

## Phillips County Commissioner Meeting

October 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.

The board approved payroll and a batch of accounts payable for the month of October.

Don Lock made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting, as corrected. Joe Kinnie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board met with Phillips County Economic Development president Nici Bishop and PCED Director Julie Worley. Nici apologized for actions around the recent request for tourism brochure money. She reiterated PCED's intent to work in a positive fashion to support both sides of the county.

Julie Worley provided an update on current PCED efforts. Those included the Youth Engagement program, a Northeast Colorado housing study, and the possibility of a Cut and Sew Center in Haxtun.

The board met with Fairboard member Ron Thompson. He brought an update on the Junior Livestock sale for 2014. The county has still not received a final report on this year's sale. The Commissioners said they will ask the auditor to review the Jr. Livestock books for 2014.

Holyoke City Superintendent Mark Brown, Grainland CEO Rick Unrein, and PCED representatives Tom Bennett and Julie Worley met with the Commissioners to review the REDI funding availability for infrastructure at the proposed industrial park. The group decided to pursue an engineering cost estimate from Lou Harmon to determine if we proceed with a REDI application. Randy will get a price from Lou and inform each of the participants.

County Treasurer Linda Statz met with the board. She discussed problems with calling the office while she was at her conference. She continues to have trouble sending emails to certain counties because of our email ending in .co. She also mentioned new requirements for credit card readers by October 15, 2015. The Commissioners will touch base with PCTelcom on the phone issue.

The board met with Holyoke Chamber Director Mary Tomky and board representative Dr. Jerry Brandt. Mary submitted a letter of apology for actions around the recent request for tourism brochure money. The board accepted her apology. Dr. Brandt reiterated the Holyoke Chamber's position to do all in their power to foster a strong relationship across the entire county.

The board reviewed proposed by-law changes for the Fairboard. A final draft will be forwarded to the Fairboard for review.

The board held a brief phone conference with the Yuma County Commissioners concerning a claim from a former Phillips County prisoner held in their jail.

A motion was made by Don Lock, seconded by Joe Kinnie, to approve the 2015 Holiday Schedule for the County as presented. Motion carried. A copy is attached.

The board approved Colonial Life and Family Heritage as presenters at the annual employee meeting.

The board reviewed the 2015 Extension budget and the presentation of alternatives to Commissioners at the Ag Advisory meeting on November 3, 2014.

The board discussed 2014 suspended payments for the Extension Horticulture position. No decision was made.

The board was informed that the Town of Paoli has been awarded an Energy Impact Grant for building a new Town Hall.

Randy informed the board that Dan Waln would like to have a work day with Road and Bridge to finish the south end of the Event Center parking lot.

The board reviewed current landfill rates and decided they would not change for 2015.

The board met with James Palser who reviewed the Family Heritage supplemental insurance program.

The board held their monthly press briefing with local newspapers.

Randy gave an update on the Courthouse Window Project.

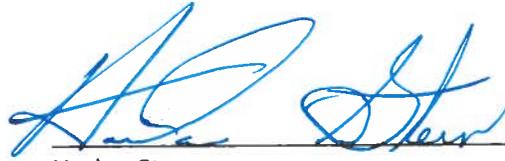
The board approved the Public Trustee reports.

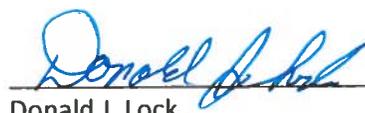
The board met with Social Services Director Jackie Reynolds. The minutes for this portion of the meeting are maintained by the Department of Social Services.

The meeting adjourned at 3:28 pm.

Submitted by Randy Schafer

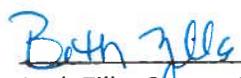
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Beth Zilla, County Clerk