

Phillips County Commissioner Meeting

February 28, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Chairman Joe Kinnie and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were Commissioners Joe Kinnie, Harlan Stern and Don Lock, County Administrator Randy Schafer, and County Clerk Beth Zilla.

The board met with County Attorney Al Wall and County Sheriff Rob Urbach to discuss gun control resolution.

The board approved the sale of a 1999 Chevrolet Blazer and a 7 year old female horse recently acquired by the County.

The board met with Eric Conklin to discuss a catering business that he would like to start. He would like to use the kitchen at the Event Center kitchen. The board agreed to allow Eric to use the kitchen as long as there are no other conflicts. The board signed the Commissary Agreement needed for his catering license.

Harlan Stern made a motion to approve the February 19, 2013 minutes as presented. Don Lock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board met with Rick Unrein with Grainland Co-op to discuss the railroad project. They are in need of gravel. The board agreed that they would need to talk with the pit owners to see how they want to handle the sale of the gravel. Rick also discussed with the board the incentives for Grainland.

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

The board reviewed the following Phillips County Event Center Rentals:

- Jeremy Dirks
- Allyn Robinson
- Holyoke Credit Union
- Mary Harding
- Trisha Herman- PCFES
- Holyoke Chamber

Don Lock made a motion to accept the recommendation from Haxtun Chamber of Commerce to appoint Doug Larson as their representative to the Phillips County Fair board. Harlan Stern seconded the motion. Motion carried. His term will run through August 31, 2015.

Don Lock made a motion to give the Fair board permission to serve alcohol during the Phillips County Fair and during the Holyoke Raceway events as long as they receive a Special Events Permit from the City of Holyoke. Harlan Stern seconded the motion. Motion carried. A letter with specific dates and time will be sent to the City.

Harlan Stern made a motion to approve the step increase on Erik Young, deputy, to GN40, Grade 20, and Step 3 at \$28,766.40 per year, \$2,397.20 per month, beginning March 15, 2013. Don Lock seconded the motion. Motion carried. Eric received a satisfactory performance appraisal.

A motion was made by Don Lock, seconded by Harlan Stern, to appoint Bruce Mahnke as Phillips County Representative on the RETAC board. Motion carried.

The board discussed a request from Baucke Funeral Home to increase the payment for an autopsy transport from \$500 to \$650 if the funeral home does not perform the funeral service for that individual. The board called Gerk Funeral Home for comments. They expressed an opinion that the current payment is sufficient. They view the transport as somewhat of a community service. The board decided to leave the rate at its current level.

The board met with Sharon Michael, Account Clerk for the Department of Social Services, for regular monthly business. The minutes for this portion of the meeting are maintained by the Department of Social Services.

The board met with Eric and Rosa Dominguez. They have rented the Event Center August 9-11, 2013 for a quincieria and plan to serve alcohol at the event on the 10th. They plan to hire security for the event. The board approved the use of alcohol as long as proper liability insurance is obtained and the alcohol deposit is paid.

A motion was made by Don Lock, seconded by Joe Kinnie, to approve tax incentives for the CHS/Grainland grain loading facility. They are:

1. 50% reduction in use tax
2. 60% reduction in property tax in year one
3. 40% reduction in property tax in year two
4. 10% reduction in property tax in year three

The incentives will only apply to the grain loading facility. Motion carried. Commissioner Stern disclosed a possible conflict of interest and abstained from voting due to his previous position as President and CEO of Grainland.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Submitted by Beth Zilla
Phillips County Clerk



K. Joe Kinnie

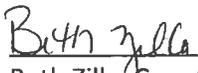


Harlan Stern



Donald J. Lock

Attest:



Beth Zilla, County Clerk