

June 29, 2020

The Harper County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, with Chairman Pence calling the meeting to order to Commissioner Adams and Commissioner Waldschmidt. Resident Doug Murphy and Recording Secretary Melinda McCurley were also in attendance.

Commissioner Adams motioned to approve payroll in the amount of \$147,549.56; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 22, 2020; approved unanimously.

Michelle Eshelman presented the 2021 budget request for the Treasurer department.

Audrey Anderson presented the 2021 budget request for the Register of Deed's department.

Ami DeLacerda, HR, presented an amendment to the Empower Flexible Spending Account Plan to reflect the 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). Commissioner Adams motioned to approve the amendment as presented; approved unanimously. Annual evaluations for Department on Aging and Health were also approved.

It was the consensus of the Board to resume random employee drug screening now that the Courthouse has been reopened to the public.

At 9:45 a.m. Commissioner Adams motioned to enter into executive session. The subject to be discussed will be personnel matters. The justification for closing the meeting is to discuss protected health matters of nonelected personnel. The open meeting will resume at 9:50 a.m. in this room; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 9:50 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Ruth Elliott presented the 2021 budget request for the Clerk and Election departments.

Rachel Denton presented the 2021 budget request for District Court.

Curt Logsdon, Public Works, opened the following bids for bridge materials.

Wellborn Sales - \$61,996.27 – timber, planks and angle iron.

Anderson Welding - \$4,301.97 – angle iron only.

Oden Enterprises - \$4,713.45 – angle iron only

J & A Materials - \$4,384.19 for angle iron and \$34,654.40 for creosote timbers or \$33,105.60 for ACZA timbers.

Curt Logsdon, Ellen Yoder and David Wyatt presented the 2021 budget requests for Noxious Weeds, Solid Waste, Special Bridge and Road and Bridge.

Richard Raleigh and Amy Pollard-Meek presented the 2021 budget request for the County Attorney.

Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve the inordinate-spending authorization for annual computer software renewal for the County Attorney's Office, in the amount of \$1,480; approved unanimously.

Sheriff Tracy Chance spoke about his concerns with Commission meeting minutes regarding the hiring freeze. Undersheriff Kenny Hodson and Ami DeLacerda, HR were present for the discussion. Tracy indicated that he did talk about filling his vacant position but has not done so yet.

Discussion turned to concerns with out of county/out of state travel, monthly subscription expenditures for GPS tracking units that aren't installed, and continued requests for budget increases while other departments are trimming. Tracy indicated that a 5-day trip in October of 2019 was paid for by a jail-camera vendor, that he toured their new facility, but additionally participated in personal activities. Fuel and turnpike tolls were charged on the County Credit Card. Tracy will look into the other trips and report back to the Board on their purpose.

Sheriff Chance asked to be on the Commission meeting agenda monthly to provide department updates.

Melinda McCurley gave an update on the 2021 budget process.

There was discussion regarding the upcoming SPARKS funding from the State of Kansas.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday – July 6, 2020 at 9 a.m., in the Courthouse Commissioner Room.

APPROVED:

  
Carla Pence, Chairman

ATTEST:



Melinda McCurley  
Recording Secretary