

May 17, 2021

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

Jeff Nulik had public comment regarding the 2nd Amendment Preservation Act.

Commissioner Struble motioned to approve payroll in the amount of \$142,134.47; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Struble motioned to approve \$49.86 for drug dog food and \$95.00 for drug dog veterinarian care to be paid from the Capital Equipment Reserve/County Attorney Special Equipment Fund; approved unanimously.

Cash Rent Bids for the County Farm were opened. Only one bid was received from Adam and Jared Thomas for \$9,250.00/year for a 3-year term. Commissioner Struble motioned to accept the bid as presented; approved unanimously.

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

Jason Jump, Harper Advocate, entered at 9:30 a.m.

Heather Struble, Health, gave a department update. Commissioner Struble motioned to approve the inordinate spending request in the amount of \$2,343.54 for vaccine; approved unanimously. A travel request for the coalition meeting in Pratt was also approved.

Ami DeLacerda, HR, gave a department update. A personnel status form for termination in dispatch and the subsequent vacancy notice were both approved. It was the consensus of the Board to sign the petition to the State of Kansas to end the \$300 per week unemployment benefit. There was discussion regarding the hiring process of an IT Director to prepare for Bob Randall's retirement. It was the consensus of the Board that the employee would be required to live in Harper County and be present in-person versus a remote company.

At 10:10 a.m. Commissioner Struble motioned to recess for 5 minutes; approved unanimously. At 10:15 a.m. Commissioner Struble motioned to reconvene; approved unanimously.

Jan Harding, EMS and Ami DeLacerda, HR, discussed roster requirements for calls.

Shelly Hansel, Community Development, entered the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Kevin Alexander, Harper County Community Foundation, gave an update on the latest grant recipients and their yearly audit report.

Britt Hedlund, Josh Swartz and Mike Sanders gave an update on Transition to Career Programs at USD 511 and USD 361. Commissioner Struble motioned to approve \$20,000 for the 2nd year welding program to assist with building upgrades and renovation

expense; approved unanimously. More information will be gathered regarding the window replacement cost.

Melinda McCurley, Finance Director/Board Assistant, gave a department update.

Curt Logsdon, Public Works, gave a department update. A personnel status form for a seasonal mower was approved.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday – May 24, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Room at the Harper County Courthouse.

ATTEST:


Melinda McCurley
Recording Secretary

APPROVED:

Brian Waldschmidt, Chair
