

## *Phillips County Commissioner*

### *Meeting Minutes*

*July 08, 2020*

Prior to the meeting the board held a work session with Maintenance Supervisor Dan Waln.

Chairman Terry Hofmeister called to order the regular meeting of the Phillip County Commissioners at 9:00 A.M. on July 08, 2020 at the Phillips County Courthouse in the Commissioners Meeting Room.

#### **Attendees**

Chairman Terry Hofmeister, Commissioners Don Lock and Harlan Stern, County Administrator Pam Jensen and County Clerk Beth Zilla. Commissioner Candidate Garold Roberts, 4-H parent Candie Fix, Representative from Congressman Ken Buck, Dusty Johnson, CSU Extension Agent Deeona Johnston and 4-H Agent Jessie Stewart, Caring Pregnancy Resource Center Representatives Cari Jo Oestman and Laura Lenz, Representative from Senator Cory Gardner, Darlene Carpio and Kaitlyn Maker (intern), Department of Human Services Director Lori Lundgren, and County Assessor Doug Kamery.

#### **Approval of Minutes and Consent Agenda**

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

Lock made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 30, 2020 meeting as submitted. Stern seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Appointments**

The board met with Candie Fix to discuss the charges for RV spots at the fairgrounds during fair week. Fix is not happy with the decision made by the board to charge the parents of kids that are involved in fair. Fix stated that it is unfair to the families to have to pay when they donate so much of their time and money to the fair. The board will take Fix's concerns into consideration and get back to her on any decisions made.

The board met with CSU Extension Agent Deeona Johnston. Johnston updated the board on the Haxtun summer camp. Johnston has passed her fitness instructor test. Johnston discussed some fitness classes that she is going to start up. She also updated the board on the community garden and her diabetes classes. Johnston is offering a sports nutrition class for the local high schools.

The board met with CSU 4-H Agent Jessie Stewart. Stewart updated the board on some summer activities that she has offered. Stewart reported that they went to a Livestock quiz bowl and Livestock judging contest. Phillips County Brooklyn Plumb placed 5<sup>th</sup> as an individual and the livestock judging team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and will be competing in Denver for Nationals this coming winter. Stewart has been having riding nights on Mondays and holding leather craft classes on Mondays and Thursdays. Stewart is gearing up for fair and helping kids with their projects and their record books.

The board met with Cari Jo Oestman and Laura Lenz with the Caring Pregnancy Resource Center. Oestman and Lenz asked the board if they would reduce the new rental fee charges for the Biesemeier Room and Heginbotham Hall to the 2019 fees for their event on January 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.

The board met with Representative from Congressman Ken Buck, Dusty Johnson. Johnson reviewed a letter from Ken Buck to discuss his opinion on COVID 19. Buck would also like everyone to visit a National Park this month in honor of National Park Month. Buck introduced "No Bailouts for Illegal Aliens Act" in the house on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Other items that Buck is working on include Supporting Action Against Huawei and CCP and Get Americans Back to Work Act.

The board met with Senator Cory Gardner's office Representative Darlene Carpio and Intern Kaitlyn Maker. Carpio updated the board on COVID -19 and asked the board on feedback on what COVID-19 procedures worked for them and what did not. Gardner is working on new legislation on Great America Outdoor Act which is funded by offshore oil companies and not funded by the taxpayers. Carpio encouraged the board to look at funding some projects through this Act. Carpio stated that the Space Command Center will be located in Colorado for the next six years. Carpio mention that the

USDA is offering emergency grazing on CRP ground. Carpio noted that the CARES Act funded resurfacing at the Holyoke Municipal Airport in the amount of \$20,000.

Lock made a motion to become the Board of Human Services at 11:40. Stern seconded the motion. Motion carried. The minutes from this portion of the meeting will be maintained by the Department of Human Services.

#### Old Business

The board decided to table the finalizing of the Telecommuting Policy, Inclement Weather Policy, Courthouse Evacuation Plan until all Departments have had a chance to review them.

No action taken on the Emergency Warning Systems.

#### New Business/Motions

Stern made a motion to reduce the fees to \$355.00 and a \$400.00 deposit fee for the Caring Pregnancy banquet to reflect what was paid last year for their event on January 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> at the Event Center. Lock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Lock made a motion to move Victim's Advocate Kelley Sullivan to GN40 Grade 14 Step 3 at \$33,747.54 annually, (\$2,812.30 monthly) effective July 10, 2020. Stern seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Lock made a motion to move Department of Human Service Director Lori Lundgren to HS Grade 81 Step 3 at \$54,337.63 annually (\$4,528.14 monthly) effective July 01, 2020. Stern seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Stern made a motion to approve the bid submitted by Transit Works to provide drone aerial photography mapping of county landfill for \$6,000.00. Lock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Stern made a motion to approve the bid submitted by Dickinson Land Surveyors to provide survey work at the county landfill for \$2,800.00. Lock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Lock made a motion to approve a reduced rate for 4H members using the RV Campground during fair week. 4H members will be given 50% off of the regular daily RV rates during fair week. The board will revisit rate again next year. Stern seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### Adjournment

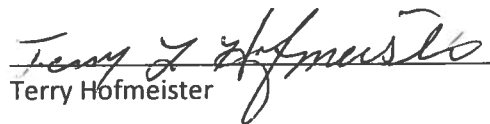
Chairman Hofmeister adjourned the meeting 2:14 P.M.

Minutes submitted by County Clerk Beth Zilla.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2020.

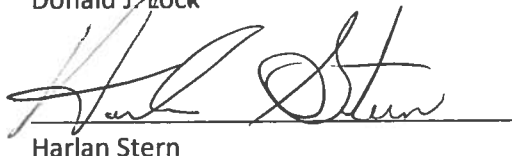
County Commissioners:

Attest:

  
Terry Hofmeister

  
Beth Zilla – County Clerk

  
Donald J. Lock

  
Harlan Stern