

The County Commissioners met in regular session on March 15, 2010 in the County Commissioners' Room. Present were Arthur Kuhlmann, Paul McCartney, and Joe Kingsbury, Commissioners. Also present was Clerk, Sharon Wolters.

Commissioners read and approved the minutes from the March 8, 2010 meeting.

Commissioners reviewed and approved the agenda.

Commission chairman reviewed and signed the Treasurer's daily statement envelopes.

Commissioners approved payroll #6 for 70767.98.

Commissioners discussed repairing the bridge located on 200 Road between G & H Roads. Commissioners agreed to consider putting new pilings under the bridge to support the bridge more efficiently. Commissioners will discuss the repairs with Shellito.

Commissioners reviewed a grant writing proposal from the Solomon Valley RC&D. Commissioners agreed to contract with the RC&D to write a grant for the WECC Wind Study which includes an economic impact study.

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

1. Gaines reported that the landfill is drying out some and equipment is not getting stuck as often.
2. Gaines discussed the packer maintenance. Gaines discussed previous maintenance which was not done correctly. All needed repairs have now been made.
3. Gaines discussed spraying the sides of the new landfill pit with Posi-Shell. Gaines explained the spraying requirements to stop erosion. Gaines agreed to visit with Jerol DeBoer, Penco Engineering, about the next expansion for the current pit.
4. Gaines reported that the KDHE water well inspector visited the landfill last week.
5. Gaines reported that they were monitoring the water tube on the old landfill. Regular maintenance and pumping are still being done.
6. Gaines reported that he was still training the new landfill employee.
7. Gaines reported that he was marking dumpsters.

Tom Rice joined the meeting and discussed purchasing the motel in Kensington. Rice indicated that the motel will be destroyed with the exception of the block building for a parts store. Rice asked if commissioners would abate the solid waste if he purchased it. Commissioners agreed to work with Rice if they purchase the facility and remove the plumbing if they did not tear it down.

Patrick Eastes, EMS Director, joined the meeting and discussed the following:

1. Eastes provided the agenda for their most recent EMS monthly meeting.
2. Eastes presented the statistical reports for the Smith County EMS. EMS received 21 calls in February.
3. Eastes discussed an AED Heart Monitor which malfunctioned. Repairs have been requested and the company loaned us a replacement until the repairs were made.
4. Eastes discussed the PHTLS (Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Class) offered through the Smith County EMS. Eastes reported that a write-up will be sent to the Pioneer.

Commissioners reviewed a proposal from the Solomon Valley RC&D for grant writing services.

Commissioners called Sheriff Lehman and asked to meet with him to discuss the weather watcher's meeting held on Thursday, March 13, 2010.

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Commissioners indicated that they were concerned about the county officers leaving the meeting. Lehman indicated that he has already discussed the issue with his officers. Kingsbury stated that the trained weather watchers are an asset to public safety and requested that the weather watchers and the sheriff's department employees use the same frequency during the storm. Lehman stated that he felt working together was important and agreed that his department will change frequency for storm events.

Lehman also stated that he felt the ADT system should be established so that the weather watchers will be notified by phone as soon as the weather bureau notifies Smith County of possible severe weather patterns. Commissioners reviewed the book prepared for the weather watchers meeting. Commissioners will direct Hanchett to make corrections in the 2010 Smith County Weather Watchers Book page five to include weather watchers.

Darrell Shellito joined the meeting. Commissioners told Shellito that they will be viewing roads this p.m.

Jim Higby joined the meeting and discussed 90 Road between R & S Roads from the bridge west of his house. Higby felt that the material used for his road surface was not good quality road cover. Commissioners asked about snow removal. Higby indicated that the snow removal was slow. Commissioners agreed to view the location.

Amy Hanchett, Communications Director, discussed the following:

1. Termination of Communications Employee.
2. Radio repairs. Commissioners agreed to have Nex-Tech evaluate the police radios to see if the problem is the individual radios or the console.

Commissioners were contacted by Otto Levin and asked if the commissioners could view the road south of Kensington. Levin discussed the condition of the road and asked if he could accompany the commissioners this afternoon when they viewed the road.

Commissioners discussed a road rocking request from Sam Rice. Kuhlmann will contact Rice and request a meeting with Rice and all three commissioners.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Board of County Commissioners

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Paul McCartney, Chairman

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Arthur Kuhlmann, Member

Attest:

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Sharon Wolters, Clerk

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Joe Kingsbury, Member