

Phillips County Commissioner Meeting

January 18, 2013

Present were Commissioners Joe Kinnie, Harlan Stern and Don Lock, and County Administrator Randy Schafer.

The meeting opened at 8:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Don Lock, and seconded by Harlan Stern, to approve the minutes of January 7, 2013 as corrected. Motion carried.

The board met with Social Services Director Jackie Reynolds. The minutes of this portion of the meeting are maintained by the Department of Social Services.

The board approved the appointment of Michael Davis as a Haxtun Fire Representative and John Ayoub as a Holyoke EMT Representative on the Phillips County Communications board.

A motion was made by Harlan Stern, seconded by Don Lock, to sell two items – a hitch for \$3,500 and a box scraper for \$900 to Yuma County Road and Bridge. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Don Lock, and seconded by Harlan Stern, to finalize getting the title to the 1974 mobile home previously owned by Robert Carrick. The back taxes will be \$246.96. Motion carried.

The board met with Fair Board members Ron Thompson and Pam Haynes. They discussed future capital improvements at the fairgrounds and their desire to build relationships with outside sponsors in staging the annual event.

The board reviewed Joy Schafer's Mobile Food Pantry report from January 2, 2013. It showed:

- Total Product: 3,511 pounds plus pallets of produce and bread
- Households Serve: 127
- Children (1-18) served: 112
- Adults (19-59) served: 143
- Seniors (60+) served: 76
- Total number of individuals served: 331
- Volunteers: 27

The board discussed current traffic on the State Line Road (Co. Rd. 65). Commissioner Kinnie indicated it is a very high maintenance road and primarily serves Nebraska residents. No income is received from Nebraska to assist in the upkeep. There is a written agreement between Perkins and Phillips County which expires this February. To the best of our knowledge, there is no written agreement with Chase County. The practice for many years has been for Phillips County to maintain the state line north of U.S. 6 and Chase County to maintain the state line south of U.S. 6. The board decided to send letters to Perkins and Chase Counties regarding the state line maintenance issues.

The board plans to meet with Road and Bridge Foremen on a monthly basis until the spring construction season begins – then maybe every other month.

Randy related a request from CHS/Grainland to purchase approximately 4,000 cubic yards of gravel from the county for their upcoming trainload facility project. The request was taken under advisement.

The board discussed trail roads that are sometimes not used during the winter. Some landowners are actually stringing electric wire across the trail road for increasing pasture size. These roads need to be barricaded and signed as temporarily closed.

Commissioner Kinnie reviewed several alternatives for leasing or purchasing a tractor for District #1. No decisions were made.

The board discussed railroad crossings and how to approach NKC to request repairs.

The board reviewed the budgets for departments and funds which will require a supplemental budget. The hearing will be scheduled for January 30, 2013.

The January 31st meeting was changed to Wednesday, January 30th. The Commissioners will plan to attend a Department of Energy Conference in Golden on January 31st and February 1st.

The board reviewed the request from CHS/Grainland for tax incentives on their train loading facility. No decision will be made until additional information is provided.

The board went to the Phillips County Landfill for an inspection.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

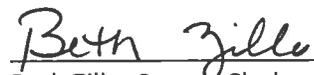
Submitted by Beth Zilla
Phillips County Clerk


K. Joe Kinnie


Harlan Stern


Don Lock

Attest:


Beth Zilla, County Clerk