

*Phillips County Commissioner
Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2021*

Call to order

Chairman Hofmeister called to order the meeting of the Phillips County Commissioners and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 9:00 A.M. on May 19, 2021 at the County Courthouse in the Commissioner Meeting room.

Attendees

Chairman Terry Hofmeister, Commissioners Garold E. Roberts and Tom Timm, County Administrator Laura Schroetlin, and County Clerk Beth Zilla.

Additional Attendees

Joe Kinnie, Jody Wiltfang, Nicki Johnson, Patricia Nash, Lori Lundgren, Doug Kamery, and Dan Waln

Additions or Corrections to the Agenda

Appointment #3 with Emergency Manager was deleted.

Phillips County Economic Development's use of county cars was added.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Roberts made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Timm seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously 3-0.

Consent Agenda Items:

- A) May 07, 2021 Meeting Minutes
- B) Invoice List
- C) Revenue/Expenditure Reports
- D) Cash Balances
- E) Treasurer Reports
- F) Loss Run by Group
- G) Open Claims File
- H) Event Center/BOC Pavilion rentals
- I) Mobile Food Pantry Report
- J) TV Service Log

Public Comments

No public comments

Appointments

Joe Kinnie discussed the condition of the state highways, the speed limit on U.S. Highway 6 east of the city limit of Holyoke and the danger excessive speeds in this area poses to pedestrians and bicyclists especially when crossing the bridge. He also noted that when the large trees were removed from the playground at Homesteaders Park, the playground equipment is now too hot to use during portions of the day. He would like consideration given to installing a canopy or at least some replacement trees to provide for shade.

Jody Wiltfang with Platte Valley Rodeo Bible Camp met with the board to discuss their upcoming event at the fairgrounds on June 21-27, 2021. Wiltfang asked if the commissioners would consider the reduced facilities rental fee that was approved for the 2020 camp. It was not held because of COVID. The board agreed to \$1,500 fees renting the Pavilion, Event Center and Arena. The fees for Harvest Park rv spaces will remain at the usual rate.

Nikki Johnson and Patricia Nash with Help for Abused Partners gave an overview of the program which serves victims of domestic abuse from Logan, Phillips and Sedgwick counties. Nash will be the local liaison for Phillips County. Johnson and Lori Lundgren, Director of Human Services discussed extending

the Memorandum of Understanding for 2021. Johnson will send out a revised MOU to the BOCC for approval.

The board met with Maintenance Supervisor Dan Waln for a monthly update.

Old Business

The board reviewed the CVRF 063 grant expenditures to date and upcoming County, Holyoke and Haxtun expenditures.

The board reviewed the 30X30 resolutions from other counties. A resolution for their consideration will be presented at the May 28, 2021 meeting.

The County will not be able to provide any vehicles for Economic Development Executive Director Trisha Herman to take the Ogallala Commons interns to the conference in Dumas, TX as previously approved at the May 07, 2021 meeting. CTSI, Inc (county insurance carrier) recently released guidance stating that pool insurance will not cover any use of a county vehicle that is not directly related to a county operation. The county will still pay for fuel for the trip.

Motions/ New Business

The board met with County Assessor Doug Kamery to review HB21-1308. Kamery strongly opposes this bill and asked the board to also oppose it and express their opposition to the CCI legislative team.

The board reviewed a letter from Roberts to Conagra Foods Inc inquiring about purchasing approximately 21 acres from them.

Schroetlin will be in contact with BST Racing Promotor Joe Bellm regarding complaints received after the last race.

Adjournment

Chairman Hofmeister adjourned the meeting at 12:35 P.M.


Minutes submitted by County Clerk Beth Zilla

Next meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2021.

The board held a work session at 2:30 pm with Roberts, Timm, Waln, Schroetlin, County Engineer Lou Harmon and from CDOT Brandon Johnson, Jacqueline Giles, and Bryce Reeves to discuss the MMOF Courthouse Square Sidewalk Project.

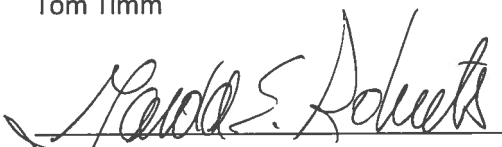
Phillips County Commissioners

Attest:


Terry Hofmeister, Chairman


Beth Zilla, County Clerk


Tom Timm


Gerald Roberts