

The County Commissioners met in regular session on October 26, 2009 in the County Commissioners' Room. Present were Arthur Kuhlmann, Paul McCartney and Joe Kingsbury, Commissioners. Also present was Clerk, Sharon Wolters.

Commissioners reviewed, corrected and approved the agenda.

The minutes from the October 19, 2009 meeting were read and approved.

Commission Chairman signed the Treasurer's Daily Balance Sheets.

Commissioners approved voucher #20725-20769 from the following accounts:

General	39651.62
Road	1090.36
Noxious Weed	63.12
County Health	735.13
Appraiser	269.18
Landfill	1352.06
EMS	917.94
ROD Tech Fund	125.00
TOTAL	\$44,204.41

Commissioners approved Payroll # 22 for \$71,468.19.

Commissioners reviewed a letter from the Kansas Property Valuation Department indicating that the Smith County Appraiser has done a "fair and accurate" job of assessing tax values in Smith County.

Kingsbury signed the 2010 annual commitment letter for Advance Life Insurance for Smith County employees. The rates were slightly lower than 2009.

Commissioners reviewed Resolution 05-09 concerning the transient guest tax. No action was taken at this time.

Commissioners reviewed a letter from the KDHE reporting on the on-site visit made in Smith County on October 14, 2009.

Commissioners reviewed a letter from Jewell County offering a household hazardous waste contract for an additional five year. Commissioners approved the contract.

Darrell Shellito, Road supervisor, joined the meeting and discussed the following:

1. McCartney discussed missing road closed signs located at O Lane between 250 & 260 Roads.

Al Gains joined the meeting.

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A motion was made by P. McCartney and seconded by A. Kuhlmann to convene in executive session from 9:00 a.m. till 9:15 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried unanimously. Also in the session was Al Gaines. Regular session reconvened at 9:15 a.m. No action was taken.

John Timmons joined the meeting and discussed the following:

1. Timmons discussed maintenance on 165 Road. Timmons indicated that large holes are making the road to his residence not passable. McCartney indicated that the county will not rock any new roads without payment for rock from the landowners.
2. Timmons discussed the bridge located on M Road between Highway 36 and 165 Road.
3. Timmons discussed a drainage problem at K Road and 1340 Road intersection.

Commissioners discussed the locations noted above.

Patrick Eastes, EMS Director, visited with the commissioners about schedules for EMS employees.

Commissioners discussed a delinquent Road Rocking bill. Commissioners advised Wolters to contact the County attorney about taking legal action on the unpaid bill.

Commissioners approved issuing a new credit card to the County Health Department.

Commissioners discussed a request from Pam Barta to allow Brazos Film & Studio to take video footage of the courthouse. Commissioners indicated they would like to have the request in writing so they can review it with the County Attorney.

Tim Kowton, representing K2 Towers, visited with the commissioners about purchasing the tower located on the courthouse square. After some discussion, the commissioners decided they were not interested in selling the tower.

Amy Hanchett, Communications Director, visited with the commissioners about additional part-time help in the communications department. Commissioners approved Hanchett's request to hire Robert Shaffer as a part time dispatcher.

Westley Kendell, representing NWKsP&D, joined the meeting. The commissioners called the bridge grant hearing to order and discussed the necessary documentation for the project. A motion was made by P. McCartney and seconded by A. Kuhlmann to adopt resolution 09-19 certifying that the Smith County Commissioners have a legal right to apply for a CBDG Grant. Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by P. McCartney and seconded by a. Kuhlmann to adopt resolution 09-20 to certifying control and maintenance of the bridge is CBDG funds are accepted by Smith County. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by P. McCartney and seconded by A. Kuhlmann to adopt Resolution 09-21 certifying compliance with the Resident Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan by Smith County. Motion carried. Initial _____

Commissioners discussed obtaining easements for the grant project and agreed to visit the two land owners this p.m. to obtain the signatures.

Commissioners adopted and signed an agreement with NWKsP&D for administrative fees for the grant funded project if it is approved.

A motion was made by A. Kuhlmann and seconded by J. Kingsbury to adopt a memorandum of understanding with the ESA Coalition of West Kansas Counties to monitor and protest any decision by a Federal or State entity to protect the Black Tailed Prarie Dog. Motion carried unanimously

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Joe Kingsbury, Chairman

Arthur Kuhlmann, Member

Attest:

Sharon Wolters, Clerk

Paul McCartney, Member

These minutes are not official until signed by the commissioners and attested by the county clerk.