

## Phillips County Commissioner Meeting

March 19, 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, County Administrator Randy Schafer, and County Clerk Beth Zilla.

The board met with District 3 Road Foreman Mike Salyards to discuss the purchase of a 2001 4700 Series International Truck for spraying, survey for building two miles of new road on County Road 19, and an ad for a summer road district truck driver.

Lock made a motion, seconded by Kinnie, to purchase a 2001 International truck from Vogel Sales for Road District 3 in the amount of \$16,500.00. Motion carried.

The board met with John Ayoub from Melissa Memorial Hospital (MMH) and County Sheriff Rob Urbach. They discussed charges for an inmate in the custody of Phillips County. Ayoub explained that MMH is a critical access hospital and is reimbursed for Medicare coverage based upon actual costs. This reimbursement rate is significantly higher than larger hospitals. Ayoub offered to give the county a 25% discount on the bill. The board agreed to pay the outstanding balance MMH with the 25% discount.

The board met with Gene Bittner to discuss a land ownership dispute adjoining County Road 29 located at Section 20-T9N-R45W. Bittner would like to know if the county road determines property lines. Schafer stated that if the road has been established over 18 years ago then the road can determine the property line.

Kinnie made a motion, seconded by Lock, to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Lock made a motion, seconded by Kinnie, to approve the reorganizational meeting minutes from January 13, 2015 as presented. Motion carried.

The board met with Michelle Harms to discuss the purchase of tables for the event center that are 18" wide rather than 30" wide.

Lock made a motion, seconded by Kinnie, to approve the purchase of 15 - 18"x72" tables, in the amount of \$1,126.85. Motion carried.

Kinnie made a motion, seconded by Lock, to purchase 2 portable light systems at a cost of \$3,500 each. Motion carried.

Kinnie made a motion, seconded by Lock, to approve the step increase for Elections Deputy Diane Rahe. Diane will be placed on GN Grade 17, Step 8 at \$30,212.36 per year, \$2,517.70 per month, effective March 15, 2015. Her next scheduled increase will be March 15, 2018. Motion carried. She received a satisfactory performance appraisal.

Lock made a motion, seconded by Kinnie, to approve the closure of the Clerk's office for the dates of April 8-10. Motion carried.

Lock made a motion, seconded by Kinnie, to approve the job description for the part-time position for Weed and Pest as presented. Motion carried.

The approval of the revised Ambulance Resolution has been tabled until March 31, 2015.

Kinnie made a motion, seconded by Lock, to approve the Haxtun Ambulance License Agreement which will run from April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016. Motion carried.

Stern made a motion, seconded by Kinnie, to approve the PCTelcom Roadway Occupancy Agreements provided that a preconstruction meeting is held with road supervisors. The preconstruction conference should clarify that the County will mark culverts. Once notified the project is complete, the County will inspect culverts and note disturbed roadways, and report to PCTelcom repairs that need to be made. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the following reports:

- Preliminary Information for Fairground Building
- Budget Information
  - February Fund Balances

- February Revenue
- February Expenditures
- February R&B Revenue/Expenditures
- CHP Average Loss Ratio Analysis
- Mobile Food Pantry:
  - Total Products.....#9,376
  - Households served..... 243
  - Children (1-18)..... 234
  - Adults (19-59)..... 285
  - Seniors (65+)..... 108
  - Total individuals served..... 627
  - Volunteers..... 37
- Event Center Surveys and Rental Agreements
  - Pete and Dixie Fagerlin
  - Melissa Memorial Hospital
  - Lamar Fertilizer
  - Brian and Karen Ortner
  - Farm and Ranch Realty
  - Eagle Farms

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Submitted by Beth Zilla  
Phillips County Clerk

  
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Harlan Stern

  
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Donald J. Lock

  
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K. Joe Kinnie

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Beth Zilla, County Clerk