

Phillips County Commissioner Meeting

May 31, 2018

The board held a work session at 8:00 a.m. with Road & Bridge Supervisor Mike Salyards and Assistant Supervisor Kevin Scott. Dan Koberstein was also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Joe Kinnie and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were County Commissioners Don Lock and Harlan Stern, County Administrator Randy Schafer, County Clerk Beth Zilla, and from the public, Terry Hofmeister.

Stern made a motion, seconded by Lock, to approve the minutes from the May 18th meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

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

The board met with Nancy Berges to discuss a recent fire on her farm ground. Berges stated the local farmers in her area contribute money to the Fairy Dell fire department. Berges called the fire into the Phillips County Communication Center which was then passed on to Sedgwick County as her property is located in Sedgwick County. Berges stated that her fire calls should be routed to Venango. Berges would like to know if, when she calls in, that she can tell the dispatcher to send Venango Fire. The board indicated they will talk with Communications Director, Kenney Gaskill.

Stern made a motion, seconded by Lock, to accept the recommendation of the planning commission and approve a subdivision exemption for the Merle Jackson Estate for the sale of approximately 1.5 acres in the SE¼ of Section 25, T7N, R44W to Timothy and Monica Becker. Motion carried.

Lock made a motion, seconded by Stern, to approve a \$.50/hour increase of pay for Jerry Lauer. Lauer is a seasonal employee and will be making \$14.50/hour, retroactively effective to April 1, 2018. Motion carried.

Stern made a motion, seconded by Lock, to approve an hourly wage increase of \$.80/hour for Holden Redman. Redman is a seasonal employee and will be making \$11.00 per hour, retroactively effective to May 14, 2018. Motion carried.

Lock made a motion, seconded by Stern, to approve the hiring of Martin Bornhoft. Bornhoft will be placed on RB Grade 16 Step 2 at a base salary of \$26,988.51, plus additional pay of \$5,676 for an annual salary of \$32,664.51, effective June 11, 2018. Motion carried.

The board met with the Department of Human Services Director Penny Verhoeff. The minutes from this portion of the meeting will be maintained by the DHS.

Lock made a motion, seconded by Stern, to approve a step increase for Samantha Lightle, Human Services Caseworker. She will move to HS Grade 64 Step 3 at a base salary of \$31,336.53 plus additional pay of \$5,676 for an annual salary of \$37,012.53, retroactive to February 14, 2018. Motion carried. She received a satisfactory performance appraisal.

The board met with Marcia Walters, Dragons Wagon Preschool Director. She thanked the board for use of the Event Center for their annual program and requested the same use on May 9, 2019. The board approved the request.

Pavilion Project Manager Matt Brasby joined the group for discussion of project issues.

The board met with Rick Ensminger of Ensminger Construction. He presented his bid of \$68,318 to install the storm drainage system around the pavilion. Stern made a motion, seconded by Lock, to accept the bid as presented. Motion carried.

Tim Becker from the Livestock Committee met with the board to discuss their request for additional electrical drop outlets for the cattle, hogs, and sheep. Fetzer Electric provided the cost for the additions. After discussion, Lock made a motion, seconded by Stern, to approve adding 4 additional drop outlets at a cost of \$3,600. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the bid for a sound system presented by Scholl Oil & Transportation. The total bid was for \$26,110 and included 16 speakers. Arlan Scholl indicated the county could reduce the speaker count to 8 and get by for a while. Lock made a motion, seconded by Stern, to approve the modified bid from Scholl Oil for approximately \$18,310. Motion carried.

Lock made a motion, seconded by Stern, to approve the purchase of Priefert horse stalls, cattle ties, and the arena set up for \$77,339. Motion carried.

Lock made a motion, seconded by Stern, to approve the purchase of Blatner hog and sheep pens through Central Plains Implement for the cost of \$41,808. Motion carried.

Lock made a motion, seconded by Stern, to approve Materials Change Order #6 for \$300. Motion carried.

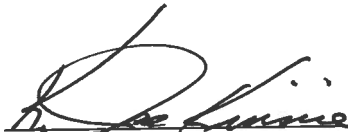
The board reviewed the following reports:

Event Center Rental
Event Center Survey,
Haxtun Annexation-Ensminger third addition

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Submitted by Beth Zilla
Phillips County Clerk


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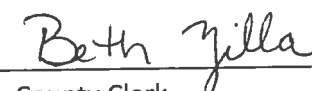
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Donald J Lock



Harlan Stern

Attest: 

Beth Zilla, County Clerk