

October 3, 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.

Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve the minutes of September 26, 2016; approved unanimously.

Greg Barlow, Noxious Weeds, stated that KCAMP settled on damages to the truck that was totaled. Commissioner Pence was authorized to sign the title releasing ownership of the vehicle. The insurance proceeds check will be deposited in capital equipment reserves earmarked for Noxious Weeds for a future vehicle purchase.

Mike Feist, Solid Waste, reported trash problems to the Plumb Thicket Manager and they have yet to be addressed. Mike will outline issues and forward them to Commissioner Pence, who will contact upper management at Waste Connections. Local manager Robert Furnell has yet to come in and introduce himself to the Board. Sunflower RC&D will auction all recycling trailers. The Board reiterated to Mike that County Employees are not to pick up trailers, that all recycling has to be brought to the landfill by residents. The Board informed Mike that a position was eliminated from the landfill for the 2017 budget.

Kristie Clark and Ami DeLacerda, HR, presented personnel status form for a resignation for detention deputy. The vacancy notice was tabled until next week to speak with Sheriff Chance and Jailer Justin Carey.

At 9:50 a.m. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy of the individual with Kristie Clark and Ami DeLacerda, and will reconvene the open meeting in this room at 9:55 a.m.; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 9:55 a.m. with no binding action taken.

At 10:05 a.m. Commissioner Adams motioned to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel for employer-employee negotiations and consultation with the County Counselor which is privileged attorney-client relationship; we will reconvene the open meeting in this room at 10:30 a.m.; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 9:55 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Melinda McCurley, Community Development, is working on two Economic Development Exemption Applications and visiting businesses. Social media accounts have been established as well as a County website page. She will attend two conferences - the Annual Ks Economic Development Association Conference in Lawrence and an Economic Outlook update in Dodge City.

The meeting moved to the Health Dept Basement at 11:00 for a Dept Head meeting during which the new HR Director, Ami DeLacerda, was introduced. Those in attendance were Commissioners Adams, Waldschmidt and Pence, Joanna Kenney, Mike Feist, John McClure, Bob Randall, Sherry Vierthaler, Greg Barlow, Ruth Elliott, Melinda McCurley, Kristie Clark and Ami DeLacerda. At 11:20 the meeting was brought back to the Commission Chambers in the Courthouse.

John McClure, Road and Bridge, will contact Circle C for updated quote to repair damage on NW 100 Ave. Two quotes were received for professional services for engineering and soil survey work on Phase 3 of the hard surfacing road plan. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve the contract with Terracon for engineering and soil survey work on Phase 3 of the hard surfacing road plan; approved unanimously. John is working with FEMA on plans for the McCormick bridge so bids were tabled for further information. John will have Janis review the 2018 bridge project agreement and report to the Board prior to approval. There was discussion about positions eliminated in the Road and Bridge department. Two equipment operator positions will not be filled; the temporary mowing positions are vital to keep the weeds in check along the right of way. The Board expressed appreciation for crews assisting with projects in other departments. There was discussion about utilizing staff on empty mowing tractor to get caught up.

Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve benefits withholding in the amount of \$162,739.89; approved unanimously.

At 12:18 p.m. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy of the individual with Kristie Clark; we will reconvene the open meeting in this room at 12:23 p.m.; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 12:23 p.m. with no binding action taken.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:23 p.m. and reconvened at 1:04 p.m.

Pete Molitor and Heath Hazen, Andale Construction, gave an update on County road projects. John McClure expressed concern over micro cracks in the Bluff City Road. Andale has sealed them with HA5. There was discussion in the usage of chip/seal vs. asphalt. Commissioner Waldschmidt indicated that the Corwin Road must get done this year if at all possible. Pete explained issues with temperature and hauling asphalt that long distance. Andale will research options for accomplishing the soil cementing of the road and pave it as the temperature dictates. There is also an option to place rock over base to hold it over for winter.

Lori Reedy, Appraiser, received updated estimate from Entreken to complete a Plumb Thicket Landfill appraisal as staff is not qualified for this type of appraisal which is required by Kansas Statute. The estimate is \$225/hour up to 100 hours. It was last appraised by Entreken in 2007. It was Board consensus to proceed with the appraisal for the 2017 value, to be paid for from Plumb Thicket General Funds.

Joanna Kenney, EMS, reported that the 1st ambulance that was taken to Osage to be remounted on the new chassis, to be completed October 12th. Staff will then deliver the 2nd ambulance for work and pick up the 1st. Commissioners asked for the October schedule. Joanna presented year-to-date statistics that include dispatch-to-time-on-scene averages. Joanna will ensure that the new truck title is listed under Harper County Board of County Commissioners.

At 2:14 a.m. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy of the individual with Kristie Clark, Ami DeLacerda and Joanna Kenney; we will reconvene the open meeting in this room at 2:29 p.m.; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 2:29 p.m. with no binding action taken.

The Board had questions for the County Treasurer but she was unable to come into the meeting as she was absent today.

Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to give all employees, except elected officials and temporary employees, a \$0.25 cent raise effective October 2, 2016; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Adams motioned to authorize Commissioner Pence to sign the 2017 budget certification for the Harper County Conservation District; approved unanimously.

The Board asked that Bob Randall obtain quotes for repairing office space vacated by the Appraiser's Office and other tile work in the basement.

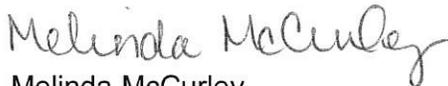
As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 10th, at 9 a.m. in the Courthouse Commissioner Room.

APPROVED



Carla Pence, Chair

ATTEST:



Melinda McCurley
Recording Secretary

