

Phillips County Commissioner Meeting  
January 31, 2017

The board met at in a work session with Road Manager Mike Salyards to discuss road issues prior to the regular meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Commissioner Chair Joe Kinnie, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Commissioners Harlan Stern and Don Lock, County Administrator Randy Schafer and County Clerk Beth Zilla. Lock presided over the meeting due to Kinnie's request as he had lost his voice.

Stern made a motion, seconded by Kinnie to approve the minutes of January 23, 2017 as corrected. Motion carried.

The board gave its monthly press briefing.

The board approved January payroll and an accounts payable batch.

Stern made a motion, seconded by Kinnie, to approve a step increase for Department of Human Services (DHS) Director Penny Verhoeff. She will move to HS Grade 81 Step 3 at annual salary of \$46,058.66 plus additional pay of \$5,316 (\$4,281.22/month), effective February 12, 2017. Motion carried. She received a satisfactory performance appraisal.

Sheriff Rob Urbach and Victim's Advocate Kay Schmidt brought 2 Holyoke High school students to the board for a presentation. Brooke Prottzman and Austin Herman presented the plan for an "Every 15 Minutes" program to be held March 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

Lock made a motion, seconded by Stern, to donate \$1,000 toward the "Every 15 Minutes" program. Motion carried.

Urbach also brought up coverage questions regarding farmers/farm equipment used at a fire. He updated the board on the new security system installation. He is still pricing handicapped accessible door handles.

Stern made a motion, seconded by Kinnie, to approve a contract with Viaero Wireless for an annual subscription. Motion carried.

The board discussed a proposed lease with Dominion Voting Systems. The decision will be tabled until Zilla can provide additional information.

A request was received from Amanda Rife for reimbursement for 2 bills related to an electrical problem at the Harvest Park RV campground. The board directed Schafer to turn the request over to the county attorney, Al Wall.

Jim Russel with the Nebraska Antique Farming Assoc met with the board. His group is holding a Tractor Relay Across Nebraska. It would start in Holyoke on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The board agreed to allow tractors to be parked at the fairgrounds June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. All campers staying at the RV campground will be charged the regular rate.

Stern made a motion, seconded by Kinnie, to approve submittal of an Energy Impact application for the Fairgrounds Pavilion Project. Motion carried.

The board opened a public hearing at 11:00 am to consider the proposed 2016 supplemental budget. After closing the public hearing at 11:15 with no public comment, Lock made a motion, seconded by Stern, to approve adoption of the 2016 supplemental budget. Motion carried.

The board met with DHS Director Verhoeff. The minutes for this portion of the meeting are maintained by DHS.

Cecelia Marquez met with the board to request her event at the Event Center on March 11, 2017 be allowed to have alcohol. The board approved the use as long as Marquez purchases liquor liability insurance and provides the required alcohol deposit.

The board reviewed the specifications for the courtroom carpet project. They noted they want carpet tiles for the project.

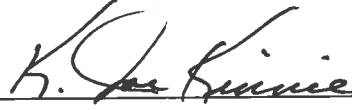
Weed and Pest Manager Kerri Doleshall provided information from the Haxtun Conservation District regarding its cost share program for prairie dog control. The board agreed the program should be made available to clients.

The board reviewed the following Event Center rentals:

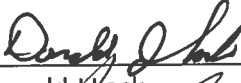
- Ceasar Quezada
- Dan Kafka
- Centennial Ag

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

Submitted by Randy Schafer  
Phillips County Administrator



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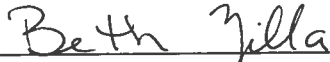


Donald J Lock



Harlan Stern

Attest:



Beth Zilla, County Clerk