

The County Commissioners met in regular session on November 23, 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.

November 9, 2009 minutes of the regular session of County Commissioners' meeting were read and approved.

November 19, 2009, minutes of the special meeting of the County Commissioners were read, corrected and approved.

Commission Chairman signed the Treasurer's Daily Balance Sheets.

Commissioners approved voucher #20869-20920 from the following accounts:

General	7703.07
Road	16800.01
Noxious Weed	61.38
County Health	3908.78
Appraiser	1383.21
Solid Waste	3596.03
EMS	3724.74
911 Fund	2760.00
E911 Fund	3945.00
TOTAL	\$43,882.22

Commissioners approved payroll #24 for 75,532.85.

Commissioners reviewed and signed added and abated taxes.

Commissioners reviewed the report from Shellito on number of equipment hours the Road Department spent working at the landfill. Commissioners agreed to allow Shellito to trade the machinery hours for hours of use for the landfill scraper. Shellito will keep track of traded hours.

Commissioners called Shellito and requested that Ron Crystal be sent up to visit with the commissioners. Shellito reported that Crystal was not at work today and was not sure if Crystal was coming. Crystal had not reported to Shellito asking for sick leave today, November 23, 2009. Commissioners discussed the reprimand that was to be delivered to Crystal this a.m. The commissioners discussed Crystal's status with Shellito. Shellito reported that Crystal left work sick on Friday, November 20, 2009 after reporting to his foreman that he was sick at approximately 9:00 a.m. Commissioners indicated that they were contacted by Terri White on Friday, November 20, at 10:00 a.m. and that Crystal came to visit her that day and made additional accusations about the commissioners on Friday, November 20, 2009. Commissioners instructed Wolters to send a termination letter to Mr. Crystal.

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Robert Gibson, Deputy, agreed to deliver the dismissal letter.

Al Gaines joined the meeting. Gaines reported that an additional trash fence was completed and ready to be moved from Miller Welding.

Jerol DeBoer and Darrell Shellito joined the meeting. Gaines reported that he is in the process of asking the State to allow Smith County to use the Posi-shell formula for weekend cover. DeBoer discussed the state requirement to have the landfill surveyed. They also discussed how to use the landfill and whether we were going to use a C & D pit. Commissioners discussed the problems created by using a C & D pit. Commissioners agreed not to use a C & D pit at this time. Gaines discussed purchasing a digital wind meter and a new electric drill. Commissioners approved the purchase.

Shellito discussed a bridge project in center Township with DeBoer. DeBoer recommended a box bridge in Center Township which will reduce the cost of the bridge construction.

Kelly Overmiller, Delpha Godsey, and Janene Befort joined the meeting. Overmiller reported that the State removed the hiring freeze and that they can now hire an additional agent. Overmiller asked for the budget to be extended to \$95,000.00. Commissioners indicated that the number of agents was not the only reason for reducing budgets. Befort indicated that they did not want to advertise for an additional person until May 2010. Overmiller asked about an increase in 2011. Commissioners were not sure what the economic status would be for 2011 budget. Commissioners agreed to consider the request at budget time next year.

Patrick Eastes, EMS, discussed the following:

1. Eastes presented the statistical information for October. EMS received 23 calls in October.
2. Eastes reported that his staff is back to full capacity.

Befort joined the meeting and reported on the ownership of the armory. Befort said the Kansas Military Board owns the armory at this time.

Commissioners agreed to contract with Nine One One, Inc. for hardware and software support for the communications e911 system.

Commissioners agreed to allow Hanchett to get bids for carpet in the communications area as was recommended by the hardware maintenance repairman.

Commissioners discussed fixing the windows in the courthouse. Commissioners wished to fix the windows in the Register of Deeds office only at this time.

Wolters discussed the copier in her office. Wolters reported that she is considering a refurbished copier to reduce the cost of replacing the copier. Wolters reported that her present copier has several problems which the repairman has been unable to fix.

Kuhlmann discussed maintenance on H Road between 180 & 190 Roads.

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As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Board of County Commissioners

Joe Kingsbury, Chairman

Arthur Kuhlmann, Member

Sharon Wolters, Clerk

Paul McCartney, Member

These minutes are unofficial until signed by the commissioners and attested by the County Clerk.