

Phillips County Commissioner Meeting
January 9, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Chairman Harlan Stern and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were Commissioners Harlan Stern, Joe Kinnie and Don Lock and County Administrator Randy Schafer.

Joe Kinnie made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 31, 2014 meeting. Don Lock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A capital purchase request was made by Road and Bridge District #1. After discussion, a motion was made by Joe Kinnie, seconded by Don Lock, to purchase a 1998 International 4800 Truck for \$25,000 and a 10' dump body for \$6,290. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Don Lock, seconded by Joe Kinnie, to approve submittal of noxious weed fund grant application in the amount of \$21,985. Motion carried.

The Board discussed communications for Road and Bridge employees. They feel every road and bridge employee should have access to a cell phone which gives us a secondary means of communication if our radio system is not working. After much discussion, a motion was made by Joe Kinnie, seconded by Don Lock, that the county will provide and pay for a phone for those Road and Bridge employees without a phone. The phone will be a basic Viaero phone with no data. For Road and Bridge employees who want to continue using their own personal cell phone and make it available for Road and Bridge business, the County will reimburse at a rate of \$15/month. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Joe Kinnie, seconded by Don Lock, to approve a step increase for Toby Thompson, Deputy Assessor, to GN Grade 25, Step 4, at an annual salary of \$32,331.00 (\$2,694.25/month), effective January 1, 2015. Motion carried. Toby received a satisfactory performance appraisal.

The board met with landfill manager Bill Andrews. He provided reports showing the landfill income for 2014. He also proposed two alternatives for how we should charge for sorting fees. The Commissioners agreed to let Bill decide how he would proceed with sorting charges.

The board had a discussion on long-term employees who have reached their maximum level on the county's salary plan. No action was taken.

The board discussed funding for Baby Bear Hugs for 2015. They will discuss the availability of TANF funds with Jackie Reynolds for the County contribution.

The board received a letter of complaint from Larry Poos regarding Road and Bridge issues. The board discussed the issues that were raised. No action was taken.

The board reviewed the following:

- Update on Haxtun Wind Project from Trishe
- Treasurer's Report
- CCI Membership meeting on January 22
- Thank You from Jack Hansell for assistance during the recent heavy snow storm
- Mobile Food Pantry for December 3, 2014

The board received notice from attorney Stephen Jouard. The notice is a written notice of claim of Richard Lett under the Colorado Government Claims Act for an accident involving a county vehicle and county employee on November 1, 2014. The claim against Phillips County is for \$350,000 (governmental cap) in addition to any additional insurance available and providing coverage in excess of this amount.

The board reviewed the following Event Center rentals:

- Mark and Susan Gueck
- Seaboard Foods
- Grainland Co-op
- Ag Edge (2)
- 21st Century Equipment (3)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Submitted by Randy Schafer
Phillips County Administrator



Harlan Stern

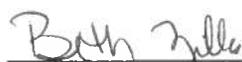


Donald J. Lock



K. Joe Kinnie

Attest:



Beth Zilla, County Clerk