

April 2, 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 was Melinda McCurley, Recording Secretary.

Residents Bill & Sondra Gates spoke about having their NRP reinstated. They did not pay personal property tax on time and were removed from the program. The Board consensus was to allow reinstatement to the program.

Christina Cintron, EM/Dispatch Director, discussed the burn ban. It was the consensus of the Board to control burning through Dispatch based on any given day's weather conditions. No burning will be allowed if wind gusts are over 15 mph or when red-flag-warning conditions are in affect. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve Resolution 2018-05 terminating the countywide burn ban; approved unanimously. Commissioner Pence motioned to approve Resolution 2018-06 appointing Chris Cintron as Emergency Manager; approved unanimously. There was discussion about volunteer training. Tonight is the annual Storm Fury on the Plains, presented at Chaparral High School by the National Weather Service.

At 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Pence motioned to enter executive session under the non-elected personnel exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, with Ami DeLacerda and Chris Cintron to remain present, and to reconvene in this room at 9:35 a.m.; approved unanimously. At 9:35 a.m. the meeting returned to open session with no binding action taken.

Jeremy Courtney, EMS Director, and representatives from Southeastern Emergency Equipment provided a demonstration on a digital-entry narcotic box. Jeremy provided a list of surplus inventory and the items will be sold at a later date. Discussion was held regarding crew scheduling and on-call procedures. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve the change on-call pay to \$1.00 per hour; approved unanimously. All-call reports have been submitted.

John McClure, Road and Bridge/Solid Waste/Noxious Weeds Supervisor, introduced Ben Tucker, manager for Plumb Thicket Landfill. John and Commissioner Adams were at the transfer station in Sedgwick County last week to inspect tarps on MBI trash-hauling trucks. Ben agreed to stop incoming trucks that utilize the tipping method, when sustained winds are above 30 mph. Ben will draft an agreement and bring it to the Board for approval. John discussed clean up weeks in April. The City of Harper and The City of Anthony will not be having curbside pickup. All items must be taken to the Harper County Landfill. The notice will be put on the County Sign and website, as well as in the official paper.

Commissioner Waldschmidt spoke about the vacancy in Noxious Weeds. We would like to recruit someone with experience from within the County. Hours could be flexible due to weather conditions and would be seasonal.

Catherine Rohrer, South Central Community Corrections, provided case statistics. Harper County continues to have more juvenile offenders than other counties in our region, even those with more population. Catherine presented approval forms to apply for FY2019 KDOC – Juvenile Services Comprehensive Plan, FY 2019 Behavioral Health Grant, and FY 2019 Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan Grant funding. Commissioner Pence motioned to approve the applications; approved unanimously.

At 11:24 a.m. Commissioner Pence motioned to enter executive session under the non-elected personnel exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act to discuss contract negotiations, with Ami DeLacerda to remain present and to reconvene in this room at 11:39 a.m.; approved unanimously. At 11:39, Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to extend for 5 minutes; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session with no binding action taken.

Ami presented personnel status forms for new hire in Road and Bridge, annual evaluation for Health Department and a travel request for Department on Aging. The County received a refund on our worker's compensation premiums. There was discussion about employee training days. Commissioner Waldschmidt expressed his disappointment in behavior of some employees in the recent benefit meetings. Ami continues to work on purchasing offers for our Courthouse-Step-Project tax credits. The Safety Committee recommended a policy for safety actions. Commissioner Pence motioned to approve the safety plan; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Adams left the meeting at 12:26 p.m.

It was the consensus of the Board for Ami to obtain HR Certification.

Melinda McCurley, Community Development Director, presented an application to the Harper County Foundation for the Child Advocacy Center. The Board will not have to sign the application because it is for operating costs only, not alterations to the property.

Commissioner Pence motioned to appoint Melinda McCurley as authorized agent for applications to the Harper County Planning Commission for the Industrial Park; approved unanimously. Commissioner Pence motioned to reappoint Sid Burkholder to the District Judicial Nominating Committee; approved unanimously. Commissioner Pence motioned to submit the KDOT Access Management on behalf of Hospital District #6, at no cost to the County; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Pence motioned to approve payroll in the amount of \$137,116.12 that was erroneously approved last week, as well as the regular meeting notes of March 26, 2018; both were approved unanimously.

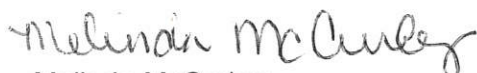
As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:36 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 9, 2018 at 9 a.m. in the Courthouse Commissioner Room.

APPROVED



Lee Adams, Chair

ATTEST:



Melinda McCurley
Recording Secretary