

July 26, 2021

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. Jason Jump with the Harper Advocate, Stan Hacker, Hacker Brothers Construction and Recording Secretary Melinda McCurley were also present.

Ted Lukens had public comment regarding right of way permitting procedures.

Commissioner Vornauf motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 19, 2021; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Struble motioned to approve payroll in the amount of \$124,235.39; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Vornauf motioned to approve the June transfer listing in the amount of \$41,222.96; approved unanimously.

It was the consensus of the Board to pay for the tick/flea medicine for the Drug Dog in the amount of \$56.00 from the Capital Equipment Reserve/Attorney Equipment Fund.

Commissioner Vornauf motioned to approve the addition/abatement correction order in for a negative \$-12.00; approved unanimously.

Damien Fowler, Special Bridge, gave a department update.

Sheena Thomas and Darrin Struble, Public Works, gave a department update. The Board opened bids for the Saddlehorn/NE 60 Ave project. Only one bid was received from Theiss Dozer with three different types of rock.

Option 1 - \$132,720.08

Option 2 - \$157,257.48

Option 3 - \$126,800.87

Commissioner Vornauf motioned to approve option 3 with Saddlehorn already paying \$125,000 towards the project, with the remaining balance to be paid from the Special Highway Improvement Fund; approved unanimously.

The ditches will need attention prior to the rock placement.

Commissioner Struble motioned to approve the Off-System Bridge Grant Agreement with KDOT for the Rush Creek Bridge project; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Vornauf motioned to accept bids for the chemical listing for Noxious Weeds; approved unanimously.

Stan Hacker, Hacker Brothers Construction, gave an update on the Flat Ridge road repairs. It was the consensus of the Board to accept the millings from the project.

Shelly Hansel, Community Development, presented documents for signature for the CDBG-CV3 business grant program. Commissioner Struble motioned to approve the grant agreement with the Department of Commerce; approved unanimously. Commissioner Vornauf motioned to approve the Special Conditions Form; approved unanimously. Grant applications will be due by August 16th.

At 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to recess the meeting for 3 minutes; approved unanimously. At 10:33 a.m. Commissioner Vornauf motioned to reconvene; approved unanimously.

At 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Struble motioned to enter into executive session for non-elected personnel. The subject to be discussed will be non-elected personnel. The justification for closing the meeting is to conduct an interview of nonelected personnel. The open meeting will resume at 11:00 a.m. in this room; approved unanimously. At 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Struble motioned to extend for 10 minutes; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 11:10 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Ami DeLacerda, HR, gave a department update. Commissioner Vornauf motioned to approve the Medicare Certification; approved unanimously. Personnel status forms were approved for the temporary pay changes for two Public Works employees.

At 11:25 a.m. Commissioner Struble motioned to enter into executive session for non-elected personnel. The subject to be discussed will be non-elected personnel. The justification for closing the meeting is discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. The open meeting will resume at 12:00 p.m.; approved unanimously. At 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Vornauf motioned to extend for 10 minutes; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 12:10 p.m. with no binding action taken.

Ami DeLacerda and Melinda McCurley, led the Board in a work session regarding the current pay scale and merit process. The Board would like additional information and will have another work session on August 23rd.

At 12:50 p.m. Commissioner Vornauf motioned to recess the meeting for 3 minutes; approved unanimously. At 12:53 p.m. Commissioner Struble motioned to reconvene; approved unanimously.

Sheena Thomas, Public Works, discussed the Right of Way permitting process resulting from this morning's public comment.

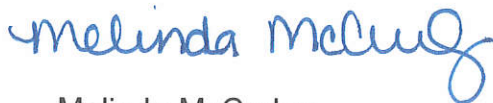
Jan Harding, EMS, gave a department update. Commissioner Vornauf motioned to approve the application to renew the EMS Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax Exemption; approved unanimously.

Melinda McCurley, Finance Director, provided information regarding legal publication and advertising spending. It was the consensus of the Board to only publish items in the Official Newspaper, including Job Postings, unless grant or other Federal guidelines dictate otherwise.

Commissioner Struble motioned to approve the 2020 Financial Audit Representation Letter; approved unanimously.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 2, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Room at the Harper County Courthouse.

ATTEST:



Melinda McCurley
Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



Brian Waldschmidt, Chairman

