

September 26, 2016

The Harper County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, with Chairman Carla Pence calling the meeting to order to Commissioner Brian Waldschmidt. Also in attendance was Melinda McCurley, Recording Secretary.

Greg Cleveland and Amber Kummer, City of Anthony, discussed repairs to the 2nd Lake Road Bridge. The Board stressed the importance of working together on projects that benefit the citizens of the County. The lake road serves the entire county and tourists and it is beneficial to everyone to have safe and adequate access. John McClure left word that the estimated cost of the project would be between \$5000 - \$6000 including labor, and would take approximately a day to complete. Amber indicated the new price is more manageable for the City but they still don't have the necessary equipment and staff to handle the job.

Commissioner Adams entered the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

It was the consensus of the Board for Amber to meet with John McClure for a formal agreement for the County to provide equipment and labor and the City of Anthony to pay for the supplies. The agreement would need final approval of the County Board and the City Commission before implementation.

Kandi Eslinger (4H Leader) and 4H members Jaden Eslinger, and Kiersten and Katlin Newberry were present for National 4H week proclamation. There are currently 119 members in Harper County 4H Clubs and 59 leader volunteers involved in the program. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to proclaim October 2-9, 2016 as National 4H week; approved unanimously.

Kristie Clark, HR, presented travel requests for Department on Aging and the Appraiser's Office. Commissioner Adams signed the requests for Department on Aging and tabled the Appraiser's for additional information. There was discussion about travel requests being presented by the department head instead of HR. Travel Request for Community Development was also approved. Kristie then presented a personnel status form for the resignation of a seasonal mower in Road and Bridge, and personnel status forms for a change in the pay scale for EMS due to shift changes in shifts and position promotions. Another personnel status form was presented changing classification of EMT from part time KPERS covered position to regular part time. The employee must work a minimum amount of 1000 hours to be covered under KPERS.

At 10:04 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 10:09 a.m.; approved unanimously. At 10:09 a.m. Commissioner Adams motioned to extend the executive session and reconvene the open meeting in this room at 10:14 a.m.; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 10:14 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Tracy Chance, Sheriff, presented jail populations statistics, 17 are currently being housed. Tracy will be attending Vine program training in Dodge City which is a victim notification system that will alert crime victims if the suspect gets out of incarceration or escapes. It is a statewide system, at no cost to the County. Enterpol (New jail software) would handle the messaging.

Tracy and staff will be participating in Officer Appreciation on October 9th at Trap Shoot Club with youth at lake.

At 10:26 a.m. Commissioner Adams motioned to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy of the individual, with Tracy Chance to remain present and reconvene the open meeting in this room at 10:31 a.m.; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 10:31. The Vacancy notice for the part time deputy was approved.

Mike Feist, Solid Waste, reported on an accident with equipment at Landfill and indicated final approval was received from KDHE on new cell that has a life expectancy of 50 years. He is working with a new engineer at KDHE on closing the current cell. Water is continually tested to ensure the landfill cell is functioning properly. There was an update on new management at Plumb Thicket.

Bob Randall, IT and Facilities Director, provided a storm-damage update to Dept on Aging bus, on which there will be a \$500 deductible. Shirley is getting estimates on the repair. There continues to be phone problems at the EMS Attica shop with EMS/Road & Bridge. Some fax lines are being removed. SC Telecom Fiber is for Internet that used to be handled by Kanokla.

Joanna Kenney, EMS, has inventoried radios and batteries. The department has enough radios but will need to purchase several new batteries to ensure that all part-time employees have radio access. Joanna sent a news release to all three papers concerning the EMS shift changes. There is an EMS staff meeting scheduled for Friday and the Board recommended that a Commissioner be present.

At 11:23 a.m. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy of the individual, with Joanna Kenney to remain present and reconvene the open meeting in this room at 11:28 a.m.; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 11:28 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Joanna will check with fire departments to ensure their participation in available CPR classes. There was a discussion about teaching classes and which staff members have that authorization. The department head doesn't have to observe each class but verifies documents indicating those training-officers report to her.

Tom Burns, Undersheriff, wanted to clarify part time position with the Harper PD outside of time working full time as Undersheriff. Tom wanted to ensure that the Sheriff's office takes priority.

At 11:42 a.m. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy of the individual, with Ruth Elliott, County Clerk, to remain present and reconvene the open meeting in this room at 11:47 a.m.; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 11:47 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Melinda McCurley, Community Development Director, reported that she has spoken with Jim Kaup CID Attorney and he stated that the only time you can use CID funds to acquire property is if it is to improve the CID. Those monies are not available to become an owner of rented space if no renovations are going to take place. Also, CID funds are prohibited from being used for inventory.

Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve the meeting minutes of September 19, 2016; approved unanimously.

Lori Reedy, Appraiser, went over necessity of travel requests. They will be withdrawing registration for Property Tax Law update and Commissioner Adams signed the remaining three requests.

After discussion about excessive overtime in the jail, Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve payroll in the amount of \$166,014.20; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Adams motioned to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$214,368.19; approved unanimously.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 3rd, at 9 a.m. in the Courthouse Commissioner Room.

APPROVED



Carla Pence, Chair

ATTEST:



Melinda McCurley
Recording Secretary

