

May 21, 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.

At 9:01 a.m. Commissioner Pence motioned to enter executive session under the attorney-client privilege exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act to discuss pending litigation and to reconvene in this room at 9:06 a.m.; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 9:06 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Commissioner Waldschmidt thanked Commissioner Pence for volunteering her time for assisting the EMS Department.

Shirley McCartney, Department on Aging and Public Transportation, gave a department update. There was discussion about logistics of providing meals to the Harper Senior Center once the new hospital is constructed. Shirley is looking into options for replacement of the transportation mini-van. The grant requires that any vehicles purchased must be entirely made in the USA.

Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve the minutes of May 14, 2018; approved unanimously.

County Clerk, Ruth Elliott, entered the meeting at 9:25 a.m. as recording secretary.

Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve payroll in the amount of \$91,211.46; approved unanimously.

The Board received correspondence from a realtor inquiring about the county farm for development. Melinda will reach out to the company.

Terry Stark, City of Anthony, discussed the water line project for the County Farm Industrial Park. The County will pay for purchase of materials with the City assisting with installation. Melinda is working with SCKEDD on possible infrastructure grants. Ruth indicated that the project should apply for a sales tax project exemption certificate. The project could begin as soon as the plat is finalized with the Planning Commission.

Melinda McCurley re-entered the meeting as recording secretary at 9:48 a.m.

Sherry Vierthaler, Health Department Director, gave a department update. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve the Attica Building Space Contract with Hospital District #6; approved unanimously. Sherry presented travel requests for both nurses to attend the Immunization conference, at no cost to the County, and two requests for Sherry to travel to the Coalition meeting and the Kansas Association of Local Health Department conference. All were approved unanimously.

Anna Porter, Appraiser, discussed the Agricultural Land Survey mailers. They will be sent to approximately 3000 agricultural parcels that are over 10 acres in size. Kimble Mapping will prepare the mailers and make all the necessary changes.

Ami DeLacerda, HR Director, presented annual evaluations for Dispatch and the Health Department for review. The tax credits have been purchased and approved with the Historical Society.

At 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Pence motioned to enter executive session under the non-elected personnel exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act to discuss confidential matters, and to reconvene in this room at 10:35 a.m.; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 10:35 a.m. with no binding action taken.

John McClure, Road and Bridge/Noxious Weeds/Solid Waste, reported that paving began on Murdock Road this week. There was discussion about purchase vs lease options for the track loader at the Landfill. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve the Contract for Sale of Real Estate for right of way for the bridge project; approved unanimously. John presented a detailed report of Noxious Weed activity since the new employee has started in the position.

Linda Langley, Internal Auditor, presented the April accounting update. Most departments are in line with budget expectations. There will be a couple of audit adjustments to be made once the 2017 audit is completed.

Michelle Eshelman, Treasurer and Ami DeLacerda, HR discussed funding options for a full-time employee. The position salary and benefits have been paid from the motor vehicle fund. It was the consensus of the Board to pay for the employee benefits for the remaining part of 2018 out of the employee benefit fund.

At 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to enter executive session under the non-elected personnel exception to the Kansas Open Meetings Act to discuss confidential matters, and to reconvene in this room at 11:35 a.m.; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 11:35 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Ami DeLacerda, Ruth Elliott, and Melinda McCurley were present to discuss the request-for-proposals for 2019 property and liability insurance. Staff will prepare a bid packet for distribution upon request.

Kevin Alexander, Harper County Community Foundation, discussed excessive use of foundation grants by taxing entities. We all would like to see lower taxes in the County but the foundation shouldn't be considered a source of revenue. The Board agreed that it is difficult to draw lines on control of the funding.

Judge Richard Raleigh and Attorney Jim Forsyth with Harper County Bar Association met with the Board.

Melinda McCurley, Community Development, discussed the County Farm Industrial Park. It was the consensus of the Board to name it the Harper County Industrial Park. Mike Alldritt will make the notation on the Preliminary Plat and turn in the application to the Zoning office.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:26 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on TUESDAY, May 29th at 9 a.m. in the Courthouse Commissioner Room.

APPROVED



Lee Adams, Chair

ATTEST:



Melinda McCurley
Recording Secretary

