

## Phillips County Commissioner Meeting

January 31, 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 January 14, 2014 meeting as presented. Don Lock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board met with Doug Keller and Tom Andersen with Pine Bluffs Gravel. Evan Consalvos, Mike Salyards, and Kevin Scott the Road Supervisors for Phillips County was also present at this meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the services available that might assist county road maintenance.

The board met with County Sheriff Rob Urbach to discuss the purchase of a new patrol car. Rob presented a quote from Bonanza Ford for a 2014 Ford Explorer in the amount of \$21905.00. Rob would also like to put cage barriers in the explorer.

Don Lock made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2014 Ford Explorer for the net amount of \$21,905.00 (trade-in 2007 Dodge Charger for \$8,000) for a new patrol vehicle for the Sheriff's office. Approval includes an amount not to exceed \$3,200 for the prisoner cages. Joe Kinnie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board met with Loren Hendrix, Gale Wiebers and Austin Tharp to discuss the Junior Rodeo coming up this summer May 31 and June 01. They asked if the board would put up signs around the grounds as to where the livestock is not allowed in the Harvest Park area. They also asked if they could use the boy-scout building as they have done before. Gale asked if they would be able to use the tractor and a water truck. The board agreed to their requests. The county will supply them with either a dump truck or roll off for them to use for cleanup.

The board met with Debbie Bennett and Jerad Kingman to discuss their Phillips County Event Center and Harvest Park Rental. Debbie and Jerad asked if the board would be willing to allow them to make reservations for the Homesteaders' Park area for a Wedding Reception. The board is in favor to allow this reservation and will get back to them on February 07 to let them know the cost and regulations.

The board held a conference call with Joe Bellum to discuss his BST Racing contract. Joe asked if the Pit Shack and restroom would be provided by the County. Joe noted that he has taken the race out of the red and into the black. Joe personally has gone into the red and that he is not making money. Joe made it very clear that not having the races during the fair will cut profits significantly. Joe commented that the race during the fair is the largest net profit except for the July 04 race. If you take the fair away from a racing event will take away 50% away from profits. Sincere disappointment not having a fair race. Harlan stated that the fair board needs to get their schedule out earlier so that Joe can get his scheduling done. Joe stated that he schedules his races for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, and if there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday they do not run. Joe bellum will be manager of the beer garden and the fair board will maintain the license. Joe discussed the lighting behind the grandstands. Would like to bring in the World of Outlaws here but things need to be done such as new lighting, and fencing, this is for a national event that will be televised. Possible dates for this event are July 21 and September 10, 2014. Joe asked if he was obligated to make a donation to the fireman and ambulance services.

The board held a conference call with Social Services Director Jackie Reynolds. This portion of the meeting will be maintained by the Department of Social Services.

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

Don Lock made a motion to approve the hiring of Sara Kumm as a part time dispatcher for the Phillips County Communications Center in the amount of \$10.00/hr effective January 20, 2014. Joe Kinnie seconded the motion. Motion carried. She will be eligible for an increase with a satisfactory performance appraisal in six months.

The board approved payroll for the month of January 2014.

The board approved the BST contract with Joe Bellum for the Phillips County Raceway.

The board revised the Dog Control Regulation Resolution for Amherst.

Joe Kinnie made a motion to approve the revised Dog Control Resolution. Don Lock seconded the motion. Motion carried. Resolution attached.

Don Lock made a motion to approve the addition of Jennifer Struckmeyer as a licensed driver on the Holyoke Ambulance license. Joe Kinnie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Harlan Stern signed the Impact Assistance Grant Application prepared by Doug Kamery for payment in lieu of taxes on Division of Parks and Wildlife land.

The board signed the Semi Annual Report prepared by County Treasurer Linda Statz.

Don Lock made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for services with the Colorado Department of Local Affairs for technical assistance for Fairgrounds Building Committee. Joe Kinnie seconded the motion. Motion carried. A copy is attached.

County Assessor Doug Kamery met with the board to discuss an abatement/refund due to a double assessment on a gathering line. The amount is \$43,759.94.

Don Lock made a motion to approve the abatement/refund for Black Raven Energy, Inc. in the tax amount of \$43,759.94. Joe Kinnie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the following Phillips County Event Center Rentals:

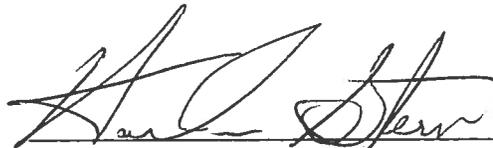
- Ag Edge Insurance
- Cathy Starkebaum
- Grainland Coop
- Seaboard Foods
- Agri Affiliate
- Justin Herman/Dupont
- Phillips County Republican Committee
- Holyoke Credit Union
- Aaron Worley
- Grainland Coop
- Ag Edge
- Christina Banaka

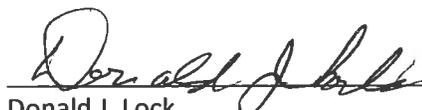
The Board reviewed the Mobile Food Pantry for the Month of January, the following were served:

- Total Product: 5,312 pounds plus a pallet of bread and bananas
- Households 199
- Children (1-18) 198
- Adults (19-59) 243
- Seniors (60+) 109
- Total Individuals 550
- Volunteers 45

The meeting adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

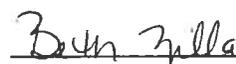
Submitted by Beth Zilla  
Phillips County Clerk

  
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Harlan Stern

  
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Donald J. Lock

  
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Beth Zilla, County Clerk