

August 17, 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. Recording Secretary, Melinda McCurley and residents Doug Murphy and Scott Blubaugh were also present.

Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$243,244.36; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 10, 2020; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Adams motioned to approve benefits withholding in the amount of \$58,433.50; approved unanimously.

Melinda McCurley, Community Development, presented a letter of engagement to collaborate with the Patterson Family Foundation on business-grant programs. Commissioner Adams motioned to approve the letter of engagement; approved unanimously.

Ami DeLacerda, HR, gave a department update. A personnel status form for a change in hours worked in Department on Aging was approved. It was the consensus of the Board to pay for the tobacco-cessation testing out of the employee benefits fund. The Wellness Plan will kick off October 1, 2020.

At 9:43 a.m. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to enter executive session. The subject to be discussed will be protected health information. The justification for closing the meeting is to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel. The open meeting will resume at 9:48 a.m. in this room; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 9:48 a.m. with no binding action taken.

At 9:48 a.m. Commissioner Adams motioned to enter executive session. The subject to be discussed will be personnel matters. The justification for closing the meeting is to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel. The open meeting will resume at 9:58 a.m. in this room; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 9:58 a.m. with no binding action taken.

At 10:02 a.m., Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to recess the Board of County Commissioners meeting and to convene as the Harper County Board of Canvassers; approved unanimously.

Ruth Elliott, County Election Officer, provided information from the August 4th Primary Election, to include voter turnout and polling site issues, the number of advance ballots by mail, early voter numbers and provisional ballot reasons. Upon approval of the Board of Canvassers to count the remaining appropriate ballots, the final abstract will be provided for signature.

Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to recess the Board of Canvassers meeting and reconvene the Board of County Commissioners meeting; approved unanimously.

Mike Elliott, Buildings and Grounds, led the bid opening for the Harper EMS parking lot. Curt Logsdon, Public Works was present. Two bids were received by the deadline. The bids will be reviewed and discussed next week.

Cornejo – Option A - \$87,585.00
 Option B - \$96,270.00
 Option C - \$101,400.00

Kansas Paving – Option A - \$80,150.00
 Option B - \$86,400.00
 Option C - \$98,700.00

Mike presented a contract with Orkin Pest Control for the Harper EMS Station. Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve the contract as presented; approved unanimously.

Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to approve the inordinate-spending request for the window replacement at the jail that will be covered by insurance; approved unanimously.

At 10:55 a.m. Commissioner Adams motioned to enter executive session. The subject to be discussed will be personnel matters. The justification for closing the meeting is to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel. The open meeting will resume at 11:05 a.m. in this room; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 11:05 a.m. with no binding action taken.

Curt Logsdon, Public Works, gave a department update. Commissioner Adams motioned to approve the contract with BNSF for a crossing signal on NE 60 Ave; approved unanimously. It was the consensus of the Board to post for the 5 vacant public works positions.

At 11:25 a.m. Commissioner Adams motioned to enter executive session. The subject to be discussed will be legal advice on matters protected by the attorney/client privilege. The justification for closing the meeting is for consultation with our attorney on a matter protected by the attorney/client privilege. The open meeting will resume at 11:35 a.m. in this room; approved unanimously. The meeting returned to open session at 11:35 a.m. with no binding action taken.

At 11:35 a.m., Commissioner Waldschmidt motioned to recess the Board of County Commission meeting and reconvene the Board of Canvassers meeting; approved unanimously.

Ruth Elliott, County Election Officer, reported the final Primary Election results and provided the Election Abstract for signature. Commissioner Adams motioned to accept the election results; approved unanimously.

Tracy Chance, Sheriff, reported that all out of state trips were legitimate, all business related and that he was talking with his attorney and that is all he needs to report. Tracy also reported that the trips were to conduct business for items for commissary, I-pads and things. Tracy stated if the current board feels differently, they could have him investigated.

Melinda McCurley led a work session on the 2021 budget. \$232,344 was cut from the 2020 budget in order to keep the mill levy the same as 2020. \$2,427,421 has been cut from the County budget since 2016. The budget hearing was set for September 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. and will be published appropriately.

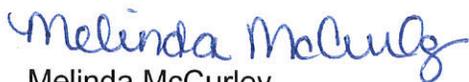
As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday – August 24th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner Room at the County Courthouse.

APPROVED:



Carla Pence, Chair

Attest:



Melinda McCurley
Recording Secretary

