

Phillips County Commissioner Meeting

September 28, 2018

The meeting was called to order 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, County Clerk Beth Zilla and from the public, Terry Hofmeister.

Lock made a motion, seconded by Stern, to approve the minutes from the August 29th and September 18th meeting as presented. Motion carried.

The board approved September payroll and a batch of accounts payable.

The board met with the Holyoke Enterprise for the monthly press briefing.

The board met with the Department of Human Services Director Penny Verhoeff. The minutes from this portion of the meeting are maintained by DHS.

The board met with Phillips County Economic Development Executive Director Tricia Herman to review PCED's 2019 budget request.

The board met with County Treasurer Linda Statz and Sharon Michael to discuss Michael's transition to Treasurer. Michael is currently working for the Department of Human Services and would like to get trained before she takes office in January.

The board met with Larry Poos to discuss the county storm rescue policy. Poos suggested having a policy to charge for services rendered when the county has to pull out vehicles during a storm or otherwise require aid while on a county road. The county will gather information on how other counties handle this type of service.

Stern made a motion, seconded by Lock, to approve a step increase for Debbie Bennett. Bennett is eligible for the step increase per clerk department policy as she passed Driver's License examiners test. She will move to General Grade 24 Step 4 at a base pay of \$32,549.60 plus annual additional pay of \$5,676 for a total annual pay of \$38,225.60, effective October 01. Motion carried.

By consensus, the board decided not to order more Storm Ready signs at this time.

Stern made a motion, seconded by Lock, to reappoint Josh Larson, Doug Larson and Austin Tharp to the Phillips County Fair Board. Motion carried.

The board met with CSU 4H agent Kindra Plumb and 4H members Baylor Struckmeyer, Janessa Lutze and Lucia Mares. The board signed a proclamation declaring October 1-7 as National 4H week. Plumb also invited the board to attend the annual 4h achievement meeting in Haxtun on October 07.

The board met with FCCLA member Brenna Gatton. She asked the board to waive the rental fee for their event at the Event Center on October 17. Board approved request.

The board met with Road and Bridge Manager Mike Salyards, Assistant Manager Kevin Scott and Caterpillar Representative JR Harsh to discuss purchasing or leasing new machinery for the Road districts.

After a review of tractor bids for the maintenance department, Lock made a motion, seconded by Stern, to approve the purchase of a 2019 90C Case IH tractor with a lease purchase plan calling for trading in our 2015 75JX plus four annual payments of \$11,720.80. Motion carried.

Stern made a motion, seconded by Lock, to approve the Treasurer request for a tax write off in the amount of \$20.20 plus \$1.01 interest. The 1966 mobile home was destroyed but the 2017 taxes were not paid.

Lock made a motion, seconded by Stern, to approve the Republican River Resolution as follows:

Colorado General Assembly established the Republican River Water Conservation District ("District") in 2004 and set its boundaries based on the recommendation of the State Engineer's Office; and,

WHEREAS, the District purchased the necessary groundwater permits and built and operates the Compact Compliance Pipeline ("Pipeline"), which assists the State of Colorado in achieving and maintaining compliance with the Republican River Compact ("Compact"); and

WHEREAS, wells that withdraw groundwater within the Compact Administration Groundwater Model's domain deplete waters that are subject to the Compact; and

WHEREAS, the construction and operation of the Pipeline has been and will continue to be funded by those within the boundaries of the District that consume water that impacts Colorado's allocation under the Compact; and

WHEREAS, the boundaries of the District are smaller than the Compact Administration Groundwater Model's domain, and a number of wells that impact Compact compliance are located outside the boundaries of the District, and

WHEREAS, the continued operation of the Pipeline, as well as other conservation programs, are necessary to assure that Colorado achieves and maintains compliance with the Compact; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado must achieve and maintain compliance with the Compact in order for the wells that impact Compact compliance to continue operation; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Phillips County believe that all who benefit from the compliance programs funded by the District should be included within its boundaries, be properly represented in District governance, and have their groundwater depletions covered by District compliance programs.

THEREFORE, by this Resolution, the Commissioners of Phillips County does declare its support for the expansion of the Republican River Water Conservation District's boundary to include all wells that impact Compact compliance.

Motion carried.

Stern made a motion, seconded by Lock, to approve the ad for the Haxtun Schools yearbook. Motion carried.

The board met with Emergency Manager Bob Heldenbrand to review his 2019 budget requests.

The board reviewed a revised Department of Health proposal for placement of monitoring wells at the landfill. The proposal included three sites to be drilled by the state. The proposal also called for a commitment from Phillips County to drill a fourth monitoring well along the last landfill boundary at some point in the future.

Lock made a motion, seconded by Stern, to accept the revised proposal as described herein. Motion carried.

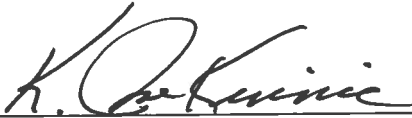
The board reviewed the following letters and reports:

- Landfill monitoring well placement
- USDA Grant status
- 2018 Livestock sale financial summary
- HHD parking lot question
- Sheriff Elliott's letter to the VALE Board
- Proposed newspaper support letter of ballot issue 110
- Event Center Rentals

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Submitted by Beth Zilla
Phillips County Clerk

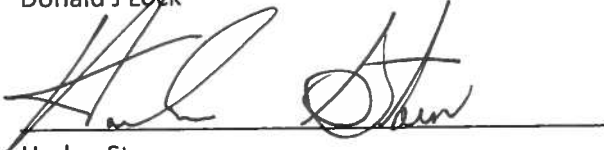
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Attest: 
Beth Zilla, County Clerk