

## Phillips County Commissioner Meeting

April 26, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Commissioner Chair Joe Kinnie and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were Commissioners Jerry Beavers and Quentin "Bud" Bieseemeier, and County Administrator Randy Schafer.

The board met with Jay John, Garold Roberts, and Rick Hinck to discuss the sprinkler system proposed at Homesteaders' Park for the enhancement project.

A motion was made by Bieseemeier, seconded by Beavers, to approve the minutes of April 18, 2012 as corrected. Motion carried.

The board reviewed rental agreements for the Phillips County Event Center.

The board met with Holyoke City Superintendent Mark Brown. Holyoke is researching construction of an animal pound. Brown assured the board that the City would be willing to work with the county in allowing access as well. Discussion of any potential fees would occur after the pound is operational.

Victims' Assistance Coordinator Darlene Johnson met with the board. She asked if there was any possibility of her cleaning the Communications Center. The county currently has an annual contract with Jamie Poe for that service. Johnson raised the issue of confidentiality. The board will have Jamie Poe sign a confidentiality agreement. No other changes will be considered until the contract is renewed.

The board approved payroll for April 2012.

The board met with Gary and Jodi Peintner. They are starting a business to sell beef jerky. They would like to rent the county's commercial kitchen for product preparation. The process involves three steps: 1) slicing and marinating – approximately 4 hours, 2) turning the jerky – 1 hour, and 3) dehydrating and packaging – approximately 4 hours. These steps are typically completed over a three day period. They will be utilizing their own slicer, dehydrator, and sealer but they will use the county refrigerator. Their initial plan is to make a batch every week. The board decided it is willing to allow a 2 month trial of the arrangement at a fee of \$75 per week. Peintner's must put down a \$75 deposit and they must be flexible in order to schedule their use of the kitchen around other rentals. At the end of the trial period, a determination will be made if the arrangement is working for all parties. The Peintner's are waiting to receive their state license so their use of the county commercial kitchen will not begin until that time. Carrie Anderson, Phillips County Event Center Reservationist, will need to coordinate their usage around other events' rental schedules.

The board discussed the north service window at the Phillips County Event Center Extension office with Agent Tracy Trumper. On two occasions a youth has been able to remove one of the windows and climb into the office. The first solution will be to install a security camera in that hallway. If needed, the window will be replaced with a metal roll-up service door.

Schafer reported that he will be meeting with Tim Tuttle from CDOT to start the paperwork for the 2012/2013 enhancement project. The board drove the proposed route for the extension of the bike path.

Kinnie presented a cost estimate on the handicapped ramp proposed for the fairground's grandstands of approximately \$3,300. He will begin work on the project as soon as supplies are purchased.

Schafer will contact Fair board members Brent Vieselmeyer, Dustin Guthrie, and Ron Thompson about the wash rack project. Jay John will need to work that project into his schedule.

A motion was made by Bieseemeier, seconded by Beavers, to send a letter of support on behalf of Steve Hofmeister who is seeking to be appointed to the State Transportation Commission. Motion carried. The letter will also be sent to High Plains Highway members requesting their support as well.

The board received notice of a decrease in state fees on various waste streams at the landfill. Landfill fees will be changed as needed to reflect the new fees.

The board discussed a dispute over payments for gravel from the Johnson pit. Schafer will prepare a letter to the landowners for clarification and seek review by County Attorney Wall.

Schafer reviewed the current Road and Bridge fund balance and projected 2012 expenditures to aid the board in evaluating whether to proceed with the purchase of roller packer(s) proposed at the last meeting.

The board reviewed bids for additional communications equipment that would allow 800 MHz and other frequency radios to communicate with each other. Additional research will be done on the equipment.

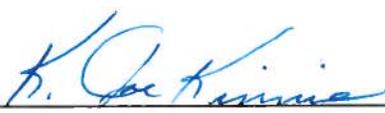
Schafer updated the board on a concern expressed by Y-W Communications regarding an ambulance service call for an 854 prefix in Yuma County.

The board reviewed the monthly Food Pantry report for April 4 which showed service to 250 households (218 children, 295 adults, and 130 seniors). Senior commodities were also delivered to 70 individuals.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Submitted by

Randy Schafer – County Administrator

  
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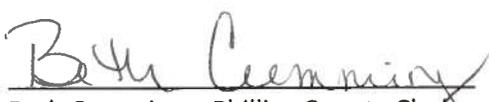
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Quentin Biesemeier

Attest:   
Beth Cumming – Phillips County Clerk