

The County Commissioners met in regular session on November 30, 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 30, 2009 minutes of the regular session of County Commissioners' meeting were read and approved.

Al Gaines, Landfill Supervisor, joined the meeting and discussed the following:

1. Gaines reported that the road department picked up two additional trash fences for the landfill.
2. Gaines reported that they ordered a new methane monitor at the landfill.
3. Gaines reported that they need to hire a person to remove Freon from several disposed units. Commissioners instructed Gaines to hire a local contractor certified to remove the gas from the units.
4. Gaines discussed a complaint about the wind policy at the landfill. Commissioners agreed to allow Gaines to put landfill closing on the radio in addition to the county web site and the National Bank sign.
5. Gaines discussed safety meetings for the landfill employees.
6. Kingsbury also asked about the commercial haulers dumping during wind closing. Gaines reported that they notify the local haulers prior to closing if possible.
7. Gaines reported that the State approved a 60 day trial period to test the Posi-shell as weekend cover.

Darrell Shellito joined the meeting and discussed the following:

1. Max Dannenberg joined the meeting and asked about tree removal in Harlan Township. Shellito agreed to view the trees on 280 Road between N & O Roads.
2. McCartney discussed the Cora Road.
3. Kuhlmann discussed maintenance policy for roads.
4. Wolters reviewed letter from ABBB, Certified Public Accountants, discussing the personal use of county vehicles. Shellito indicated no road department vehicles are used for personal use.

Dave Levin joined the meeting and discussed contracted labor at the landfill.

Commissioners explained that the agreement with the contractor was done by trading use of the county water truck and other equipment at the airport for the work done to complete the current landfill digging. Levin also discussed rock on the road south of Kensington. He did not wish to use rock from the Lamont pit because he felt the rock was not good and would not be sufficient for rocking the road. Kuhlmann discussed blue shale rock for use on county roads. Shellito discussed using Levin to do some maintenance on the bridge located in Webster Township on AA & 210 Road.

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Patrick Eastes discussed vehicle maintenance.

Commissioners approved added and abated 2009 taxes.

Commissioners reviewed a draw for the hospital heating and lighting project. Chairman Kingbury signed draw #10.

Commissioners reviewed maps of the landfill property which is rented to Marvin Kugler. Kugler revised the rented acres. Commissioners approved the adjustment.

Chris Jones, Noxious Weed Director, joined the meeting and discussed purchasing chemical in advance in order to receive a discount rate. Commissioners approved the purchase of discounted chemical.

Commissioners reviewed the proposal from ITC for an energy line proposal for Smith County and surrounding areas.

Randy Kline joined the meeting and informed the commissioners that he has completed the sidewalk replacement.

Shellito joined the meeting and discussed taking bids for additional fuel. Commissioners approved Shellito purchasing fuel on a forward contract.

Commissioners agreed to send a comment to continue the use of Rozol to control the prairie dog population. Land owners have the final discretion on use. Commissioners instructed Wolters to make an on-line comment for Smith County.

Commissioners approved issuing a twenty five dollar voucher to each employee to be used at any Smith County business which will accept them and return them to the county clerk for collection in the next paycheck for a Christmas gift.

Commissioners instructed Wolters to send a certified letter to WJH and request a response to the bid offer or notify them that the bid will be awarded to another vendor.

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