

Phillips County Commissioners Meeting

August 29, 2018

The board held a work session with County Maintenance Supervisor Dan Waln.

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 Kinnie, to approve the minutes of the August 20th, 2018 meeting as corrected. Motion carried.

The board approved payroll for the month of August. The board approved an accounts payable batch for the month of August.

The board agreed to hold a farewell party for outgoing County Commissioner Joe Kinnie and County Treasurer Linda Statz on December 07, 2018.

The board met with the Haxtun-Fleming Herald and the Holyoke Enterprise for the monthly press briefing.

The board met with County Treasurer Linda Statz. Statz talked with the board about training the new Treasurer Sharon Michael. The board will continue the discussion with Michael in the future.

Lock made a motion, seconded by Kinnie, to approve the following resolution for the District Attorney Term Limit Ballot Question 7A:

A RESOLUTION REFERRING TO THE VOTERS OF PHILLIPS COUNTY THE QUESTION OF WHETHER TERM LIMITS OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR THE 13TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT SHOULD BE MODIFIED.

WHEREAS, Article XVIII, Section 11, of the Colorado Constitution limits elected state and local officials to two consecutive terms of office; and

WHEREAS, Article XVIII, Section 11 of the Colorado Constitution also allows the voters of any political subdivision of the state to change the limitations on the number of consecutive terms of office which may be served by any individual; and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney of the 13th Judicial District is limited to two consecutive terms of office; and

WHEREAS, a proper request has been filed with the Boards of County Commissioners of the counties comprising the 13th Judicial District to refer the question of term limits to the voters of the respective counties; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of the seven counties in the 13th Judicial District jointly desire to refer the question of whether to modify the term limits for the District Attorney from two to three terms in each of the respective counties; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the voters of Phillips County be provided the opportunity to express their will on this matter.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PHILLIPS COUNTY, COLORADO, as follows:

1. The following question is hereby certified to the Phillips County Clerk and Recorder to be presented to the registered electors of Phillips County at the General Election to be held on November 6, 2018:

COUNTY REFERRED BALLOT QUESTION # __ - CHANGING TERM LIMITS FOR THE OFFICE OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Shall the term limit imposed in Article XVIII, Section 11(1) of the Colorado Constitution on the Office of the District Attorney for the Thirteenth (13TH) Judicial District be modified from two terms to three terms?

2 Yes/For

1 No/Against

2. The Phillips County Clerk and Recorder is hereby designated the Election Official for this referred question.

Stern opposed. Motion carried.

The board met with Trisha Herman, Phillips County Economic Executive Director. Herman gave an update on the Ogallala Commons intern project. Josie Herman and Tanelly Andersen attended the

training in Dumas Texas. Herman expressed her thanks for the support received from the county. She hopes Phillips County will be able to participate again in 2019.

The board met with Matt Brasby, Pavilion Project Manager. He gave an update on the progress of the Pavilion.

The board went into executive session at 10:40 to 11:45 to discuss the acquisition costs related to change orders for the Pavilion - CRS 24-6-402 (40)(a). Present were the County Commissioners, Brasby and County Administrator Schafer.

A motion was made by Lock, seconded by Stern, to approve the following change orders for the Pavilion Project:

Cabinets (Einspahr)	\$14,995.00
Counter tops (Einspahr)	\$4,895.00
Dividers (Einspahr)	\$3,047.89
220 to kitchen (conduit only) (Fetzer)	\$1,350.00
Lights (hallway) (Fetzer)	\$2,010.00
Outside lights (NE corner) (Fetzer)	<u>\$1,650.00</u>
Total	\$27,947.89

Motion carried.

The board reviewed a quote from Fetzer Electric of \$2,300 to tie the raceway pit lighting back to the new electric services. The board approved proceeding.

The board met with Greg Hanson from the National Weather Service and Kevin Kuretich, DHSEM Regional Field Manager. They presented Bob Heldenbrand, Phillips County Emergency Manager, and the Commissioners with a plaque certifying that Phillips County is a Storm-Ready county.

Lock made a motion, seconded by Stern, to approve a step increase for maintenance worker Olga Baeza. Baeza will move to GN40 Grade 16 Step 5 at an annual base pay of \$29,350.85 plus annual additional pay of \$5,676 for a total annual pay of \$35,026.87 (\$2,847.66 monthly), effective September 01, 2018. Motion carried.

First year maintenance worker Lonnie Vernon, per county policy, will not have vacation hours available to him until his 1-year anniversary. Supervisor Waln requested that Vernon be allowed to exceed 40 hours of banked comp time, thus providing the capability to take time off before receiving his 2018 vacation hours in July 2019.

Stern made a motion, seconded by Lock, to approve the request made by County Maintenance Supervisor and grant a one-time exception to the personnel policy and allow Vernon to exceed the 40-hour comp time bank limitation. Motion carried.

The board received notice that CTSI Director Allen Chapman will be retiring effective January 31, 2019.

The board reviewed the following:

- MFP distribution dates
- Update from Congressman Ken Buck
- Regional budget meeting schedule
- Event Center Rentals

The board met with representatives from CDOT for the Project Priority Programming Process. Attending were:

Alana Koenig - CDOT, Zach Junk, - CDOT, Jim Eussen - CDOT, Mark Brown – City of Holyoke, Steve Hofmeister, Ron Carpenter – Town of Haxtun, Karen Schneiders – CDOT, Long Nguyen – CDOT, Phillips County Commissioners Harlan Stern, Joe Kinnie, and Don Lock, Terry Hofmeister, Randy Schafer – Phillips County Administrator, Nolan Troudt – CDOT, Jeff Vickers – CDOT, and Travis Miller – CDOT.

They reviewed future transportation needs for the county. They also had a review of two 2018 ballot initiatives. Ballot issue 110 would put in place a 0.62% sales tax for 20 years. A 40% share of that


revenue will be distributed to counties and municipalities. Ballot issue 109 would approve \$3.5 billion in bonds to be issued by CDOT for a defined list of projects, to be built in three years.

The board met with John Sabo with the consulting firm Benesh, Matt Brown from Stolfus, Jeff Vickers, CDOT resident engineer in Sterling, and Travis Miller, resident engineer in Limon. Benesh has been retained to update the 2007 US Highway 385 study and identify priorities for future projects. They are initially meeting with each county, with joint meetings to follow. The group reviewed issues on Highway 385 which need to be included in the study.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Submitted by Beth Zilla
Phillips County Clerk

County Commissioners



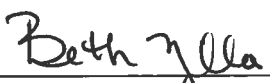
K Joe Kinnie



Donald J Lock



Harlan Stern

Attest: 

Beth Zilla, County Clerk

