

March 15, 2021

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

Commissioner Struble motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 8, 2021; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Struble motioned to approve benefits withholding in the amount of \$63,294.62; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Vornauf motioned to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$134,832.01; approved unanimously.

Mark Allen was present for public comment regarding painting of traffic lines on Ridge Road and ditch drainage.

Shelly Hansel, Community Development, discussed the upcoming Heartland Economic Course that is partially paid for by our membership to WKREDA. It was the consensus of the Board to approve the training as presented.

Christina Cintron, EM/Dispatch, gave a department update.

Melinda McCurley discussed the previously tabled equipment purchases for Buildings and Grounds. Commissioner Struble motioned to approve purchasing the STIHL items from Justice Battery and the mower from Prairie Land Partners out of the Capital Equipment Fund; approved by Struble and Vornauf. Commissioner Waldschmidt voted no due to the cost of the mower.

Heather Struble, Health, gave a department update. Commissioner Struble motioned to approve the inordinate spending authorization in the amount of \$3,240.18 for vaccine; approved unanimously. Commissioner Struble motioned to approve the policy manual updates; approved unanimously.

Heather presented the Medical Consultant Contract. The contract was tabled for review by the County Attorney.

At 9:55 a.m. 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 10:05 a.m. in this room; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 11:35 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Melinda McCurley, Board Assistant, gave a department update.

Jennifer Wolff, Department on Aging/Public Transportation, gave a department update. The bus that was purchased through a KDOT grant has been received. It was the consensus of the Board for Jennifer to co-teach the Stepping on Fall Prevention classes in conjunction with Patterson Health Center.

Ami DeLacerda, HR, gave a department update. A personnel status form for new hire in Public Works was approved. The KWORC audit showed that due to salary and classification changes, the County owed an additional \$6,210.

Ami then discussed the outcome of the benefits survey sent to all employees.

Commissioner Struble motioned to approve the job description changes for HR Director, Assistant to the BOCC and Finance Director; approved unanimously.

Melinda McCurley discussed the previously tabled grader bids. After much discussion regarding budgeting and lease vs payment options, Commissioner Struble motioned to approve a 5-year lease with Foley CAT for 5 graders with the front lift; approved unanimously. Melinda will contact Curt to prepare a bid packet to purchase 2 graders (used or new) to start the process to end the leasing cycle.

At 11:50 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 11:55 a.m. in this room; approved unanimously. At 11:55 a.m. Commissioner Struble motioned to extend for 5 minutes; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 12:00 p.m. with no binding action taken.

At 12:07 p.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 12:17 p.m. in this room; approved unanimously. At 12:17 p.m. Commissioner Struble motioned to extend for 5 minutes; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 12:22 p.m. with no binding action taken.


Commissioner Vornauf motioned to approve the Warranty Deed to Diana Capps for property located at 701 E 14th St, Harper, KS; approved unanimously.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:24 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday – March 22, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner Room at the County Courthouse.

ATTEST:


Melinda McCurley
Recording Secretary

APPROVED:


Brian Waldschmidt, Chair