

August 15, 2022

The Harper County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session, with Commissioner Waldschmidt calling the meeting to order with Commissioner Struble and Commissioner Vornauf. Josh Teel, IT Director, Mike Bennett, Public Works Director, and Recording Secretary Shonda Larson were also present.

At 8:37 a.m. Commissioner Vornauf motioned to enter into executive session. The subject to be discussed will be legal advice on matters protected by the attorney/client privilege in a matter involving pending threatened litigation. The justification for closing the meeting is for consultation with our attorney on a matter protected by the attorney/client privilege. The open meeting will resume at 9:00 a.m. in this room; approved unanimously. Ami DeLacerda, Director of Human Resources and Mike Bennett, Public Works Director were included in this executive session. At 9:00 a.m. the Commission returned to open meeting and Commissioner Vornauf made a motion to employ the American Engineering and Testing Inc. to perform procedures outlined in the August 8th letter; approved unanimously.

Joe Zimmerman spoke with the commissioners about road and bridge concerns during public comment.

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

Jodi Abington, Director of South Central Kansas Area on Aging Agency (SCKAAA) and Lois Hofmeier, board representative of SCKAAA, gave an update.

At 9:40 a.m. Commissioner Waldschmidt 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 9:45 a.m. in this room; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 9:45 a.m. with no action taken.

At 9:45 a.m. Commissioner Struble motioned to take a 5-minute recess; approved unanimously.

At 9:50 a.m. Commissioner Struble motioned to reconvene the meeting; approved unanimously.

Mike Bennett, Public Works, gave a department update.

Commissioner Vornauf motioned to approve 2022-13 Solid Waste Five Year Plan Resolution; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Struble motioned to waive the driveway and field entrance fee for Chisholm Equipment; approved unanimously.

Tracy Chance, Sheriff, gave a department update.

Heather Struble, Health Department, gave a department update.

Commissioner Struble motioned to approve the inordinate spending requests in the amount of \$5,533.16 for vaccines; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Vornauf motioned to approve employee benefits in the amount of \$23,705.77; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Vornauf motioned to approved accounts payable in the amount of \$59,809.86; approved unanimously.

Hannah Crowe, County Clerk indicated that there was a 46.42% voter turnout for the 2022 Primary Election held on Tuesday, August 2, 2022. There were 112 advance ballots returned and 117 voters came to the office to vote early.

There were 57 provisional ballots; 37 were deemed to have legally-acceptable reasons.

Commissioner Struble made the motion for the appropriate Provisional Ballots to be counted; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Vornauf motioned to approve the minutes from August 08, 2022; approved unanimously.

At 10:34 a.m. Commissioner Struble motioned to take a 5-minuted recess; approved unanimously.

At 10:39 a.m. Commissioner Struble motioned to reconvene the meeting; approved unanimously.

Ami DeLacerda, Human Resource, gave a department update.

At 10:45 a.m. Commissioner Vornauf 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 11:05 a.m. in this room; approved unanimously. At 11:05 a.m. Commissioner Struble motioned to extend for 10 minutes; approved unanimously. At 11:15 a.m. Commissioner Vornauf motioned to extend for 10 minutes; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 11.25 a.m. with no action taken.

Commissioner Struble made the motion to approve the 2022 Primary Election Abstract; approved unanimously.

Josh Teel and Shelly Hansel spoke to commissioner regarding letter of support for the SC Telcom CPF grant for broadband expansion in Harper County.

At 11:45 a.m. Commissioner Struble motioned to take a 5-minute recess; approved unanimously.

At 11:50 a.m. Commissioner Struble motioned to reconvene the meeting; approved unanimously.

Shonda Larson, Finance Director, held the 2023 budget work session with the commissioners.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:39 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 22, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner Room at the Harper County Courthouse.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



Shonda Larson

Recording Secretary



Brian Waldschmidt, Chairman

