

Phillips County Commissioner Meeting

February 07, 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

Don Lock made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 31, 2014 as presented. Joe Kinnie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The county received notification from the State Historical Fund that the county's grant application to refurbish the courthouse windows and repair the chimney was approved in the amount of \$110,472.00.

The board reviewed a quote from PC Telcom for the purchase of a new phone system in the Administration office and the Commissioner Office. Randy mentioned that the current system is no longer supported by PC Telcom. Randy will do more research on the cost to replace all phones for Communication Center and the Courthouse Offices.

The board reviewed the new landfill fees. The proposed changes only reflect an addition for state fees over the next three (3) years.

Joe Kinnie made a motion to approve the changes to the new landfill fees. Don Lock seconded the motion. Motion carried. A copy of the new fee schedule is attached.

The board met with Nancy Berges from Highline Electric Association. She asked the board if it would consider waiving the deposit fee for large local businesses such as Highline. The board decided to create a list of businesses that it will exempt from the damage deposit. Exempt businesses will need to sign a statement that acknowledges financial responsibility for all damages to the building lieu of the deposit.

The board agreed to advertise the Weed and Pest Manager position. This position will be responsible for stocking first aid supplies and will also assume the duties of a county safety program manager in the off season.

The board discussed reservations for special events in the Homesteaders' Park area. The board reviewed reservation fees charged by other entities for pavilions or park areas. After much discussion, the board decided to set the fee for reserving an area of Homesteaders' Park.

A motion was made by Joe Kinnie to set the reservation fee for Homesteaders' Park at \$50/day plus a damage deposit to be determined on a case by case basis. Don Lock seconded the motion. Motion carried. The specific request before the board for a three (3) day rental will be \$150 plus a \$350 damage deposit.

Don Lock made a motion to set a hearing for consideration of the 2013 supplemental budget. Joe Kinnie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Joe Kinnie made a motion to purchase wireless security cameras for the parking garage in the amount of \$1,039.93 which is the preferred option. If wireless will not work, then the approval is to proceed with a hard wired camera package at a cost of \$560.01. Don Lock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board approved accounts payable for the month of January.

Joe Kinnie made a motion to approve the hiring of E.B. (George) Henderson as a District 2 road worker. George will be put on RB Grade 16 Step 3 at \$26,936/year, \$2,244.67/month and \$12.95/hour effective February 17, 2014. Don Lock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Joe Kinnie made a motion to accept the recommendation of the planning commission and approve a subdivision exemption application from Teldon Bohlender for the sale of a tract of approximately 5.6 acres located in the SW4 of Section 24-T7R-43W of the 6th P.M., pending receipt of the final survey. Don Lock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board called Ron Thompson to discuss the Fair board appointments.

The board met with Jackie Reynolds, Director of Social Services, for regular monthly business. Joe Kinnie made a motion to become the Board of Social Services. Don Lock seconded the motion. Motion carried. The minutes from this portion of the meeting will be maintained by the Department of Social Services.

The board adjourned for lunch at 11:50 a.m.

The board reviewed the following reports:

- Treasurer's report for January
- Cash Balances for January End of Month
- Revenue and Expense Report for December 2013
- Road and Bridge Revenue and Expense Report for December 2013
- Cash Transaction for December 2013
- Cash Reconciliation for December 2013

After receiving a few complaint about blowing soil, Randy Schafer provided copies of the state statutes addressing soil erosion. The commissioners do have the power to act upon a complaint, requiring landowners to implement control of the blowing soil, as deemed necessary.

Don Lock made a motion to purchase a Load King belly dump trailer, model 2060-40-2, for \$43,743 from Wagner Equipment. Joe Kinnie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the following Phillips County Event Center Rentals:

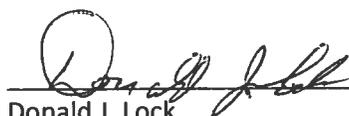
- Highline Electric Association
- Joylyn Kinnie (PIE)/Holyoke Grade School Carnival
- Todd Workman/Grainland Coop
- Eric Conklin/Phillips County Players

Meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Submitted by Beth Zilla
Phillips County Clerk



Harlan Stern

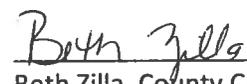


Donald J. Lock



K. Joe Kinnie

Attest:



Beth Zilla, County Clerk