

Phillips County Commissioner Meeting

April 10, 2014

The meeting opened at 9:00 a.m. with the pledge of allegiance. Present were County Commissioners Harlan Stern – Chairman, Joe Kinnie, and Don Lock and County Administrator Randy Schafer.

The board met with Undersheriff Thom Elliot. He requested permission to consult with the county attorney on disposal of evidence from a past case. A motion was made by Joe Kinnie, seconded by Don Lock, to allow the consultation. Motion carried.

The minutes of March 31, 2014 were reviewed. A motion was made by Joe Kinnie, seconded by Don Lock to amend his March 31st motion on part-time wages to read as follows:

“Change pay for temporary employees to range from minimum wage up to \$16/hour, based on experience and job classification.”

Motion carried.

A motion was then made by Joe Kinnie, seconded by Don Lock, to approve the minutes of March 31, 2014, as amended. Motion Carried

The board discussed the plans to provide water for new trees on the northwest corner of the fairgrounds. Staff will work with contractor Rob Urbach to install the necessary lines.

A motion was made by Joe Kinnie, seconded by Don Lock, to approve hiring Heather Meakins as Property/Deed Transfer Clerk, effective April 9, 2014. She will be placed on GN Grade 17, Step 1 at an annual salary of \$24,277.50/\$2,023.12 monthly. Motion Carried. She will be eligible for a step increase in 6 months with a satisfaction performance.

A motion was made by Joe Kinnie, seconded by Don Lock, to hire David Reitz as a District 1 Road employee, effective April 22, 2014. He will be placed in RB Grade 16, Step 3, at a salary of \$26,936.00 per year (\$2,244.67/month), effective April 22, 2014. Motion carried. With a satisfactory performance appraisal, he would be eligible for a step increase in six months.

The board met with Landfill manager Bill Andrews. Bill presented additional alternatives for dealing with construction debris. He will continue to do research on costs associated with disposal.

A motion was made by Joe Kinnie, seconded by Don Lock, to change the fee for processed wood to \$40/ton, effective April 10, 2014. Motion carried.

The board held a brief discussion on the recent request from Don Poe to improve Co Rd 59.5 south of Co Rd 8. Additional research needs to be done before any decisions are made.

A motion was made by Don Lock, seconded by Joe Kinnie, to accept the Phillips County Public Trustees' report for the first quarter of 2014. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Don Lock, seconded by Joe Kinnie, to approve leasing two semi-tractors from MHC at a rental rate of \$2,665/month plus \$0.13/mile for road building this summer. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Don Lock, seconded by Harlan Stern, to purchase a 1974 Fruehauf 8600 water truck from Blackwolf Trucking for a price of \$10,500.00. Motion carried. The cost will be split between District 2 and 3.

The board moved the mid-month meeting to Monday, April 21, 2014.

The board reviewed the proposal by the legislator to send “the elected official’s salary issue” to the voters in November, proposing that the Board of County Commissioners set those salaries. They are of the opinion it should stay as it is, with the legislator approving salary changes.

The board met with Louis Gonzales and his daughter. They requested approval to have alcohol at their Quinceanera on May 31, 2014. The board gave approval as long as they meet the requirements for the alcohol deposit and insurance.

The board was briefed on the progress of placing the rural representation issue on the November ballot.

A motion was made by Don Lock, seconded by Joe Kinnie, to add Amy Deaver as a driver on the East Phillips County Ambulance Service. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the following Event Center rentals:

- Azvcena Almonza
- Zion Lutheran Church
- Highline Electric
- Haxtun Conservation District
- Darwin and Jill Duester

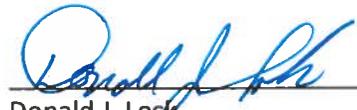
The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Submitted by Beth Zilla

Phillips County Clerk



Harlan Stern

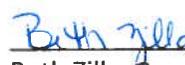


Donald J. Lock



K. Joe Kinnie

Attest:



Beth Zilla, County Clerk