

The County Commissioners met in regular session on January 4, 2010 in the County Commissioners' Room. Present were Arthur Kuhlmann, Paul McCartney, and Joe Kingsbury, Commissioners. Also present was Clerk, Sharon Wolters.

Commissioners reviewed and approved the agenda.

Commissioners approved payroll #1 for \$76,334.01.

Commissioners approved voucher #21075 for \$875.48 from the EMS Fund.

The minutes from the December 28, 2009 meeting were read and approved.

After some discussion about the holiday weekend pay for road department workers who were called out on the Saturday and Sunday after Christmas, A. Kuhlmann made a motion and it was seconded by J. Kingsbury to pay a \$25.00 per day bonus to road department employees who were called out on the Saturday or Sunday after Christmas where no overtime would be gained by the extra hours worked because of the time off for Christmas Eve and Christmas. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners revised the previously passed holiday schedule for 2010 and adjusted the schedule that was previously passed. December 24 and December 25 will be the paid holiday dates for Christmas 2010.

J. Kingsbury made a motion to appoint Paul McCartney as chairman of the Board of Smith County Commissioners for the year of 2010. The motion was seconded by A. Kuhlmann and passed unanimously.

Shellito discussed payment for repairs on the Road Department AGCO tractor when it is being used at the landfill. Commissioners agreed that the tractor repairs will be the responsibility of the department which is using the tractor when repairs are needed.

Shellito and Gaines discussed the white GMC Road Department pick-up ownership. Shellito indicated that the road department did not need the pick-up. Gaines indicated that the landfill was not using the pick either. No action was taken at this time.

A motion was made by J. Kingsbury and seconded by A. Kuhlmann to appoint Paul McCartney to represent Smith County on the NWKsP&D board. McCartney declined the appointment. Kuhlmann agreed to serve as the representative. The motion was amended and passed.

Commissioners discussed redistricting for Smith County as required in K.S.A. 19204 & 19204a. Commissioners agreed to wait until the final 2010 Census numbers are available to make a redistricting decision.

Commissioners contacted MaryAnn Schemm to discuss the increase in the health department insurance premium. Commissioners agreed to bind coverage.

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Commissioners discussed the current drug policy for Smith County. Commissioners agreed to delay a decision on the policy until Tami Woods, Drug Program Administrator, is available to report on the possibility of changing the policy.

Commissioners received a letter from Judy Bates concerning Smith County EMS service. Bates indicated that she had an opportunity to visit another service and was proud to be part of Smith County EMS service which provides excellent care.

Gaines discussed the following:

1. Gaines discussed the weekend spray on cover he will be using at the landfill.
2. Gaines discussed the wind screens which are being made by Miller Welding. Gaines indicated that they presently had six of the new screens and will have an additional four screens left to be made. Gaines reported that he felt it would be beneficial to repair the old screens and use them as well. Gaines reported that they are having good results using the screens to control flying debris.
3. Commissioners discussed recycling programs. Commissioners contacted Jewell County Commissioners to discuss the recycling program.

Patrick Eastes, EMS Director, joined the meeting and reported no new information from EMS. Commissioners discussed the letter from Judy Bates with Eastes.

Commissioners reviewed the request by Kevin Cowan, Gilmore & Bell, to add The Smith County Public Building Commission as an additional insured on the hospital insurance policy. Commissioners agreed to instruct Schemm to list the Public Building Commission as an additional insured and request a certificate of insurance for Gilmore & Bell.

A motion was made by J. Kingsbury and seconded by A. Kuhlmann to pass Resolution 10-01, providing for the county to request that the Director of Accounts and Reports waive the reporting requirements as noted in K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) when preparing the year end reports for Smith County.

Sheriff, Bruce Lehmann, discussed a horse control complaint which was received in his office. Lehmann reported that he is monitoring the situation at this time.

Commissioners agreed to re-establish the 911 fees for Smith County at \$.75 per line.

Jewell County Commissioners called and visited about the recycling program between Smith County and Jewell County. Kingsbury discussed a recycling company that might be a possible solution to disposing of the recycled trash. Commissioners agreed to have Gaines meet with the Jewell County landfill supervisor and contact the recycling company to inquire about services available that might benefit the two counties.

Commissioners discussed the current road rocking policy. After some discussion, the commissioners agreed to review the policy with Shellito later in this meeting.

Debbie Hays, Emergency Management Director, joined the meeting. Hays presented her contract with Phillips County and Smith County for renewal.

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Hays discussed coordinating disaster preparedness activities in Smith County. Commissioners agreed to extend the contract with Hays and Phillips County for an additional year. Commissioners signed the new agreement.

Darin Hawkins and Kathy Hansen joined the meeting. Hawkins requested an extension on his NRP plan for an additional year. Commissioners agreed to extend the plan for one additional year and that taxes will be assessed at the regular rate with no rebate available until the 2011 tax year.

Shellito joined the meeting and discussed the road rocking policy with the commissioners. Commissioners agreed to change the policy as follows: Smith County will only rock or **re-rock** roads at no cost for occupied rural residential properties. Any other rocking or **re-rocking** of roads will be at the cost of the requesting landowner. The cost will be the cost of rock per yard based on current prices of rock/gravel per yard from Nebraska Gravel, Inc. (or any other supplier used in addition to or replacement of the current vendor) with a minimum of 2000 cubic yards per mile. Full payment for road material must be made in full to the Road Department Engineer's at the courthouse 24 hours prior to the beginning of any project activity. Road Department Supervisor will give notice to the person requesting the work at least 5 business days prior to the starting date of the road rocking. Commissioners agreed to pass a resolution to this effect next week.

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

Board of County Commissioners

Paul McCartney, Chairman

Arthur Kuhlmann, Member

Attest:

Sharon Wolters, Clerk

Joe Kingsbury, Member

These minutes are not official until signed by the county commissioners and attested to by the County Clerk.