

March 3, 2021

The Harper County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, with Chairman Waldschmidt calling the meeting to order to Commissioner Darrin Struble and Commissioner Jeff Vornauf. Jason Jump with The Harper Advocate and Recording Secretary, Melinda McCurley were also present.

Commissioner Struble motioned to approve employee benefits in the amount of \$175,900.53; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Struble motioned to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$84,393.45; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Vornauf motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 23, 2021; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Struble motioned to approve the confirmation letter for continuation of the EDX for Harper Industries; approved unanimously.

Heather Struble, Health, gave a department update on progress of COVID vaccinations. Commissioner Waldschmidt preferred to follow the health departments direction to continue with the mask mandate. Commissioner Struble and Commissioner Vornauf preferred to not extend the mask mandate. The Board will continue to monitor case activity and make changes if necessary.

Commissioner Vornauf motioned to approve the annual Aid to Local Grant Application for the Health Department; approved unanimously.

Jennifer Wolff, Department on Aging/Public Transportation, gave an update on the vehicle replacement plan for the minibus that was totaled during a deer accident. Commissioner Vornauf motioned to move forward with the purchase of a used minibus from another transportation agency utilizing insurance proceeds and matching funds from KDOT; approved unanimously.

Bob Randall, IT, presented an inordinate spending request for a Surface Laptop and Copier for Community Development. Commissioner Struble motioned to approve the request for the Surface Laptop in the amount of \$2,651.86 and table the copier purchase; approved unanimously.

Tracy Chance, Sheriff, entered at 9:55 a.m.

At 9:55 a.m. Commissioner Vornauf motioned to recess the meeting for 5 minutes; approved unanimously. At 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Vornauf motioned to reconvene; approved unanimously.

Ami DeLacerda, HR, presented a settlement agreement for approval. Commissioner Vornauf motioned to approve and enter into the settlement agreement and release to resolve the pending litigation involving Dallas Murphy with the understanding that the County is responsible for \$17,500 of the settlement and KCAMP is covering the rest; approved unanimously.

Ami then gave a department update. Commissioner Struble motioned to approve the telecommuting request for Community Development; approved unanimously.

At 10:20 a.m. 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 10:35 a.m. in this room; approved unanimously. At 10:35 a.m. Commissioner Vornauf motioned to extend for 5 minutes; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 10:40 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Kevin Alexander, Harper County Community Foundation, gave an update on programs and finances for the Foundation.

Melinda McCurley gave a department update. Commissioner Struble motioned to appoint Shelly Hansel as representative for SCKEDD and WKREDA; approved unanimously.

At 11:10 a.m. 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 11:20 a.m. in this room; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 11:20 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Richard Raleigh, County Attorney, provided an update on the Flat Ridge Road Maintenance Agreement with Curt Logsdon, Public Works.

Curt Logsdon, Public Works, gave a department update.

At 12:05 p.m. Commissioner Struble motioned to enter into 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 12:10 p.m. in this room; approved unanimously. At 12:10 p.m. Commissioner Vornauf motioned to extend for 5 minutes; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 12:15 p.m. with no binding action taken.

Melinda McCurley gave an update on Wildcat Dam.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday – March 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner Room at the County Courthouse.

APPROVED:



Brian Waldschmidt, Chair

ATTEST:



Melinda McCurley
Recording Secretary

