

Phillips County Commissioners' Meeting
July 31, 2017

The board met in a work session to discuss road issues prior to the regular meeting. Attending were Road Manager Mike Salyards, Assistant Road Manager Kevin Scott, the County Commissioners, and County Administrator Randy Schafer.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman Joe Kinnie and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were County Commissioners Don Lock and Harlan Stern, County Administrator Randy Schafer and County Clerk Beth Zilla.

Stern made a motion, seconded by Lock to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2017 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

The board met with Vern Rafert and Weed & Pest Manager Kerri Doleshall. Rafert has some concerns about trash being dumped on his property at the old city landfill and neighbor's trash coming on to his property. The board will investigate those concerns. Rafert also shared concern about the control of Common Mullein throughout the county.

The board approved payroll for the month of July 2017.

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

The board met with Garry and Tina Kramer on their rental agreement for the Event Center. They plan to serve alcohol at their event. The board approved the request as long as they provide the required alcohol deposit and the certificate of insurance. No special event permit will be required.

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

The board met with Carlos Villalobos, Jessi Ruiz, Adan Vargas and Holyoke Chamber representative Elizabeth Hutches. They discussed having two live bands, Revancha Nortena and Los Huracanes del Norte, at an event scheduled for the 9th of September. They are in hopes of attracting 700-1,000 people. Jessi Ruiz mentioned that this is in conjunction with the Holyoke Chamber and a portion of the ticket sales will go to the Chamber. Hutches also mentioned that all alcohol will be purchased from Hometown Liquor. They hope to make this an annual event. They plan to sell alcohol at their event. The board approved the application if they get a special event permit from the City of Holyoke, as well as provide required alcohol deposit and insurance.

The board met with Matt Meusborn and Hank Hassler to discuss the future of the Lions Club building at the fairgrounds. The board indicated no final decision has been made but will keep them updated as the project goes forward.

Hank Hassler commented that the fairgrounds grandstand's ramp is very slippery when wet.

The board held a conference call with CDHE for the landfill. The meeting was for compliance of the landfill. Those in attendance on the call from CDHE are Solid Waste Permit Unit Engineer Andy Todd, Legal Assistant Randy Perila, Solid Waste Compliance Assurance Unit Leader Ed Smith, and Douglas Ikenberry. The group reviewed each noted violation in Ikenberry's June 21, 2017 letter and the subsequent county responses. CDHE indicated it wants to install three monitoring wells, perform an analysis of the ground water, and then decide if the county is eligible for a waiver from regular testing. If a waiver is approved, the county would only be required to test every five years. Approximately six months after that process, CDHE would request an update for the Design and Operations Plan. CDHE requested additional financial assurance information for the 2013 submission. Schafer will supply the needed information and CDHE will issue a new letter after reviewing that information.

The commissioners and fundraising committee members have received a number of inquiries concerning disposal of the buildings for the pavilion project. After discussion, the board agreed to advertise for bids for the purchase of the hog/sheep barn, the west beef barn, and the horse barn.

Stern made a motion, seconded by Lock, to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the subdivision exemption for Marc and Anne Newman for the sale of approximately six acres in the located in the NW¼ of Section 31-T7N-R44W. Motion carried.

The board reviewed changes to the draft personnel policy.

Carlos Villalobos, Jessie Ruiz and Adan Vargas met with the board to ask for an addendum to their Event Center Rental Agreement allowing the band and staff to stay and clean up until 4:00 a.m. The board agreed as long as there is no alcohol consumption past midnight and attendees leave by one o'clock.

The board reviewed the following Event Center/Harvest Park Rental Agreements and surveys:

- Kristina Ham, EC Rental
- Zoroya Rangel, EC Rental
- Assembly of God, Harvest Park
- Tina Kramer, EC Rental
- Shanda Willmon, EC Rental
- Colorado Corn, EC Survey

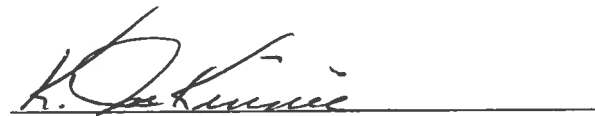
The board met with Melissa Memorial Hospital Administrator Trampus Hutches. Kinnie had some concerns about the equipment on the ambulances.

The board met with County Treasurer Linda Statz to discuss equity of deposits amongst the local banks. The commissioners expressed their desire to see funds invested in all four county banks on a more equal basis.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Submitted by Beth Zilla
Phillips County Clerk

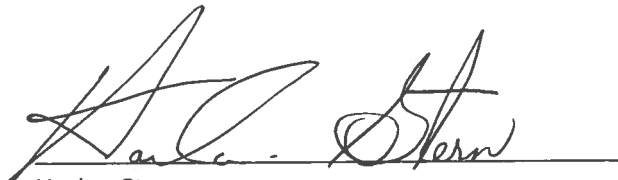
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Beth Zilla, County Clerk