

## Phillips County Commissioner Meeting

August 7, 2014

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.

Joe Kinnie made a motion, seconded by Don Lock to approve the minutes of July 31, 2014 meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

The board discussed a road being rebuilt in District 3. An existing fence line is on the county road right-of-way and will need to be either moved or have a new fence line installed on the right-of-way line.

Following discussion, Don Lock made a motion to pay for materials for a new fence as the county builds a new road. After additional discussion, the issue was tabled.

County Treasurer Linda Statz met with the board to provide information on outstanding taxes due on a mobile home in Haxtun. No action was taken.

A motion was made by Don Lock, seconded by Joe Kinnie, to approve moving Sara Kumm from part-time dispatcher to full-time, effective August 1, 2014. She will remain on GN40 Grade 11, Step 1 at an hourly salary of \$10.60. Motion carried. In keeping with the step increase schedule already in place, she will be eligible for a step increase on November 1, 2014 with a satisfactory performance appraisal.

A motion was made by Joe Kinnie, seconded by Don Lock, to approve a salary increase for E.B. "George" Henderson, District 2 road worker. He will be moved to RB Grade 16 Step 4 at \$27,747.20/year, \$2,312.27/month, effective August 18, 2014. Motion carried. George received a satisfactory performance appraisal.

A motion was made by Don Lock, seconded by Joe Kinnie, to approve the hiring of Carissa Mill as a temporary, part-time dispatcher for the Communications Center at an hourly rate of \$10, effective August 7, 2014. Motion carried.

Randy explained that the approved Energy Impact grant required the county to take bids for the purchase of the mobile aggregate blending trailer.

Sheriff Rob Urbach met with the board to discuss his inspection of railroad crossings. He will do some additional research before the county contacts the railroads.

The board met with Delbert Haynes. He requested that the county right-of-way east of the Seaboard Foods mill (County Road 35) be opened north from US Highway 6 to County Road 24. The request was taken under advisement.

The board met with Jeff McNeilly and Terry Rook, representatives of American Fidelity. They would like to offer life insurance and disability insurance to county employees. They also provide services for 125 flex programs. The commissioners took no action. Randy explained that vendors can present at the annual employee meeting in the fall if approved by the board.

The board approved an accounts payable batch for July.

The board discussed whether to proceed with request for proposals for audit services for 2014. RFPs will be sent out. Rfarmer LLC will be considered along with any other proposals.

The board reviewed the following Event Center rental agreements:

- Kim Craft

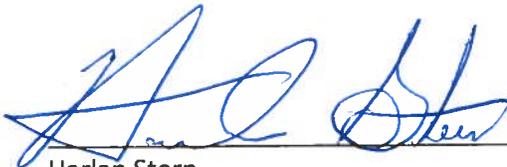
The board reviewed the following reports:

- Treasurer's report for July

The board reviewed the project proposed for the GOCO grant application. The proposed project included moving the existing picnic shelter, replacing it with a large, specially designed pavilion, addition of a splash pad, and two decorative brick walls for seating. After discussion, the commissioners decided to limit the project to the pavilion at Homesteaders' Park.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 pm.

Submitted by Randy Schafer  
Phillips County Administrator



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Harlan Stern



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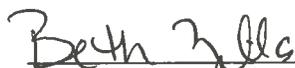
Donald J. Lock



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K. Joe Kinnie

Attest:



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Beth Zilla, County Clerk