

Phillips County Commissioner

Meeting Minutes

August 31, 2021

The board held a work session with Road and Bridge Manager Mike Salyards and Assistant Manager 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 August 31, 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, Jamie Smith, Vince Kropp, Kenny Gaskill, Bill Andrews, Mark McMullen, Jerry Brandt, Jeremy Kilpatrick, Steve Firme.

Additions or Corrections to the Agenda

Administrator Schroetlin added the following items to the agenda;

- 14 County Zoning Letter
- 15 Race date in September

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 Approval of the minutes of the BOCC 08.19.2021 meeting
- B Approval of the August Payroll
- C Approval of the AP invoice list
- D Acknowledgement of the receipt of the budget review schedule with Dept. heads
- E Acknowledgement of the receipt of the Aurora Dairy Facility update
- F Acknowledgement of the receipt of the Event Center Rentals

Public Comments

No public comments

Appointments

The board met with Holyoke Enterprise Reporter Andrew Nygaard for their monthly briefing.

The board met with PCTelcom representatives Vince Kropp and Jamie Smith and County Communications Center Director Kenny Gaskill to discuss the Colorado Broad Band Grant Application. Smith also provided information and broad estimates to replace the current phone system with a VOIP system and new wiring. The board discussed the possibility of purchasing this new system with the funds from the American Rescue Plan Act Fund (ARPA). Research on the current phone service and connections will be done before any action is taken.

The board met with Communications Center Director Kenny Gaskill to discuss his request to use ARPA funds for additional services and hardware necessary to complete the upgrade to the Communication Center systems that was previously approved.

The board met with Veterans Service Officer (VSO) Steve Firme, Jeremy Kilpatrick and Dr. Jerry Brandt. Firme announced although he was not looking to retire from his position, he believes that Kilpatrick will be a great asset to Phillips County veterans and so is recommending his appointment as the new VSO. Kilpatrick has a passion for Veterans and mental health issues and awareness and has some program ideas to address this issue. Administrator Schroetlin commented per C.R.S 25-5-802, that prior to appointing a VSO, the board must seek advice and counsel from the local Post Commanders from Holyoke and Haxtun. Once that is received, a decision on the appointment will be made.

The board met with Landfill Manager Bill Andrews and Mark McMullen from American Environmental Services to review the draft Waste Characterization Plan, the proposed surface water control ponds and

to review services he will be providing in the 2022 contract for the \$34,340. McMullen noted that the current landfill could have a useful life of four hundred years based on today's regulations and implementing his recommendations for waste disposal.

Old Business

The board reviewed the American Rescue Plan Act funds approved disbursements and discussed options for remaining funds. A listing of all considerations will be reviewed at the next meeting.

The board held a discussion on the possible Road & Bridge land purchase. No action was taken.

The board reviewed the Opioid Meeting Schedule and the Attorney fees information.

The board received a report from Schroetlin regarding railroad crossing issues adjacent to Highway 23. The county is waiting replacement/repair plan details from Jason Michael, representing NKC Railroad.

Motions/ New Business

Timm made a motion to approve the requests from Communications Center Director Kenny Gaskill to use the American Recovery Plan Act funds for Quote #1291 from Absolute Solutions for \$2,159.58 to install two consoles, an antenna, and a feed line, and for Quote #1541176 from BearCom/Motorola for \$1,620.20 for device programming. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously 3-0.

Roberts made a motion to approve the request from the Town of Haxtun to waive the \$110.00 fee for their zoning amendment application. Timm seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously 3-0.

Roberts made a motion to approve the application to renew the liquor license submitted by Ricos Dogs LLC, dba Blisties, whose current license is set to expire on October 21, 2021. Timm seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously 3-0.

Roberts made a motion to approve the proposal from Sullivan Green Seavy LLC to conduct a thorough analysis of each of the 11 sections of the County's Land Use Resolution and make recommendations for improvements/amendments for a total cost capped at \$3,500.00. Timm seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously 3-0.

Timm made a motion to approve the request from B&B Investments to add an additional race date September 17th, 2021. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously 3-0.

Adjournment

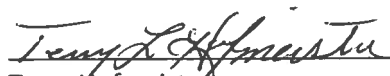
Chairman Hofmeister adjourned the meeting at 2:51 P.M.

Minutes submitted by County Clerk Beth Zilla


Next meeting is scheduled for September 08, 2021.

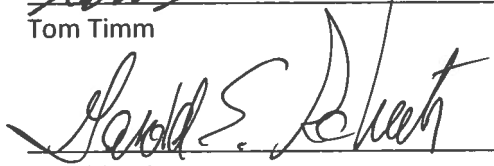
Phillips County Commissioners:

Attest:


Terry Hofmeister


Beth Zilla, County Clerk


Tom Timm


Garold Roberts