

*Phillips County Commissioner
Meeting Minutes
September 30, 2021*

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

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 September 30, 2021 at the County Courthouse in the Commissioner Meeting room.

Attendees

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

Additional Attendees

Andrew Nygaard, Kari Linker, Trisha Herman, Nancy Dee, Lori Lundgren, Dan Waln, Jessie Stewart, Lucinda Mares, Layna Wear, Elia Wear.

Additions or Corrections to the Agenda

- 16) Veterans Service Officer computer
- 17) Commissioners' meeting date change
- 18) Bridge on County Rd 37

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

Consent Agenda Items:

- a. Approval of the minutes of the BOCC 09.20.2021 meeting
- b. Approval of September Payroll
- c. Approval of the AP Invoice
- d. Acknowledgement of the receipt of the 2021 Property Assessment Study
- e. Acknowledgement of the receipt of the Event Center rental/surveys

Public Comments

No public comments

Appointments

Andrew Nygaard, reporter from the Holyoke Enterprise, met with the board for the monthly press briefing.

Kari Linker, Representative for Senator John Hickenlooper, met with the board for updates from the Senator's office.

Nancy (Bieseimeier) Dee met with the board to discuss the closure of the Prairie Winds Gallery and the possibility of utilizing some of its display hardware in the Bieseimeier Room at the Event Center. The cable/rail system could be used to hang a variety of items. She and her family would donate it to the county. The board agreed that the system would be a great addition to the room and thanked her for the donation. As a separate item, Dee would like to add a couple of pictures to the existing pictures of Paoli that are currently on display in the Bieseimeier Room at the Event Center. The commissioners gave her the go-ahead to do so.

Roberts made a motion to become the Board of Human Services at 10:50 to meet with Director Lori Lundgren. Motion carried unanimously 3-0. The minutes from this portion of the meeting are maintained by the DHS. The regular BOCC meeting resumed at 10:59.

CSU 4-H Extension Agent Jessie Stewart and 4-H council members Lucinda Mares, Layna Wear, and Elia Wear attended to request that the board acknowledge National 4-H Week, October 3-9, 2021. After taking a photo for local newspapers, Stewart met with the board for the monthly extension update.

Old Business

The board reviewed an ARPA funds update.

Motions/New Business

Timm made a motion to approve to use the American Recovery Plan Act funds to purchase three (3) Polarcool Fans, with covers, for the-BOC Pavilion at the quoted price of \$7,736.95. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously 3-0.

Roberts made a motion to approve the use of the American Recovery Plan Act funds to purchase a 2021 John Deere 4044R tractor from 21st Century Equipment, LLC at the quoted price of \$39,370 and two (2) snow pusher attachments from Central Plains Equipment for the quoted price of \$2,995 for the County Maintenance department. Timm seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously 3-0.

The board agreed to allow Gary Kumm ten (10) free loads at the County Landfill for the clean-up of his property after his house fire.

Timm made a motion to approve the request from Road and Bridge Manager Mike Salyards to purchase a 2022 Caterpillar Model 140LVR motor grader for \$270,140, less \$54,000 allowed for trade-in of 2004 Caterpillar 140H, for a net purchase price of \$216,140 to be taken out of the 2022 Road & Bridge budget. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously 3-0.

Roberts made a motion to approve the request from Road and Bridge Manager Mike Salyards to purchase a 2023 Peterbilt 389 Tractor for \$145,750.75 to be taken out of the 2022 Road & Bridge budget. Timm seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously 3-0.

Roberts moved to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the subdivision exemption for Kathleen Olofson for the sale of approximately 13.74 acres located in the SE4 of Section 34-T9N-R45W to a buyer to be determined. Timm seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously 3-0.

The board tabled action on the Weed & Pest building insurance claim depending further information.

Roberts made a motion to approve the request from DHS Director Lori Lundgren to hire Toni Strasser as an Income Maintenance Technician. She will be placed on HS Grade 62 Step 1 (\$36,497.25 annually, \$3,041.44 monthly). Timm seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 3-0.

Timm made a motion to accept the bid from Printers' Paper & More for an HP Envy for \$1,370, a Fujitsu Scan Snap Portable Scanner for \$374 and an HP OfficeJet Portable Color Printer for \$397 for the Veterans Service Officer. Roberts seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously 3-0.

The county did not meet the qualifications for an Elections Security Grant but Zilla is looking at other fund opportunities for election security needs.

The board rescheduled the October 8th meeting to October 7th.

The board approved the request from Pheasants Forever to sell alcohol at their banquet on November 13, 2021 from 5:00 pm – 12:00 am as long as they receive a special event permit from the City, provide liquor liability insurance and the additional liquor deposit.

Adjournment

Chairman Hofmeister adjourned the meeting at 01:20 P.M.

Minutes submitted by County Clerk Beth Zilla

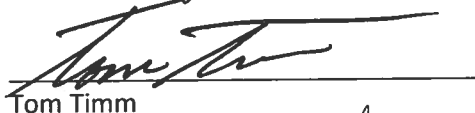
Next meeting is scheduled for October 07, 2021.

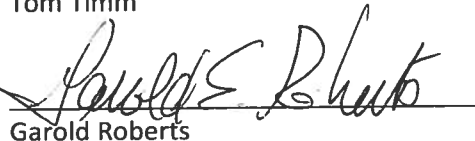
Phillips County Commissioners:

Attest:


Terry Hofmeister


Beth Zilla, County Clerk


Tom Timm


Garold Roberts