

Phillips County Commissioner Meeting

January 8, 2016

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, and County Administrator Randy Schafer.

Kinnie made a motion, seconded by Lock, to approve the minutes from the December 31, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

The board met with Jay Lee, president of Northeastern Junior College (NJC) and Kathy Reinhardt, NJC Foundation Executive Director. They presented information about the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative (COSI). The initiative would provide a challenge match grant of \$6,503 if the Phillips County community can equal that in donations by June 30, 2016. The total of \$13,006 will be used for scholarships for students from Phillips County to attend NJC. Lee requested a letter of support from the Board of County Commissioners and consideration of a donation to help meet the match.

Following the presentation, a motion was made by Lock, seconded by Kinnie, to support the COSI initiative through NJC. Motion carried.

The board met with Weed Manager Kerri Doleshall. He explained the grant application he has prepared. A motion was made by Kinnie, seconded by Lock, to approve a State Noxious Weed Fund Grant application request in the amount of \$5,000. The required match of \$5,000 would be provided by NKC Railway. The grant, if successful, would be used to spray the NKC right-of-way from the Colorado/Nebraska state line to Fleming. Motion carried. Doleshall also presented the paperwork filing for final payment on last year's grant.

A motion was made by Kinnie, seconded by Lock, to approve the following vacation carry-over requests and to approve a payout of 40 hours of unused vacation to Mike Salyards:

- Randy Schafer 48.5 hours
- Laura Schroetlin 40.75 hours
- Val Danielson 15.0 hours
- Diane Rahe 19.25 hours
- Debbie Bennett 8.5 hours
- Phil Biersdorfer 10.0 hours
- Olga Baeza 23.0 hours
- Bill Andrews 8.0 hours
- Deanna Jarrett 11.0 hours
- Kerri Doleshall 2.25 hours
- Harlan Hightower 19.0 hours
- George Henderson .5 hours
- David McFadden 4.5 hours
- Mike Salyards 61.0 hours (21 remaining after the payout)

Motion carried. Salyards was not able to take all his vacation due to his change in job responsibility as Road Manager. Pay down of unused vacation will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Schafer explained the recommendation from IT manager Jim Edwards of New Age Electronics to replace computers in offices at the Courthouse. Edwards prepared a set of bid specifications. Bids have been obtained from New Age Electronics and Computers Etc. Schafer will bring that comparison back to the next regular meeting. Road Manager Salyards requested approval for purchasing a laptop before the upcoming PubWorks training.

A motion was made by Lock, seconded by Kinnie, to approve the purchase of one HP ProBook 450 G1 notebook computer from New Age Electronics for the bid price of \$1,115. Motion carried.

Based on the decision made at the last meeting to begin additional pay compensation for new employees at hiring, a motion was made by Stern, seconded by Lock, to grant additional pay beginning January 1, 2016 for the following employees who all were hired less than one year ago:

- Jeff Thomas
- Jill Andersen

- Jordon Fleharty
- Samantha Lightle
- Monica Ramirez

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kinnie, seconded by Lock, to approved hiring Jennifer Philips as the Victim's Assistance Coordinator, effective January 11, 2016. She will be placed on GN40 Grade 14, Step 2 at an annual salary of \$24,998.49, \$2,083.21/month plus additional pay of \$408/month. Motion carried.

The current county credit card limits are \$1,500. A motion was made by Lock, seconded by Kinnie, to approve raising the limit on each card to \$2,500. Motion carried.

The board received notice that Gib Becker submitted his resignation as Landfill Operator, effective January 6, 2016.

The board received an update from Veteran's Service Officer Steve Firme.

Schafer reported that Engineer Lou Harmon has inspected the coal bin and will bring recommendations for repairing or replacing the roof.

The board approved an Event Center ad for the wedding special in the Holyoke Enterprise.

The board reviewed the information provided by Veris Enviromental for land application of bio solids from the Holyoke sewage lagoons on to the irrigated circle in the SE¼ of Section 28, T7N, R44W, owned by Gary Carper. Ron Koberstein from the FSA office met with the board to relay information he had obtained from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) on the application. A call was placed to CDPHE for additional information but the reviewing officer was unavailable.

The commissioners reviewed the contract for emergency management services for 2016. They decided to make no changes in the contract amount.

Carrie Anderson, reservationist for the Event Center, provided a full, detailed report of the 2015 rentals.

The board reviewed the following Event Center rentals:

- Alyssa Roll
- Highline Electric

The meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.


Submitted by Randy Schafer
Phillips County Administrator



Donald J Lock



K. Joe Kinnie



Harlan Stern

Attest:



Beth Zilla, County Clerk