

Phillips County Commissioners Meeting

May 31, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 by Chairman Joe Kinnie and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were County Commissioners Harlan Stern and Don Lock, County Administrator Randy Schafer and County Clerk Beth Zilla.

Stern made a motion, seconded by Lock, to approve the minutes from the May 19, 2017 meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

The board approved payroll for the month of May.

The board approved a batch of accounts payable for the month of May.

Delbert Haynes met with the board to discuss the weeds in the county road right-of-way.

The board met with the local newspapers for their monthly briefing.

The board discussed the water drainage issue on County Road 20. Mark Farnsworth, CEO of Highline Electric (HEA) reviewed the plan to install a culvert across the county road to equalize flow when there is heavy runoff. Farnsworth asked if HEA can borrow a sump pump in the event the pit on its property fills up completely. The pump would be used move that water to the city's overflow pond located just west of HEA's property. The commissioners agreed to the request.

Stern made a motion, seconded by Lock, to approve the bid from B and B Seamless Gutters to install seamless gutters with leaf guard at the Communications Center, jail, and maintenance garage in the amount of \$3,254.50. Motion carried.

The board met with Ryan and Pam Deterding on their rental agreement for the Event Center. They plan to serve alcohol at their event. The board approved their application if they provide the alcohol deposit and the certificate of insurance. No special event permit will be required.

The board reviewed a letter from District Attorney Brittany Lewton asking for the board's support to put a ballot question on this November ballot asking voters to approve a three-term limit for District Attorneys. Board tabled this until further discussion with other 13th District County Commissioners.

The board reviewed the payments from the local entities to support the 911 console upgrade. All first responding agencies except the Haxtun Hospital District (HHD) have paid in full their agreed upon contribution. HHD is set to pay its remaining contribution in two annual payments (2018 and 2019).

Stern made a motion, seconded by Lock, to approve the following resolution:

Resolution No. 05-31-17-01

WHEREAS, the Phillips County 911 Authority Emergency Telephone Board is proceeding to upgrade its console at a cost of \$163,852;

WHEREAS, all the first responding agencies are contributing their pro-rated share to the project using the attached payment plan;

WHEREAS, the following entities have paid their full share:

Phillips County - \$9,561
City of Holyoke - \$18,694.76
Town of Haxtun - \$7,869.72
Melissa Memorial Hospital - \$10,468.90
Holyoke Rural Fire Department - \$1,847.45
Haxtun Rural Fire Department - \$897.35

WHEREAS, the Haxtun Hospital District made a one-year contribution and has an outstanding principle and interest balance of \$3,435.99;

THEREFORE, Phillips County hereby agrees to contribute the Haxtun Hospital District principle balance due of \$3,287.34 to the project now. Phillips County will be reimbursed in 2018 and 2019 as the Haxtun Hospital District makes those annual payments which will include 3% interest.

Motion carried.

The board met with County Maintenance Supervisor Dan Waln to discuss the purchase of pickup.

Lock made a motion, seconded by Stern, to allow up to \$26,000 for the purchase of a used pickup for the maintenance department. Motion carried.

The board met with Human Service Director Penny Verhoeff for regular business. This portion of the meeting will be maintained by the Department of Human Services.

The board met with County Sheriff Rob Urbach. They discussed several different items which included how vacation and floating holiday hours are allotted to a new employee, the future possibility of an increase in the county sales tax, and progress on the door lock project. They also discussed adoption of the Model Traffic Code and a recent request from the District Attorney to extend the term limit for that office to three terms.

The board met with the Dragon's Wagon Preschool Director Marcia Walters and board members Deb Williamson and Amanda Skinner. They thanked the board for the use of the Event Center for their annual spaghetti supper fundraiser. Walters asked if they could have use of the building again on May 10-12, 2018. The board approved the use if the dates are available.

The board met with Melissa Memorial Hospital CEO Trampus Hutches and board members Gary Rahe and Mike Woodhead to discuss their board policy on the appointment of vacancies. The board is proposing a change to the current process. A draft copy of the proposed changes will be submitted to the commissioners for review before taking final action.

The board met with CDOT Region 4 Director Johnny Rogers and several staff members. They explained the funding for transportation from SB17-267. While U.S. Highway 385 is currently a high priority, no projects are designed. Rogers indicated they will work, in the next six months, to identify several projects and move them to design.

The following items were reviewed by the board

- HEA solar farm letter
- State program for ground well monitoring
- Imperial Republican article
- Cash reconciliation
- Event Center Rental Agreement - Joyce Strong

Meeting adjourned at 3:50.

Submitted by Beth Zilla
Phillips County Clerk



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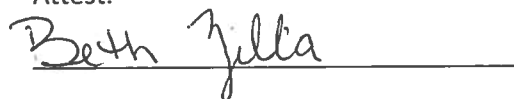


Donald J Ložk



Harlan Stern

Attest:



Beth Zilla, County Clerk