

# Phillips County Commissioner Meeting Minutes<sup>1</sup> April 30, 2024

The board held a work session with Road and Bridge Manager Kevin Scott prior to the meeting.

# Call to order

Chairman Terry Hofmeister called the meeting of the Phillips County Commissioners to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 8:00 a.m. at the County Courthouse in the Commissioner meeting room.

# **County Attendees**

Chairman Terry Hofmeister, Commissioners Garold Roberts and Tom Timm, Administrator/Planner Andrew Nygaard, County Clerk Beth Zilla, Treasurer Steve Young, Landfill Manager Bill Andrews, Department of Human Services Director Lori Lundgren, Maintenance Supervisor Lonny Vernon, and Maintenance Worker Jason Redman

## Additional Attendees

Holly Ferguson and Brandon Markert

## Additions or Corrections to the Agenda

Additions:

7) Roadway Occupancy Agreement - Viaero

## Approval of Consent Agenda

Timm moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roberts seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

## **Consent Agenda Items:**

- a) Approval of the minutes of the BOCC 04.19.2024 meeting
- b) Approval of April payroll
- c) Approval of invoice list
- d) Approval of business officer form TCM Bank
- e) Acknowledge receipt of USDA Agriculture Census data
- f) Acknowledge receipt of Town of Haxtun annexation notice
- g) Acknowledge receipt of Finance Reports
- h) Acknowledge receipt of Building Permits log
- i) Acknowledge receipt of Event Center/BOC Pavilion rentals

#### **Public Comments**

None presented.

#### Appointments

The board met with Treasurer Steve Young to discuss investment opportunities with BOK Financial.

The board met with Landfill Manager Bill Andrews to discuss purchasing equipment for monitoring wells. Andrews also discussed the dismounting of tires from rims at the landfill. He said Landfill Operator Isidro Juarez is willing to do the work outside of working hours for \$7.00 per tire. The Commissioners tabled the matter until a written agreement could be created and the county's insurance carrier contacted for guidance.

The board met with Fair Manager Holly Ferguson and Fair Board President Brandon Markert to discuss the 2024 fair race contract addendum. The board tabled taking action so Markert could discuss it with Joe Bellm of BST Racing and provide an updated contract to the board.

The board convened as the Board of Human Services at 9:34 a.m., meeting with Director Lundgren. The minutes from this portion of the meeting will be maintained by the Department of Human Services. The board reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners at 9:47 a.m.

The board met with Maintenance Supervisor Lonny Vernon and maintenance worker Jason Redman to discuss purchasing welding equipment.



## **Unfinished Business**

The board discussed the roadway occupancy agreement resubmitted by Viaero Fiber Networks, LLC.

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#### Motions/New Business

Roberts moved to approve the request from County Treasurer Steve Young to add BOK Financial as an option to invest county funds. Timm seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Timm moved to approve the request from Landfill Manager Bill Andrews to purchase sampling pumps, accessories, and a control system from QED Environmental Systems, Inc. for the quoted price of \$9,196.20. Roberts seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Timm moved to approve the request from Maintenance Supervisor Lonny Vernon to purchase welding equipment and supplies from Matheson for the quoted price of \$8,279.78. Roberts seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Roberts moved to approve the roadway occupancy agreement resubmitted by Viaero Fiber Networks, LLC for underground construction of a telecommunications system north along County Road 37 from Section 7, Township 7 North, Range 44 West, then east along County Road 38, realigning with County Road 37, then continuing north to County Road 40, then east to the existing Viaero Wireless tower site at Section 30 Township 9 North, Range 44 West. Timm seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

#### Adjournment

Chairman Hofmeister adjourned the meeting 10:52 a.m.

Minutes submitted by County Clerk Beth Zilla.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2024.

Phillips County Commissioners:

Attest:

Beth Zilla, County Clerk

Tom Timm

Garold Roberts