

Phillips County Commissioner
Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2020

Call to order

Chairman Terry Hofmeister called to order the regular meeting of the Phillip County Commissioners at 9:00 A.M. on June 19, 2020 at Phillips County Courthouse in the Commissioner Meeting Room and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Prior to meeting the board held a work session with Road and Bridge Manager Mike Salyards, County Sheriff Thomas Elliott and Undersheriff Michael Beard.

Attendees

Chairman Terry Hofmeister, Commissioners Don Lock and Harlan Stern, County Administrator Pam Jensen, Commissioner candidates Garold Roberts and Tom Timm, Road and Bridge Manager Mike Salyards, Pavilion Reservationist Deanna Webster, Communication Center Director Kenny Gaskill, Landfill Manager Bill Andrews, Department of Human Services Director Lori Lundgren, County Treasurer Sharon Michael, Emergency Management Officer Bob Heldenbrand and Fair Board President Kayla Kafka.

Additions to the Agenda

Additional janitorial help, DHS grant, Heifer feedlot, RV spaces at the campground

Approval of Consent Agenda

Stern made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Lock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Stern made a motion to approve the Commissioner Minutes from the June 09, 2020 meeting as presented. Lock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Deanna Webster, Pavilion Reservationist, met with the board to discuss opportunities for the Pavilion. Webster commented that there is a need for more horse stalls. With more stalls you can have bigger events and more consistent events. Webster also commented that with bigger events more people come to Phillips County and support the community by eating at restaurants and purchasing gas.

Appointments

The board met with Landfill Manager Bill Andrews to discuss disposal of the June 6th and 8th storm. Andrews asked if the county were going to forego the fees. Andrews mentioned that most of the disposal of damage would be covered under the homeowner's insurance. The board agreed to charge the customers since they would be reimbursed by insurance. The board told Andrews to keep track of the weather-related disposals so they can submit it to FEMA. Andrews mentioned the total loads and dollar amount waived for the two-day county wide clean up days. Friday, June 5th had 24 loads at the cost of \$397.51 and Saturday, June 6th there was 33 loads at \$417.71, plus the 2 days of man hours plus overtime hours.

Stern made a motion to become the Board of Human Services at 1:50 P.M. Minutes from this portion of the meeting will be maintained by the Department of Human Services.

The board met with County Treasurer Sharon Michael to discuss HB20-1421 which leaves the decision of the Treasurer to waive interest on late tax payments. Michael said that she would not be waiving the fees as most of the taxes for this year have already been paid.

The board met with Officer of Emergency Management Bob Heldenbrand. Heldenbrand discussed the Safe at Home, Public Health Order 20-28, 7th Amendment. Heldenbrand discussed the FEMA EMPG supplemental grant and the three projects that he is working on with the Grant.

- Project #1 -purchase 4 small tables for the EOC at \$160.00 each for a total of \$640.00 It requires a 50% match. Administrator Jensen believes that the CARES Act can be used for this match.

- Project #2-Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP)- 2 at \$100 for a total of \$200.00 with a 50% match. There will also be a monthly service fee associated that will not be covered under the grant.
- Project #3-County-wide Emergency Siren Replacement. Replace 11 AC powered Sirens with DC Power at \$22,000 per siren.

Heldenbrand discussed the EOC deactivation date of June 19th and that date establishes 99 days of activation for COVID 19

The board met with Fair Board President Kayla Kafka to discuss the upcoming Phillips County Fair. Kafka asked to reserve camper spaces for vendors and Princess/Queen campers. The board agreed to reserve those spaces for vendors and Fair Princesses and the Queen at Harvest Park RV Campground. Kafka also asked to review the rates for fair participants.

New Business/Motions

Stern made a motion to approve the Help Colorado Now Department of Human Services

Supplement Food the Grant Vouchers for food to be purchased at a participating Phillips County restaurant or food store. Lock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board decided to table the on-call pay for the Event Center/Pavilion until further research is done.

Lori Gibbs purchased a sound system and donated it to the County for the Rabbit area in the Pavilion.

Lock made a motion to hire part time help for COVID-19 cleaning using CARES DOLA funds. Stern seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board discussed the purchase of a .46 acres lot owned by Jon Lawrence. The board is not interested at this time.

Lock made a motion to retain Briar Bergner as part-time help for the Communication Center. Bergner will work at least 10 hours per month to keep her dispatching skill updated. Stern seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Stern made a motion to donate \$67.50 to High Plains Radio for the wheat harvest goody bags. Lock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Stern made a motion to adopt the 2020-06-15-06 Resolution Declaration for the local disaster emergency due to severe thunderstorms and excessive wind damage on June 6 and June 8, 2020. Lock seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

The board reviewed the process of applying for Event Request Variances. Board all agreed that process is working appropriately, and no changes need to be made.

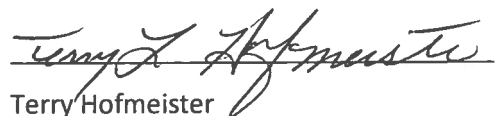
Adjournment

Chairman Hofmeister adjourned the meeting 4:30 pm.

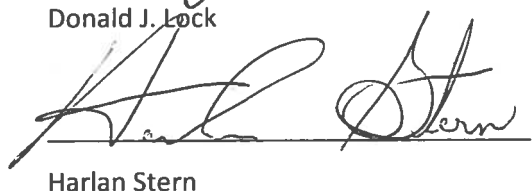
Minutes submitted by County Clerk Beth Zilla.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 30th, 2020

County Commissioners:


Terry Hofmeister


Donald J. Lock


Harlan Stern

Attest:


Beth Zilla – County Clerk