

January 31, 2022

The Harper County Board of Commissioners attended the Department Head meeting at 8am in the Health Department basement.

The Harper County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, with Chairman Brian Waldschmidt calling the meeting to order to Commissioners Darrin Struble and Jeff Vornauf. Larry Dunn, Anthony Republican, Jason Jump, Harper Advocate, Josh Teel, IT Director, Shonda Larson, Financial Director, Randy Boehmke, Waste Connections and Kelsie Murphy, County Clerk, were also present.

Randy Boehmke from Waste Connections introduced himself to the board during public comment and had provided a check for \$995,394.08.

Josh Teel presented the Tree Boards ideas for planting trees at Harper EMS station.

At 9:10 am Commissioner Struble motioned to enter executive session. The subject to be discussed will be personnel matters. The justification for closing the meeting is to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel. The open meeting will resume at 9:16 am in this room; approved unanimously.

The meeting returned to open session at 9:16 am with no binding action taken.

Mike Bennet and Sheena Thomas, Public Works, provided a department update.

Commissioner Struble motioned to approve the Right of Way Contract for Robert Thomas; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Struble motioned to approve the Right of Way Contract for Greg and Judith Mason; approved unanimously.

The board opened the bids for the following engineering firms:

Earls Engineering- \$92,500.00

BG Consultant- \$84,190.00

Schwab Eaton- \$67,960.00

The board will complete their score sheets for next week's meeting.

Commissioner Struble motioned to approve employee benefits from January 21, 2022 payroll in the amount of \$162,894.17; approved unanimously.

Josh Teel, IT Director, provided a department update.

Commissioner Struble motioned to recess the meeting; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Struble motioned to reconvene the meeting; approved unanimously.

Matt Booker, Appraiser, provided a Zoning update.

Commissioner Struble motioned to approve resolution 2022-04 Amending Zoning Regulations Regarding Communication Towers; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Vornauf motioned to approve the abatement of a boat in the amount of -\$49.84; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Vornauf motioned to approve the economic development tax exemption for Harper Industries; approved unanimously.

David Hoopes, Noxious Weeds, provided a department update.

Jennifer Wolff, Department on Aging/Public Transportation Director, provided a department update.

Commissioner Vornauf motioned to remove Kayla Walker and to add Tonya Hummer to the bank account; approved unanimously.

Audrey Anderson, Register of Deeds Director, provided a department update.

Richard Raleigh, County Attorney, provided conference request and a necessary software update.

It was the board consensus to pay for the active shooter conference for Deputy Hadsell out of the diversion fund.

Shonda Larson, Finance Director, provided the newspaper bid spreadsheet. Discussion between the board, Jason Jump with the Harper Advocate and Larry Dunn with the Anthony Republican regarding newspaper bids.

Shelly Hansel, Community Development Director, provided a department update.

Commissioner Vornauf motioned to approve the letter to SC Telcom regarding the application for broadband service; approved unanimously.

At 12:07 pm Commissioner Vornauf motioned to enter executive session. The subject to be discussed will be personnel matters. The justification for closing the meeting is to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel. The open meeting will resume at 12:25 pm in this room; approved unanimously. Ami DeLacerda, Human Resources Director and Nolan Younce, Buildings & Grounds Director were included in the executive session.

The meeting returned to open session at 12:25 pm with no binding action taken.

Ami DeLacerda, Human Resources Director, provided an EMS status change, advance PTO update and department update.

At 12:28 pm Commissioner Struble motioned to enter executive session. The subject to be discussed will be personnel matters. The justification for closing the meeting is to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel. The open meeting will resume at 12:45 pm in this room; approved unanimously. Ami DeLacerda, Human Resources Director and Shonda Larson, Finance Director, were included in the executive session.

At 12:35 pm Hannah Lumpkin, Deputy County Clerk was asked to join the executive session by Ami DeLacerda, Human Resources Director.

At 12:45 pm Commissioner Vornauf motioned to extend the executive session; approved unanimously.

The meeting returned to open session at 12:43 pm no action taken.

Commissioner Struble motioned to remove appropriated budget adjustment in the amount of \$37,000 to support personnel move from the Clerk's Office to the Finance Department effective today; approved unanimously.

Kelsie Murphy, County Clerk objected to motion made and will be seeking legal opinion from the Kansas Attorney General's Office.

It was the consensus of the board to transfer that personnel today.

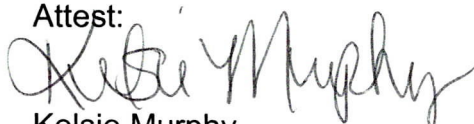
Ami DeLacerda, Human Resources Director provided the board with a personnel status form for the clerk's office transfer.

Board discussed their personnel changes in County Clerk's Office and duties which would include payroll, NRP, accounts payable and phone board.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 7th, 2022 at 9:00 am in the Commissioner Room at the County Courthouse.

APPROVED:

Attest:



Kelsie Murphy  
County Clerk



Brian Waldschmidt, Chair