

October 10, 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.

Shirley McCartney, Department on Aging, gave a department update. She is working on interview schedules for the Harper Senior Center Position. The latest round of grants from KDOT were released on October 1<sup>st</sup> so she will be submitting those within the next couple of weeks. It is time to renew meal contracts for the Senior Centers. The Board informed Shirley that due to new Federal requirements, she will be moved from salaried to hourly effective December 1<sup>st</sup>. Shirley reported that she received a resignation for the part-time transportation driver. It was the consensus of the Board to approve the vacancy notice.

Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve the minutes of the special meeting of September 30, 2016; approved unanimously.

There was discussion about mechanic work being conducted at area shops when the work should be done at our County Shop with our employees. There were concerns about multiple repairs to air conditioning systems that are only a couple years old. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$103,306.43; approved unanimously.

Todd Pettegrew, EM and Dispatch, reported that training is going well with new dispatchers. He received notice that Harper County is set to switch to NG 911 in 2017. Todd has secured a grant from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for \$24,089 to purchase the new dispatch recording system and he will begin work on selecting a vendor. He is still working on selecting a vendor for emergency notification system. He attended an emergency drill at the Flat Ridge 2 wind farm.

At 9:46 a.m. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy of the individual with Todd Pettegrew, and reconvene the open meeting in this room at 9:51 a.m.; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 9:51 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Lori Reedy, Planning and Zoning Administrator, was in attendance for a public hearing for Case TX-01-2016 concerning changes to the Zoning Regulations. The changes would alter the Special Use procedures to require a Conditional Use instead. The second change would be to allow for a lower blade tip clearance from 100 feet to 82 feet. No Commissioner disqualified him/herself from the proceedings. No reports were received by the County Clerk or Zoning Office. Commissioners received and filed the unapproved minutes of the September 20, 2016 Planning Board meeting. Josh Svaty with Sempra was also in attendance to address any concerns. Commissioner Adams motioned to accept the recommendation of the

Planning Board to approve the amendments of the Zoning Regulations of Harper County, Kansas by approval of Resolution 2016-11 and to direct the Zoning Administrator to publish it on October 20, 2016 in the Attica Independent; approved unanimously.

Jim Chromik and Martha Hadsall gave an update on the latest Joint Hospital Board meeting and an overview of Community Visioning Session Results. The next steps are to continue working on the site plan and preliminary drawings to get the total cost estimate. The Board reminded them that if they are still considering land near Chaparral High School, they need to contact KDOT immediately as there are limited access points along that stretch of highway. The developer is responsible for costs (if any) that would be needed to upgrade traffic control. Jim asked if the Joint Board could study the feasibility of the County Poor Farm land being a site for the hospital project. They are researching all properties from the 3/6/9 mile corner south to Chaparral on both sides of the highway. It was the consensus of the Board that they could look into the feasibility of the site but indicated they preferred that students not have to cross the highway if classes and training are offered during the school day. Martha reported that the Transition-to-Career Program will co-host a CNA class at Attica Long Term Care.

Kent Stonebraker, Road and Bridge Foreman, asked permission to repair the end of a berm waterway where it meets the county right of way. The waterway is blocked, causing water to damage the County Road. The Board will discuss the issue and let Kent know how to proceed. Kent also reported he is receiving concerns about the shoulder drop-off on the newly-paved Danville Road. It was the consensus of the Board to compete the shoulder work for safety reasons and Andale's unknown timeframe for HA5 work.

Tracy Chance, Sheriff, discussed utilizing mechanic shops instead of our R & B mechanics. The Board stressed importance of utilizing county staff for those issues. Ami DeLacerda, HR, entered the meeting with a vacancy notice for a detention deputy. Tracy asked to fill the position because of transports and safety concerns. During the day, a detention officer has to move inmates back and forth to court and someone has to supervise the remaining inmates. It was the consensus of the Board to fill the position.

Mike Garrett and Kerry Nation, Horizons Mental Health, presented the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter financial reports (FY2016, ending June 30<sup>th</sup>). It continues to be a challenge to operate with mandatory State cuts to Medicaid funding. State hospitals have waiting lists so that leaves patients in jail or emergency rooms at local hospitals.

Ami DeLacerda, HR, received title affidavit from KCAMP for mileage correction on the totaled Noxious Weeds truck. Commissioner Pence was authorized to sign the affidavit. Ami presented a vacancy notice for Department on Aging driver due to resignation, a travel request for HR, longevity personnel status forms for EMS, Clerk, and Sheriff for signature.

Three employees will be moved from salary to hourly due to Federal Wage Law changes. Salaried employees must make at least \$47,476 annually to qualify for that designation. The change will take effect December 1, 2016.

At 12:10 p.m. Commissioner Adams motioned to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy of the individual with Ami DeLacerda, and will reconvene the open meeting in this room at 12:20 p.m.; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 12:20 p.m. with no binding action taken.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:20 p.m. and reconvened at 1:04 p.m.

Joanna Kenney, EMS, presented transfer explanation through September, with 637 year-to-date calls down from 714 in 2015. With the new schedule, each town has an ambulance for two consecutive days then it rotates. The new ambulance will be picked up Wednesday from Linn, Missouri. The Commissioners asked for weekly reports on how the new shifts are working, how many times call back is used etc.

Melinda McCurley, Community Development, gave an update on plans for the Employee Appreciation Dinner and ongoing development ideas. She presented information for John McClure that Janis had reviewed the 2018 KDOT bridge agreement for cost-share funding. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve the agreement as presented; approved unanimously.

The second item was an updated cost estimate from Circle C paving to repair farm implement damage on NW 100 Ave. It was the consensus of the Board to not repair the damage at this time.

Mildred Metzger, County Treasurer, was questioned about contacting the Auditors about moving money between funds seemingly on behalf of the Commissioners, although this wasn't the case.

Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve the minutes of October 3, 2016; approved unanimously. Commissioner Adams motioned to approve payroll in the amount of \$166,341.37; approved unanimously.

Ruth Elliott, County Clerk, asked about hiring a part-time position to get through the tax abstract, November election and end-of-year processes, which have changed with IRS requirements. The Board was to allow this with minimal hours as needed.

At 2:47 p.m. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to recess into executive session for attorney/client privilege to obtain legal advice and assistance with Jared Hiatt and reconvene the open meeting in this room at 3:02 p.m.; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 3:02 p.m. with no binding action taken.

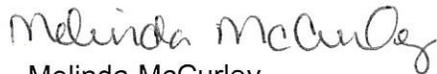
As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 17th, at 9 a.m. in the Courthouse Commissioner Room.

APPROVED



Carla Pence, Chair

ATTEST:



Melinda McCurley  
Recording Secretary