

Phillips County Commissioners' Meeting

March 8, 2019

The board held a work session with Road and Bridge Assistant Supervisor Kevin Scott and Maintenance Supervisor Dan Waln prior to the regular meeting.

Chairman Harlan Stern called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were County Commissioners Don Lock and Terry Hofmeister, County Administrator Randy Schafer and County Clerk Beth Zilla.

Lock made a motion, seconded by Hofmeister, to approve the February 26th minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The board approved a February accounts payable batch.

The board had approved a contract with CINTAS last meeting. Hofmeister made a motion, seconded by Lock, to amend the CINTAS contract to eliminate the Event Center kitchen suppression system inspections. Motion carried

Lock made a motion, seconded by Hofmeister, to approve purchase of the Pavilion key system at a cost of \$3,123.15. Motion carried.

The board met with Holyoke Police Chief Doug Bergstrom, Haxtun Police Chief Tanya Mayhew and County Sheriff Thom Elliott to discuss the Sanctuary County, Red Flag Law. Also present from the public were Jim Beal and Jerry From. Elliott recommended the commissioners adopt a resolution in response to the proposed legislative bill HB 19-1177. The resolution has been referred to as creating a Second Amendment Sanctuary County. Mayhew and Bergstrom were also encouraging that adoption. They all expressed their opinion that HB 19-1177 would allow the removal of weapons from individuals without due process, expressly against the Second Amendment rights to bear arms. Mayhew and Bergstrom indicated they would be asking their respective municipality to adopt their own resolution. Beal and From both urged adoption of the resolution. The board took the request under advisement.

The board met with Communications Director Kenny Gaskill. Since law enforcement is switching CAD software from CrimeStar to Kaseware he requested approval for his department to also make the switch. The approximate cost will be \$100/dispatcher/month for two dispatchers. The switch would not occur until October and no charges will start until the beginning of 2020. Lock made a motion, seconded by Hofmeister, to approve a contract with Kaseware for the Communications Center. Motion carried.

The board met with DHS Director Penny Verhoeff. The minutes from this portion of the meeting are maintained by the DHS.

The board met with Kathleen Fowler to discuss a number of issues, concerns, and specific requests regarding her recent separation from employment from DHS. It was the consensus of the board that while they were not creating any kind of precedent in dealing with these types of issues, they were agreeable to addressing some of her specific concerns. Lock made a motion, seconded by Hofmeister, to approve 6 weeks of severance pay (beginning March 8th) and providing 6-months of the county share of CHP COBRA health insurance (to be paid directly to CHP). Motion carried.

The board met with County Landfill Manager Bill Andrews. He reviewed the recent repairs done completed on the baler. He also gave estimated timetable for future repairs: 1) seals on the small cylinder – 6 – 8 years 2) seals on large cylinder 10 – 12 years

The board met with County Weed and Pest Supervisor Kerri Doleshall. Doleshall shared his chemical request and the submitted bids with the board. He indicated he has not scheduled a spring educational workshop as in previous years.

The board revisited adoption of the draft Second Amendment Sanctuary County resolution. The matter was tabled for additional research.

The board met with County Treasurer Sharon Michael to ask if she would help facilitate the DHS year-end closeout.

Schafer announced the county received notice of a DOLA grant award for \$12,500 to assist with a county-wide housing assessment. The formal contract from DOLA must be received before the project can begin.

The board reviewed the following reports:

- TV Maintenance log
- Treasurer monthly reports
- Event Center rentals
- Weather Spotter training sessions
- SB19-181 (Protect Public Welfare Oil and Gas Operations)
- Paid family leave bill
- CINTAS Contract
- PC Housing Assessment
- Model Traffic Code
- Letter from BOC Brian Gales referencing the Pavilion Signs

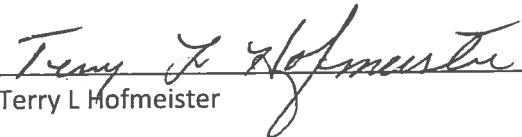
The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

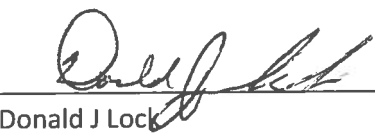
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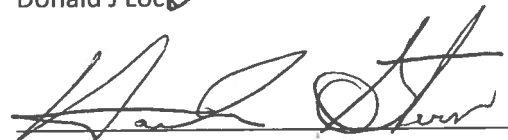
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