

Phillips County Commissioner Meeting
October 31, 2016

The board met at in a work session with Road Manager Mike Salyards to discuss road issues prior 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 Administrator Randy Schafer.

Stern made a motion, seconded by Kinnie, to approve the minutes of October 18, 2016 as presented. Motion carried.

The board approved an October accounts payable batch and payroll.

The board held its monthly press briefing.

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

Kinnie made a motion, seconded by Stern, to approve a step increase for Tiffany Watson, DHS Case Manager. She will move to HS Grade 67 Step 7 effective November 1, 2016 at an annual salary of \$36,688.18, \$3,057.35 monthly. Motion carried. She received a satisfactory performance appraisal.

The board met with the fairgrounds fundraising committee representative Tim Becker. He asked if the board would reconsider having an open bar at the National Final Rodeo (NFR) gala. The board indicated their approval for 2 complimentary drink tickets and a cash bar would stand.

Lock opened the public hearing at 11:00 am to consider the request to vacate portions of Short Street and Seneca Street. The hearing closed at 11:36 am. No one from the public appeared to testify either for or against the proposed vacation.

Kinnie made a motion, seconded by Stern, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Phillips County has a 60' right-of-way in Short Street, as it lies between Block O and Block P, Amherst First Addition and a 60' right-of-way in Seneca Street as it lies between Block O, Amherst First Addition and Block 12, Amherst Original Subdivision in the community of Amherst, lying in the NE¼ of Section 8, T8N, R43W of the 6th P.M.,

WHEREAS, the adjoining landowners of both streets have requested said roadway to be closed,

WHEREAS, the board of Phillips County Commissioners find there is no further interest in maintaining said dedications and that no hardship would befall the general public by closing of said streets;

THEREFORE, Phillips County hereby vacates that portion of Short Street and Seneca Street previously described herein.

This vacation shall be effective immediately upon approval of the resolution and title of said land, if any was vested in the county, shall revert equally back to the adjoining landowner(s) as prescribed in Colorado statute.

Motion carried.

Stern made a motion, seconded by Kinnie, to approve the proposal from Farmer & Co to perform the 2016 audit at a cost not to exceed \$18,000. Motion carried.

Stern made a motion, seconded by Kinnie, to renew the farm lease with Duane Harms. Motion carried. The lease terms will remain \$35 per acre.

The board met with Museum board representative Charlie Triplette. He presented bids to repair the school house located on the museum property. He will continue to pursue additional bids.

Stern made a motion, seconded by Kinnie, to approve a step increase for Sara Kumm, Dispatcher. She will move to GN40 Grade 11 Step 3 at an hourly rate of \$11.50, effective November 1, 2016. Motion carried. She received a satisfactory performance appraisal.

Stern made a motion, seconded by Kinnie, to approve a step increase for Kerri Doleshall, Weed & Pest Manager. He will move to GN40 Grade 26 Step 4 at an annual salary of \$35,667.65, \$2,972.30 monthly. Motion carried. He received a satisfactory performance appraisal.

Stern made a motion, seconded by Kinnie, to continue to have county holidays mirror federal holidays. Motion carried. The approved 2017 holiday calendar is as follows:

NEW YEAR'S DAY OBSERVED	JANUARY 2 ND	MONDAY
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	JANUARY 16 TH	MONDAY
PRESIDENTS' DAY	FEBRUARY 20 TH	MONDAY
MEMORIAL DAY	MAY 29 TH	MONDAY
INDEPENDENCE DAY	JULY 4 TH	TUESDAY
LABOR DAY	SEPTEMBER 4 TH	MONDAY
COLUMBUS DAY	OCTOBER 9 TH	MONDAY
VETERAN'S DAY Observed	NOVEMBER 10 TH	FRIDAY
THANKSGIVING DAY	NOVEMBER 23 RD	THURSDAY
CHRISTMAS	DECEMBER 25 TH	MONDAY

If a holiday falls on Sunday, the following Monday will be observed.
If a holiday falls on Saturday, the previous Friday will be observed.

The board was reminded that appointments need to be made to the Fair Board, West Phillips County Cemetery District and the Bookmobile.

The board attended a lunch with DHS staff where state awards were given for excellent performance.

The board met with DOLA field representative Greg Etl to discuss the county's energy impact application presentation on December 16th.

The board participated in a regional conference call with other counties in the 13th Judicial District regarding the 2017 budget request from the District Attorney. It was the position of most counties that they are considering a 2.5% budget increase.

The board reviewed the earlier conditional use application from Ramiro Ramos for a domestic feedlot. Since the application was withdrawn, the number of cattle at his site needs to be reduced to 10 head. The commissioners agreed to give him an additional 30 days to reach that level. A letter will be sent informing him that he will be in violation at the end of the 30-day period (December 3rd) if the cut back has not occurred.

The board moved the November 22nd meeting to November 23rd. They decided to cancel the mid-month meeting scheduled for November 17th.

The board reviewed Affordable Health Care requirements and how they affect recent hires.

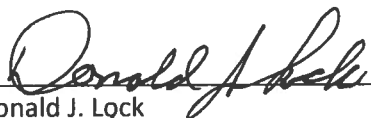
The county's application for grant monies to carpet the courtroom and 3rd floor meeting room will be considered on November 4th with a video presentation.

The board reviewed the following Event Center rentals:

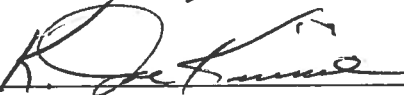
- Dan and Susan Ortner
- Eureka Club
- Tara Miller
- Debra Colglazier (FCCLA)

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.

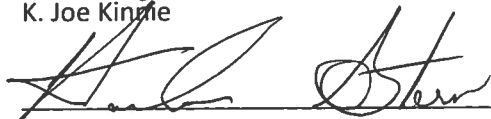
Submitted by Randy Schafer
County Administrator



Donald J. Lock



K. Joe Kinzie



Harlan Stern

Attest:



Beth Zilla, County Clerk