

Phillips County Commissioner Meeting
August 9, 2016

The board met in work session with Road Manager Mike Salyards previous to the regular meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Commissioner Don Lock, chair, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Commissioners Harlan Stern and Joe Kinnie, and County Admin Assistant Laura Schroetlin. County Administrator Randy Schafer was absent.

The board approved a batch of accounts payable.

Stern made a motion, seconded by Kinnie, to approve the minutes of July 29, 2016 as presented. Motion carried.

The board met with Landfill Manager Bill Andrews. Andrews noted that Sedgwick County had accepted his offer of \$15,500 for the 1980 Caterpillar Compactor. Kinnie made a motion, seconded by Stern, to approve the purchase. Motion carried.

Andrews also noted that he would like to advertise for a local person who would be interested in hauling off the metal pile. The commissioners approved this request. He was also directed to come back with a revised fee schedule that includes the maximum sorting fee as \$100 rather than the current \$40.

The board approved the purchase of a side-dump trailer to be shared by the Road and Bridge Department (65%) and the Landfill (35%). Salyards said that he is getting 2 bids, both of which should come in at about \$52,000. He will get more information to the commissioners once he receives it.

Kinnie made a motion, seconded by Stern to authorize the purchase of a side-dump trailer if the price comes in at \$52,000 or less. Motion carried.

The board met with Phillips County Sheriff Rob Urbach. He addressed several issues:

- The courthouse flag is unlit at night
- Any new flooring in the courtroom will have to be borne by the county as there are no court funds available for this project
- He would like a latch on the vault in the court clerk's office so it could be used as a safe room
- He would like a more secure counter door in the court clerk's office – Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor Steve Seuss is looking into these 2 issues
- He is going to advertise for a new deputy September 1 due to Phil Biersdorfer's December retirement
- He has not gotten any company to bid on the courthouse door lock project
- He will come up with a policy for the padlocks at the fairgrounds
- He noted that a window in the pit-area ticket booth is open

The board met with District Attorney Brittny Lewton. She discussed budget issues in her office. District Attorneys can no longer charge for discovery items. This change will result in a revenue loss of \$50,000 in her office, although there will be some offset due to reduced copying costs. She also shared that last year, one of her employee's salary was covered by a one-year fellowship program. That position needed to be filled this year by a paid staff member. Lewton reported that due to record e-storage changes, that her office hired an IT firm (ViaTech) at a cost of \$33,000 to assist her staff with all IT issues. She noted that she did not ask for a 2016 budget increase but due to the loss of revenue and the need to hire an additional staff member, she is asking her district for a 6.5% budget increase, which will amount to \$130,000 additional funds, to be allocated proportionally between the district's counties.

The board met with Maintenance Supervisor Dan Waln to discuss race day and other maintenance issues. At the board's request Waln has arranged for Steve Seuss to be in attendance during all races to address any issues that arise. The board also noted that Waln needs to remind maintenance on-call staff that they are required to take telephone calls and must be able to go at the Fairgrounds/Event Center if needed, which means they cannot leave town when on call. Waln mentioned that he needs another cell phone with a new number as the current system of forwarding his number to the on-call staff does not allow him to receive phone calls if he is needed. The board approved his request to get an additional maintenance cell phone. Kinnie mentioned that the pit-area ticket booth appears to have moved in a wind storm and should be anchored down.

Kinnie made a motion, seconded by Stern, to approve a road occupancy agreement with Tallgrass Interstate Gas Transmission LLC for 11 bored crossings across County Roads 21, 19, 17, 15, 13, 11, 9, 7, 1, 28, and 30. Motion carried.

The bids were opened for the Road and Bridge equipment that were advertised for sale. The following had the winning bid:

- 1977 Chev C20 pickup with core drill – Chris James - \$800
- 1979 Chev C60 truck with steel flatbed – Mike Salyards - \$505
- 1,000-gallon fuel tank with fill-rite pump, hose and nozzle – Pat Garrett - \$800
- Lanair Model HI-320waste-oil furnace – Chris James - \$150
- Lincoln SA-200 portable DC arc welder – Van Richie - \$2,156

Stern made a motion, seconded by Kinnie, to accept all the high bids for the county equipment. Motion carried. Schroetlin will contact the successful bidders and make arrangement for pickup. It was reiterated that all equipment was sold "as is".

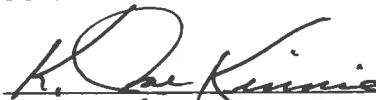
Stern made a motion, seconded by Kinnie to approve the step increase request for Randy Owens. Having successfully completed his introductory appraisal period and receiving a satisfactory performance appraisal, Owens will be moved to GN40 Grade 15 Step 2 at an annual salary of \$25,634.45. \$2,135.29/monthly, effective August 1, 2016. Motion carried. He will be eligible for an increase on August 1, 2018.

No action was taken on the west Fairgrounds road issue.

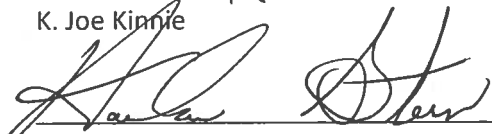
Submitted by Laura Schroetlin
Admin Assistant



Donald J. Lock

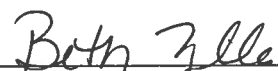


K. Joe Kinnie



Harlan Stern

Attest:



Beth Zilla, County Clerk