

Phillips County Commissioner Meeting

February 18, 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, and County Clerk Beth Zilla.

Joe Kinnie made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 07, 2014 meeting as submitted. Don Lock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board met with George Lenz on his Event Center rental for June 14, 2014. The plan is to serve alcohol at the event. The board approved as long as the alcohol deposit and the certificate of insurance are provided. No special event permit will be required.

Joe Kinnie made a call to Terry Hinde to discuss making a ring for use in decorating the Event Center. Terry said that he would have it done in two weeks.

Randy updated the board with the phone systems for the communication center and court house. Lance Williams is looking into other options and will get back to Randy at a later date.

Joe Kinnie made a motion to approve the resolution for the VOCA, VALE and Local Victim's Assistance Budget figures to be reallocated. Don Lock seconded the motion. Motion carried. A copy is attached.

The board met with Phillips County Economic Director Julie Worley and Haxtun Town representatives Todd Workman and George Michael. They discussed the proposed Town of Haxtun Master Plan.

Joe Kinnie made a motion to donate \$5,000 toward the Town of Haxtun Master Plan. Don Lock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Joe Kinnie indicated Road & Bridge District #1 would like to purchase a portable blending unit to use for road construction. He suggested the county could apply for an Energy Impact Grant which could pay up to 50% of the cost if it were approved. The board tabled the discussion of applying for the Energy Impact Grant until more detailed information can be obtained.

The board discussed the possibility of selling a 2011 Cat M Road Grader and purchasing a Case Titan Model 865B. Commissioner Joe Kinnie will set up a demonstration of the Case grader that is being considered.

The board asked Randy to see if we can get a study done on the Road Districts and the benefits of one Road District versus three districts.

The board agreed to allow Randy to do the interviews for the custodial and maintenance supervisor positions.

The board agreed to ask Gary Koch and Jim Tomky to serve on the board to interview for the Weed and Pest manager position.

The board discussed the removal of Smith Construction's name off of the pledge plaque at the Phillips County Event Center. Randy is working with Clay Christensen from the Holyoke School to re-do that plaque.

Randy stated that the organization chart is currently being drafted.

Harlan would like to put signs on the walking path that will state the distance you have walked. The board agreed to have this done.

The board agreed to do a mass mailing on a survey on improvements at the fairground.

The board discussed the possibility of purchasing carnival rides. The board will research funding, GOCO Grants, and the cost of insurance.

The board reviewed a letter from the Haxtun Fleming Herald in regard to Executive Sessions.

Don Lock made a motion to endorse a letter to Colorado's elected officials that would oppose a statewide ban on oil and gas processes such as fracking. Joe Kinnie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the Homesteaders' Rental Policy for Special Events. If individuals want to reserve a specific area in or around Homesteaders' Park, the board agreed to rent Soccer field for \$50/day, Water Feature Park for \$50/day, playground for \$50/day, disc field for \$50/day, shelter for \$50/day and Homesteader Park \$50/day plus a damage deposit of \$100 per day. A copy is attached.

The board met with Marcia Walters and Deb Williamson from the Dragons Wagon preschool. Marcia and Deb noted their concerns about available parking spaces during loading and unloading times at the preschool. The board suggested to put up signs that state no parking during the hours of loading and unloading. Marcia will bring the times to Randy so that 4 signs can be made and placed in the appropriate parking spaces.

The board received a request from 4-H Coordinator Kindra Plumb to waive the fees for use of fairgrounds livestock facilities on June 3, 2014. Phillips County will be hosting a lamb and goat nutrition/fitting/showing

camp for 4-H members. Don Lock made a motion to waive the fees. Joe Kinnie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board agreed to contact the Phillips County Wildlife Representative to obtain her comments on the Lesser Prairie Chicken being put on the endangered species list.

The board reviewed a map from Seaboard Foods alternate storm routes.

The board called Joe Bellm to discuss requests for the BST racing season.

The six requests were:

1. A pit shack approximately 10' x 15'. Ideally it would have three service windows on one side. A window on the backside, and one access door.
2. A pit tower
3. A bathroom in the pit area
4. Additional lighting between the grandstands and the bathrooms
5. Additional guard rail and cable (to be installed prior to July 3, 2015 when the world of outlaws are tentatively scheduled)
6. Permanent Beer garden

The commissioners agreed to work on:

1. A pit shack
2. Bathrooms, although this may be a long term project. Porta potties may have to be use this year
3. Lights in and around the grandstands
4. Utilizing the Exhibit Hall (Boy Scout Building) for the beer garden

The board also agreed to amend the approved 2013 racing schedule by adding races on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and July 21<sup>st</sup>.

The board reviewed a letter from the fair board to the fair booth participants

The board reviewed the following Phillips County Rental Agreements:

- Holyoke Chamber
- Centennial AG
- Highline Electric Association
- Melissa Memorial Hospital

The board agreed to allow Carlos Fluentes/Manos Unidas to serve alcohol at his events at the event center on April 19 and May 17, 2014. The board will send a letter to the city that they approved, as long as a special events permit is issued.

The board discussed whether Northeast Colorado counties were going to pursue funding for a Master Plan for broad band?

The board decided to postpone an application to GOCO for constructing a gazebo in Homesteaders' Park.

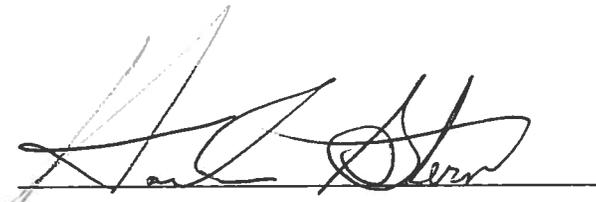
Randy mention that the county will celebrate 125 years in March 2014. Randy will bring back to next meeting some suggestions on ways to celebrate.

The board discussed the purchase of three belly dump trailers. Additional information will be needed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:28 pm.

Submitted by Beth Zilla

Phillips County Clerk



Harlan Stern



Donald J. Lock



K. Joe Kinnie

Attest:



Beth Zilla, County Clerk