

September 19, 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.

At 9:06 a.m. Commissioner Adams motioned to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy of the individual, with Kristie Clark to remain present and we will reconvene the open meeting in this room at 9:16 a.m.; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 9:16 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Sherry Vierthaler, Health Department, gave a department update. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve departments to pay for employees to obtain the flu vaccine if they aren't covered by their health insurance plan; approved unanimously. Sherry presented the upcoming agenda for the South Central Regional meeting in Pratt. The Ebola grant is coming to an end. Seems like it has been out of the news lately with the Zika virus taking priority.

Commissioner Adams motioned to approve benefits withholding in the amount of \$72,372.08; approved unanimously. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve the minutes of September 12, 2016; approved unanimously.

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Ted McDermott and Eric Gates were present to discuss opportunities for assistance with the McDermott Hardware store. Questions were asked about use of CID funds for various purposes. Melinda will contact CID Attorney Jim Kaup and determine the reasonableness of the request.

At 10:05 a.m. Commissioner Adams motioned to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy of the individual, with Kristie Clark to remain present. We will reconvene the open meeting in this room at 10:10 a.m.; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 10:10 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Kristie Clark, HR, presented four travel requests for the Health Department. Kristie presented annual evaluations for an employee in Road and Bridge and two employees in the Health Department. A personnel status form was presented for a resignation in the County Attorney's Office - no signature was required. A new-hire form was approved for an EMR to help cover EMS calls in Attica on an as-needed basis. Kristie received a personnel status form for a part time Sheriff's Deputy; this will be discussed with Sheriff Chance.

John McClure, Road and Bridge, reported the Danville Road will be done tomorrow. Harper County was awarded additional funding for a bridge project for 2018. KDOT will pay for 80% of the replacement cost and the County will pay 20%. There were 72 applicants statewide and 17 were selected. Melinda will contact the City of Anthony to continue discussion on repairing the 2nd Lake Road bridge.

Road & Bridge crews trimmed trees in the bus parking lot after the storm. John reported on issue with garage door that damaged ambulance at Attica EMS station.

Mildred Metzger and Andrea Reneau with Treasurer's Office gave a department update and handed out the latest tax distribution report. There will be one more clean up distribution in October for the 2015 tax year. There is prep work being done to send statements out in November for the 2016 tax year. Mildred sent out 25 letters on outstanding EMS bills to assist in collection, with some taking advantage of partial payment plans.

Joanna Kenney, EMS, and Kristie Clark, HR, discussed estimates for EMS salaries for the new schedule proposed by Joanna. Joanna asked about getting radios for the part-time employees to take home to assist in dispatching. It was the consensus of the Board for Joanna to work with Todd on acquiring the necessary radios. Joanna will prepare the necessary paperwork to bump employees up one step on the pay scale due to the change in shifts. There is the possibility of having another EMT class in January pending State approval.

Lori Reedy, Appraiser, indicated that residential data collection is complete and staff is entering all of the collected data. Next phase of data will be commercial properties and new construction. Lori is waiting on a cost update from Entrecken for appraising the Plumb Thicket Landfill. Staff is checking references on several imaging companies. The committee will meet next week to make a final recommendation for the Board. Lori and staff have been reviewing zoning regulations and working with Melinda on the upcoming wind farm project.

At 11:33 a.m. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy of the individual, with Lori Reedy to remain present, and will reconvene the open meeting in this room at 11:38 a.m.; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 11:38 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Bob Randall, IT/Facilities, reported on storm damage to a Department on Aging bus. It is no longer needed for transport. It was the consensus of the Board to proceed with insurance claim as it will need fixed whether it is sold or kept as a spare. There was continued discussion about the door repair at the Attica EMS station.

Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to appoint Commissioner Pence as KCAMP voting delegate and Commissioner Adams as alternate; approved unanimously.

The Board discussed the rumor that they gave themselves a raise – this is not correct. No changes to salaries have been made as of this date.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:54 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 26th, at 9 a.m. in the Courthouse Commissioner Room.

APPROVED



Carla Pence, Chair

ATTEST:



Melinda McCurley
Recording Secretary

