

October 24, 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.

Robert Furnell with Waste Connections presented the 3rd Quarter tonnage fee check from Plumb Thicket Landfill in the amount of \$421,574.73.

Alan Allenbach entered the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

Mike Feist, Solid Waste, reported on problems with the heater at the Landfill, working on getting quotes for replacing the system. Mike will work with the Road and Bridge crew to mow area around tower and generator system. There was continued discussion regarding staffing levels at the landfill. AT&T rates for phone line at landfill continue to increase. It was the consensus of the Board to purchase a regular cellular phone from Pioneer for \$25.00/month and discontinue the AT&T landline.

Bob Randall, IT and Facilities, updates on software upgrades and installation. Working on getting jail network certified with the KBI. October 27th will be phone upgrade installation. CJ is utilizing Community Service to paint and clean up office space recently vacated by the Appraiser's Office. Working on getting quotes for flooring repairs in the basement. Consensus of the Board was to purchase new washer/dryer for custodial at Ron's Appliance. Consensus of the Board was to move historical ledgers and books from attic to basement of Health Department to preserve, which would be a great project for additional Community Service hours. Discussion about snow and ice removal procedures and the pros/cons of using a contractor vs county staff.

Former County Clerk Cheryl Adelhardt and John McClure were present to discuss the memorial sign at the Courthouse. The Memorial Fund is going to reimburse Road and Bridge for the cost of their labor installing the sign. The landscaping will be completed in the Spring by the Courthouse Preservation Committee.

John McClure and Kent Stonebraker, Road and Bridge, were present to discuss the road issue in the NE part of the County where a damaged waterway is flooding the County Road. It was the consensus of the Board to make the necessary repairs to preserve the integrity of the County Road and allow residents access to their homes. Radio issues are still hindering communication between staff. Consensus was to try switching the supervisor radios to a digital frequency to see if that corrects the issue, before switching all radios to the new frequency.

Commissioner Adams motioned to approve the access agreement for Larsen & Associates to drill and monitor water wells on the Harper Road and Bridge shop property on behalf of KDHE; approved unanimously.

Tracy Chance, Sheriff, presented call statistics and jail population numbers. Recovered several thefts over the last month and solved several burglaries.

At 10:24 Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to enter into executive session for non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy of the individual with Tracy Chance and Ami DeLacerda, and reconvene the open meeting in this room at 10:29 a.m.; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 10:29 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Tracy reported that the Sheriff's Office received a grant for \$7,000 to replace bulletproof vests for the department.

Joanna Kenney, EMS, presented title to the 2010 ambulance that was traded in for signature. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to authorize the chairman to sign the title to Mel Hambelton Ford; approved unanimously. Joanna then presented the paperwork from Mel Hambelton placing Harper County Board of County Commissioners as the new owner. Commissioner Adams motioned to authorize the chairman to sign the necessary paperwork to place the new ambulance under the Board's ownership; approved unanimously.

Alan Allenbach asked EMS Director Joanna Kenney about the policy on ambulance crews attending non-emergency or standby functions. The ambulance was to be in Attica and instead was at an event in another community. Joanna will send the monthly schedule of when they would be in Attica. There was additional discussion about the necessity of standby events for sporting activities. It was the consensus of the Board to have the ambulance stay in the scheduled community unless they are running a call.

Ami DeLacerda, HR, presented remaining personnel status forms for signature on the .25 cent raise, new hire for Harper Senior Center, resignation for part time EMS, resignation for part time clerical in the Deed's Office, longevity raise for Deputy, and resignation for Department on Aging. All were signed by the respective Commissioner except for the Sheriff Department.

Ami spoke about personnel status forms and how new rates are determined at time of promotion. It was the consensus of the Board to place an employee on the pay scale determined by their promotion and not add in the raises from the past as that is giving the raise twice.

Lori Reedy, presented corrected appraisal contract for Plumb Thicket Landfill. County Attorney Knox has reviewed the contract. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve the contract with Valbridge to appraise the Plumb Thicket Landfill property; approved unanimously.

Melinda McCurley, Community Development Director, gave an update on the Kansas Economic Development Conference that was held last week and ongoing county projects. Plans are being finalized for the employee appreciation dinner to be held on Saturday. Attorney Knox reviewed the site study document from the Joint Hospital Board for the County Farm property. Commissioner Adams motioned to approve the site study agreement for the County Farm; approved unanimously. It was the consensus of the Board to pay the expenses incurred from the indigent burial related to Attica Long-Term Care.

The Board left the Commission chambers to attend the Harper County Health Department/Home Health Advisory Board meeting at 12:10 p.m. and returned to Chambers at 1:00 p.m.

Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve the minutes of the October 14th special meeting and the October 17th regular meeting; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Adams motioned to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$140,119.20 and payroll in the amount of \$153,814.31; both were approved unanimously.

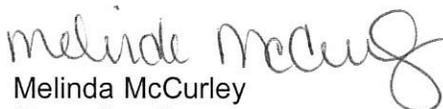
As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 31st, at 9 a.m. in the Courthouse Commissioner Room.

APPROVED



Carla Pence, Chair

ATTEST:



Melinda McCurley
Recording Secretary

