approved unanimously.

Jim Chromik and Martha Hadsall, thanked the Board for holding the line on the budget. The Hospitals continue discussions about the merger and compiling survey results collected during the Harper County Fair. Martha gave an overview of the September 13th Health Conference at Chaparral High School. The Hospital Boards have selected McCown Gordon, Manhattan KS, as the construction manager. Cost estimates will be provided so the Board can proceed with obtaining funding. The new hospital Board, assuming the merger is finalized, would be 3 members each from Anthony and Harper, and 1 member that would be the chairperson. After establishing the Board, its members can redraft the bylaws if necessary. The approved pre-application with USDA Rural Development Financing will drastically reduce the interest rate on Harper Hospital debt.

Kristie Clark, HR, presented travel requests for the Appraiser's Office and Health Department, personnel status form for two EMS resignations and for the new hire Community Development Director.

At 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Adams motioned to enter executive session for 10 minutes for non-elected personnel with Kristie Clark; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 10:40 a.m. with no binding action taken.

John McClure, Road and Bridge, presented pictures of farm-implement damage on NW 100 Ave, in pavement freshly sealed with HA5. Stop signs were struck and there was evidence found at the site. All information will be given to the Sheriff's Office. There was discussion about the delay on the Danville Road project, so to avoid road project delays, a start date and estimated completion date must be in the contract. John met with Anthony City officials on the Lake bridge issue. He will ask them to request a time on the agenda to further discuss the options.

Commissioner Pence wanted to pass on appreciation to CJ Downing through Bob Randall, IT/Facilities Director, for cleaning up bird mess on West side of the Courthouse. Bob gave an update on computer repairs, after a lightning strike that will be turned into insurance. There are continued issues with the air conditioning system due to water quality issues. There was a discussion about summer Courthouse mowing. Bob presented pricing for business Pioneer Wireless.

Melinda McCurley, presented a Resolution to participate in the Rural Opportunity Zone Program. It will allow Harper County Employers to cost-share with the State in the Student Loan repayment program. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to accept Resolution 2016-10; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Adams motioned to approve payroll in the amount of \$160,203.88; approved unanimously.

At 12:00 Commissioner Adams motioned for executive session for 15 minutes for non-elected personnel; approved unanimously. At 12:15 p.m. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to extend the session for 5 minutes; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 12:20 p.m. with no binding action taken.

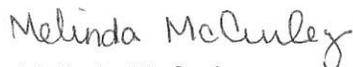
As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:48 p.m. Due to the holiday on Monday, the next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 6th, at 9 a.m. in the Courthouse Commissioner Room.

APPROVED



Carla Pence, Chair

ATTEST:



Melinda McCurley
Recording Secretary