

## Phillips County Commissioner Meeting

March 20, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Commissioner Chair Joe Kinnie and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were Commissioners Joe Kinnie, Jerry Beavers and Quentin "Bud" Bieseimer, and County Administrator Randy Schafer.

The board met with Phillips County Treasurer Linda Statz. She provided an update on the Ethics Committee review of the Public Trustees' Association. She indicated the county will now be reimbursed for lodging.

A motion was made by Beavers, seconded by Bieseimer, to approve a license for operation of the East Phillips County Ambulance Service for the period of April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Beavers, seconded by Bieseimer, to allow Phillips County Clerk Beth Cumming to close her office on April 11, 2012 for staff training. Motion carried.

The board met with Phillips County Landfill Manager, Bill Andrews, to discuss free days at the landfill. June 1 and June 2, 2012 will be the county free days. Andrews is working with the towns to schedule their free days.

The board gave verbal approval to proceed with a Historical Fund grant application to repair the courthouse windows, install new storm windows, and tuck point the chimney. The final application will be reviewed at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Beavers, seconded by Kinnie, to offer Kois Brothers \$55,000 for the purchase of a 1999 GMC 6500 with 4 new tires and with 10 roll-off boxes. The motion carried 2 – 1 with a nay vote from Bieseimer.

The board met with CSU Extension Agent, Tracy Trumper and Phillips County Family Education Services Executive Director, Trisha Herman. They explained their plan to create a brochure for "Holyoke Happenings" during the summer of 2012. They will also plan for additional special happenings for a five week period. A similar program ("Haxtun Fun") has been in place in Haxtun for several years. They asked if the Commissioners would consider supporting the effort. A motion was made by Bieseimer, seconded by Beavers, to contribute a total of \$450, \$300 for Holyoke Happenings and \$150 for Haxtun Fun. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Beavers, seconded by Bieseimer, to approve a step increase for Tom Davis, Road Worker #2, after receiving a satisfactory performance appraisal. He will move to RB Grade 16, Step 7, effective March 1, 2012, at an annual salary of \$29,549.72 (\$2,462.48/month, \$14.21/hour). Motion carried.

The board approved the second batch of accounts payable for February 2012.

The board met with Miriam Bencomo regarding a planned quinceanera on August 18, 2012. The commissioners approved the serving of alcohol at this invitation-only event. No special permit will be required. The alcohol deposit and proof of event insurance will be required.

A motion was made by Bieseimer, seconded by Beavers, to ban all opening burning on state issued Red Flag Warning Days. The final draft of the resolution will be considered at the next meeting. Motion carried.

The board reviewed current Phillips County Event Center rentals.

The board reviewed the terms for purchasing chip seal materials from Cobitco this summer.

Schafer informed the board that the State Highway Access Permit for County Road 35 & US Highway 6 had been filed.

The board delayed making a determination on the Seaboard incentive package request until the railroad crossing installation expenses are fully known.

The board reviewed the income and expense reports and the reconciled cash report for February.

The board met with Phillips County Sheriff, Rob Urbach, to review the Haxtun wildfire event that occurred on Sunday, March 18, 2012.

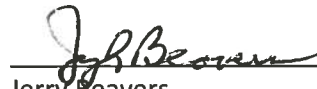
The board met with Phillips County Maintenance Supervisor, Jay John. NAPA demonstrated Hustler mowers. John discussed landscaping changes for the front of the Phillips County Event Center and also noted that an order for large deciduous trees was placed with the Yuma Natural Resource Conservation Service.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Submitted by

Randy Schafer – County Administrator

  
K Joe Kinnie

  
Jerry Beavers

  
Quentin Bieseemeier

Attest:   
Beth Cumming – Phillips County Clerk