

March 5, 2018

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

Commissioner Pence motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 26, 2018 and the additions and abatement orders for a negative \$12.00; both approved unanimously.

Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve benefits withholding in the amount of \$142,424,78; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to enter executive session at 9:15 a.m. for confidential data relating to trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts and individual proprietorships to discuss a potential business opportunity, with Melinda McCurley to remain present, and to reconvene in this room at 9:45 a.m.; approved unanimously. At 9:45 a.m. the meeting returned to open session. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to open the northeast portion of the County Farm reserving the very northwest corner of the property (approximately 30 acres) for County use; approved unanimously.

Jeremy Courtney, EMS Director, stated that the transit ambulance is ready to be picked up. Staff will take part in scenario training to familiarize themselves with the new style of ambulance. There was discussion about cell phone stipends vs purchasing county-issued phones. It was the consensus of the Board to add a phone on the County Plan for the EMS Director. Station rotations began this week. The 1<sup>st</sup> out truck will be in each town for a week at a time.

Commissioner Pence motioned to enter executive session at 10:15 a.m. for employee-employer negotiations to discuss a contract, with HR Director Ami DeLacerda and Jeremy Courtney to remain present, and to reconvene in this room at 10:30 a.m.; approved unanimously. At 10:30 a.m., the meeting returned to open session with no binding action taken.

Ami DeLacerda discussed Interpreter Services at the Health Department. Ami presented travel requests for Solid Waste/Landfill and EMS. Open enrollment for benefits was a success. There was discussion about an employee education-reimbursement policy.

Commissioner Pence motioned to enter executive session at 11:03 a.m. for non-elected personnel to discuss protected HIPPA information, with Ami DeLacerda to remain present, and to reconvene in this room at 11:13 a.m.; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 11:13 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Jason Wootonn, representing McDermott Hardware, asked for reinstatement into the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP). The property was removed from the program due to delinquent taxes.

John McClure, Road and Bridge/Noxious Weeds/Solid Waste Supervisor, said that staff is working with oil-field traffic to stay on approved routes near Corwin. There was continued discussion about road vacation issue. The Board asked that landowners adjacent to the road provide their agreement in writing before a decision is made. There was discussion about the next phase of road projects.

Commissioner Pence motioned to approve the compensation offer for acquisition of right-of way for Bridge Project #39C-4886-01; approved unanimously.

The County assisted the City of Anthony with placing rip rap at the Anthony Lake. The original estimate to complete the work was \$2000 but was only \$760.

There was discussion with John McClure about the County-owned tanker trailer and his safety questions. The Board has had no requests for a replacement. The Board agreed that it always needs to be in good working order and available for use due to the weather conditions we are currently experiencing.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 12, 2018 at 9 a.m. in the Courthouse Commissioner Room.

APPROVED



Lee Adams, Chair

ATTEST:



Melinda McCurley  
Recording Secretary