

The County Commissioners met in regular session on January 25, 2010 in the County Commissioners' Room. Present were Arthur Kuhlmann, Paul McCartney, and Joe Kingsbury, Commissioners. Also present was Clerk, Sharon Wolters.

Commissioners read corrected and approved the minutes from the January 19, 2010 meeting.

Commissioners reviewed and approved the agenda.

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

Commissioners approved Voucher #21176-21237 from the following accounts:

General Fund	27158.45
Road	100.80
Noxious Weed	61.11
Co. Health	4826.07
Appraiser	447.55
Landfill	33372.78
EMS	2658.77
ROD Tech Fund	445.79
Diversion Fee Fund	3500.00
Motor Vehicle Fund	600.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$73,171.32</b>

Bill Lyon visited with the commissioners about an additional payment made for retirement mentioned in previous minutes. Wolters indicated that it was not additional pay as in a retirement bonus; but, earned pay that was not paid in the employee's final paycheck due to a misreported end employment date for the retired employee.

Al Gaines joined the meeting and discussed purchasing the tractor discussed in the last meeting.

Darrell Shellito joined the meeting and discussed road maintenance for ice packed roads. Shellito was concerned about damaging the road maintenance equipment.

Commissioners continued the discussion about the landfill tractor. Gaines also discussed the old landfill equipment that was not being used. A. Kuhlmann made a motion and it was seconded by J. Kingsbury, to purchase the 95 HP John Deere tractor for the landfill. Motion carried unanimously.

Patrick Eastes, EMS Director, joined the meeting and discussed minor repairs on vehicles and an educational grant for EMS educational classes from the State. Eastes will contact the State and will ask for more detailed specification on funding and post-class employment requirements.

Shellito joined the meeting and presented a road rocking list for the commissioners to review.

Commissioners signed the agreement with the State of Kansas for State and Local Assistance Funding for Smith County.

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Amy Hanchett reported to the commissioners on the application process for dispatch.

The commissioners adjourned to travel to Beloit for Multi-county meeting. The topics discussed were:

1. The jail proposal from Mitchell County using the abandoned correctional facility.
2. The new requirements for road signs.
3. The consolidation of counties by the state, and, how to prevent reduced services for tax payers and still maintain lower tax levels. Jewell County commissioners asked if the other counties would consider allowing Darrell Miller, Jewell County Attorney, to testify for all counties on opposition to consolidation.
4. Mental Health providers for the counties.
5. Road department towing assistance.
6. EMS service for Mitchell and Osborne County.

Road Department rock list was updated and provided for the commissioners. Commissioners reviewed the list.

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