

March 12, 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 and Resident Alan Allenbach.

Commissioner Pence motioned to approve payroll in the amount of \$139,293.84 and accounts payable in the amount of \$160,630.57; both approved unanimously.

Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 5, 2018; approved unanimously.

At 9:20 a.m. Commissioner Pence motioned to enter executive session under the employee-employer negotiations exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, to discuss the Medical Director contract with HR Director Ami DeLacerda, EMS Director Jeremy Courtney and Dr. Pete Meador to remain present, and to reconvene in this room at 9:50 a.m.; approved unanimously. At 9:50 a.m. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to extend for 10 minutes. At 10:00 a.m. the meeting returned to open session with no binding action taken.

Jeremy Courtney gave a department update and went over the station rotations, which will be posted on the County Website.

At 10:12 a.m. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to enter executive session under the non-elected personnel exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, to discuss employee disciplinary action with Ami DeLacerda and Dispatch/Emergency Manager Chris Cintron to remain present, and to reconvene in this room at 10:22 a.m.; approved unanimously. At 10:22 a.m. the meeting returned to open session with no binding action taken.

Chris Cintron gave an update on last week's grass fires. She was able to negotiate with Foley Equipment on the generator repair to ensure it is covered under warranty. There was discussion regarding the agreement with BP Wind Energy for them to have access to the NIXEL emergency notification system.

Alan Allenbach requested reinstatement into the NRP. The Commissioners will discuss the issue further and report to Alan their decision. Alan Allenbach left the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

John McClure, Road and Bridge/Solid Waste/Noxious Weeds Supervisor, stated that a bridge burned last week during the grass fire North of Harper. He will track repair expenses due to the emergency declaration. MBI trucks were still hauling trash when the wind was gusting to 60 mph. It was the consensus of the Board to have any employees that are on the volunteer fire department use PTO for time missed. If employees are working on behalf of the County with County equipment, they will be paid their regular wages. There was discussion about the road vacation request; no action will be taken and the matter has been closed due to further information received about the surrounding properties.

There are still issues with MBI and trash around the Plumb Thicket Landfill. We need a copy of their litter control plan. Road and Bridge crews will continue spiking tress in ditches/bridge areas due to the vacancy in the Noxious Weed Department. It was the consensus of the Board to research the feasibility of contracting for the Noxious Weed duties.

The Commissioners designated April 14th –April 28th as Spring Cleanup Weeks. Harper County Residents can take advantage of free dumping (with restrictions on tires) during those times. John will leave the tanker truck connected and ready to go until the drought subsides. The Fire Departments were thankful they had the tanker on scene during last week's grass fires.

Charles Coggins, CID Committee, presented the recommendation for a project in Anthony. The Committee is recommending up to \$175,000 for electrical portions of the project, with half of that amount to be paid out once the project is completed and documentation is provided, and the 2nd half payment to be processed one year later. Commissioner Pence motioned to approve Resolution 2018-02 authorizing Shepherd Oil Co LLC project to be financed in part by the sales tax created by establishment of the downtown Anthony, Kansas Community Development District; approved unanimously.

Ami DeLacerda presented personnel status forms for signature for a resignation in Noxious Weed, a longevity increase for EMS and a travel request for HR. It was the consensus of the Board to not fill the EMS Office Manager Position at this time.

Melinda McCurley, Community Development, presented a Grant Application. Commissioner Pence motioned to approve CDG Application 2018-04 for up to \$40,000; approved unanimously.

Melinda presented a separate Grant Application. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve CDG Application 2018-05 for up to \$7,405.50; approved unanimously.

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 19, 2018 at 9 a.m. in the Courthouse Commissioner Room.

APPROVED


Lee Adams, Chair

ATTEST:



Melinda McCurley
Recording Secretary