

January 6, 2020

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

Gerald Wolff and Alan Seifert were present for public comment regarding EMS protocols with the fire departments. Jan Harding was present for the discussion.

Commissioner Adams entered the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Jan Harding, EMS Director, introduced the new EMS Captain, Kacey Meeks.

Alan Seifert left the meeting at 9:16 a.m.

Commissioner Adams motioned to approve employee benefits in the amount of \$62,851.69 and 2019 accounts payable encumbrances in the amount of \$94,304.91; both approved unanimously.

Melinda McCurley, Community Development, presented a Community Development Grant Application. Commissioner Adams motioned to approve application 2019-05; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Waldschmidt reported that the City of Anthony had a water line break last night and needed excavator assistance. Road and Bridge employees were able to assist with our equipment.

Ami DeLacerda, HR, gave a department update. Ami also presented a personnel status form for change in Appraiser's Office that was approved. Commissioner Adams motioned to approve Resolution 2020-01 adopting the Harper County Personnel Policy Handbook and Pay Plan; approved unanimously.

At 9:47 a.m. Commissioner Pence motioned to enter executive session. The subject to be discussed will be protected non-elected personnel. The justification for closing the meeting is to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. The open meeting will resume at 9:52 a.m. in this room; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 9:52 a.m. with no binding action taken

Senator Larry Alley was present to discuss the need for property tax reform across the State of Kansas. Senator Alley commended Harper County for holding the line on property taxes when many other counties continue to see upwards of 300% increases over the last 10 years.

Gerald Wolff left the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

Matt Booker, Zoning Administrator, was in attendance for the public hearing concerning agenda item #4, Case SU-01-2019. This case concerns a Special Use to modify certain conditions of the existing special use for the Plumb Thicket Landfill. No Commissioner disqualified himself/herself. No protest petitions were received. Commissioner Pence motioned to accept the findings and factors and recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve condition #17 and approve Resolution 2020-02 and to table condition #28 until January 27, 2020. Conditions to be added are 18 months to complete the education center and 24 months to complete the gas energy plant; approved unanimously.

Matt Booker presented Resolution 2020-03 that will replace Resolution 2019-11 to correct publication date. Commissioner Adams motioned to approve Resolution 2020-03 and repeal Resolution 2019-11; approved unanimously.

Mike Elliott, Building and Grounds, gave a department update.

Commissioner Adams motioned to approve a special payroll in the amount of \$3,302.50; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Pence motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 30, 2019; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Pence motioned to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$147,949.45; approved unanimously.

Melinda McCurley led the Board in their annual reorganization. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve the following appointments to be effective January 13, 2020; approved unanimously:

Chair – Commissioner Pence
Vice-Chair – Commissioner Waldschmidt
SCKEDD – Melinda McCurley
Juvenile Justice – Commissioner Adams
Health Coalition – Commissioner Waldschmidt
Sunflower H2O Advisory – Commissioner Waldschmidt
911 Advisory Council – Commissioner Pence
KLPG – Commissioner Pence
LEPC – Commissioner Waldschmidt
WKREDA – Melinda McCurley

Commissioner Pence will be over the Courthouse departments and EMS.
Commissioner Waldschmidt will be over the Health department and Dispatch.
Commissioner Adams will be over Public Works.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday – January 13, 2020 at 9 a.m., in the Courthouse Commissioner Room.

APPROVED



Carla Pence, Chair

ATTEST:



Melinda McCurley
Recording Secretary

