

November 8, 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. Shelly Hansel, Economic Development, Melinda McCurley, Finance Director, Jason Jump (with the Harper Advocate) and Recording Secretary Hannah Lumpkin were present.

Commissioner Vornauf motioned to approve Accounts Payables in the amount of \$118,687.98; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Struble motioned to approve Employee Benefits in the amount of \$79,489.18; approved unanimously.

Jennifer Wolff, Department on Aging, Department update. Commissioner Struble motioned to sign the Letter of Support USD 49-5311 Operating Grant for Harper County Public Transportation Services for KDOT, physical year 2023; approved unanimously. Also, Commissioner Vornauf motioned to approve that the new hire starting next Monday gets added on the Heartland account; approved unanimously.

Christina Cintron, Dispatch, Department update.

Matt Booker, Appraiser, had discussion on his ERSI License Renewal. Commissioner Vornauf motioned to approve the Inordinate Spending for the Appraisers office ERSI License Renewal; approved unanimously.

At 9:43 a.m. Commissioner Struble motioned to enter into executive session for 5 minutes for non-elected personnel; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 9:48 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Greg Hekel, KDOT, talked about the Right of Way Spraying Contact. David Hoopes was also present for this conversation.

Sheena Thomas, Public Works, opened trailer bids at 10:15 a.m. It was decided to table these bids until next week's commission meeting. Gave a department update. Commissioner Struble motioned to go out for quote/bid for RFQ Cather Bridge, and those will be opened at 10 a.m. on November 29, 2021; approved unanimously. Commissioner Struble redacted his motion to open bids at 10 a.m. on November 22, 2021; approved unanimously. Commissioner Vornauf motioned to approve the purchase of used pipe (for use in culverts), for a total of \$45,801.00; approved unanimously. Commissioner Struble motioned to approve the request for bids for RFQ Cather Bridge; approved unanimously. Commissioner Vornauf motioned to approve an Inordinate Spending in the amount of \$45,108.00 for used pipe; approved unanimously.

Shelly Hansel, Community Development, added \$25,000 per business to all deeds at the industrial park. The new owner has to invest minimum \$25,000 within the first year.

Darrin motioned to approve; approved unanimously. Follow up on CID project at the Harper County Conservation District. Commissioner Vornauf motioned to approve another \$12,000 out of the Plum Thicket Fund; approved by Commissioner Waldschmidt; Commissioner Struble abstained.

At 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Struble motioned to recess the meeting for 5 minutes; approved unanimously. At 11:04 a.m. reopened.

Josh Teel, IT Director, Camera Update. Wanting to add cameras at the Harper Senior center due to all the vandalism in the City of Harper, Kansas. Tabling until next week's commission meeting.

Ami DeLacerda, HR Director, Department update. Commissioner Vornauf motioned to approve Ami to be paid while she attends the Leadership Program; approved unanimously. Commissioner Vornauf motioned to approve to hire PRN for Senior Center; approved unanimously. Commissioners will be holding Public Works evaluations on the 15th and 22nd in executive sessions. All evaluations have to be turned in by December 1, 2021.

At 11:31 a.m. Commissioner Vornauf motioned to enter into executive session for 15 minutes for non-elected personnel. The subject to be discussed will be personnel matters. The justification for closing the meeting is to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel. The meeting returned to open session at 11:46 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Melinda McCurley, Finance Director, gave October 2021 financial report.

At 12:04 p.m. Commissioner Struble motioned to enter into executive session for 30 minutes for non-elected personnel. The subject to be discussed will be personnel matters. The justification for closing the meeting is to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel. The meeting will re-open at 12:34 p.m. At 12:35 p.m. Commissioner Vornauf motioned to extend the executive session for 10 minutes; approved unanimously. At 12:45 p.m. Commissioner Struble motioned to extend the executive session for 5 minutes; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 12:50 p.m. with no binding action taken.

At 12:50 p.m. Commissioner Struble motioned to enter into executive session for 5 minutes; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 12:55 p.m. with no binding action taken.

Tabled November 1, 2021 minutes until next week's commission meeting.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 15, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Room at the Harper County Courthouse.

ATTEST:



Hannah K Lumpkin
Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



Brian Waldschmidt, Chairman

