

The County Commissioners met in regular session on February 3, 2014 in the County Commissioners' Room. Present were Dale Pickel, Denise Sasse and Roger Allen, Commissioners. Also present was Clerk, Sharon Wolters; Mitch Fritz, Interim Road Supervisor; and, Ted Mogan, Rock Foreman. Scott Brewer and Lynn Winslow were also in the meeting.

Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes from the January 27, 2014 regular meeting.

Commissioners approved the agenda.

Commissioners reviewed the mail. Commissioners received a Prairie Land Electric Cooperative ballot. Commissioners did not wish to cast a ballot at this time.

The chairman reviewed and signed the Treasurer's daily balance sheet envelopes. The clerk attested his signature.

Scott Brewer asked for clarification on the cost of rock. Brewer asked several more questions about rock policy. Fritz reported that the fuel cost have increased since the last cost list was created. Fritz indicated that the commissioners will review and establish updated rock cost today. Brewer said that he felt someone should create an accurate figure for rock grinding in order to make accurate decisions on rock work completed in the county.

Jerol DeBoer, Penco Engineering, joined the meeting.

Brewer and Winslow left the meeting.

DeBoer stated that the cost of the rock grinder was figured for the Claudell bridge project & for the bridge project north of Smith Center. DeBoer said that he will provide the information for the commissioners.

Dave Tucker joined the meeting.

DeBoer discussed the following:

1. DeBoer explained what makes a bridge a fracture critical bridge. DeBoer stated that we have two additional bridges that have not been removed or closed which are fracture critical and will have to be inspected.
2. DeBoer discussed an additional bridge that has been approved for replacement using KDOT funding. He stated that he is working with the state and has asked them not to require an inspection since it was scheduled to be removed later this year as a KDOT project.
3. DeBoer stated that the bridge located on 140 Road between A & B Roads and the bridge located on E Road between section 22 & 23 in Valley Twp. will need to be closed or have inspections in 2014.
4. DeBoer reviewed the twelve bridges that will have to be inspected in 2015.
5. DeBoer discussed off-system bridge 76 located at X Road between section 200 & 210 Roads. DeBoer suggested repairing the bent stringer, closing the road and turning the bridge over to the land owner. Fritz stated that he agrees with DeBoer. DeBoer reviewed other options. DeBoer suggested using planks from the truss bridge that is being removed to repair the bridge at this location. Commissioners agreed to pursue repairing the bridge back to previous condition, closing the road at this location and turning the bridge over to the landowner. DeBoer agreed to contact the land owner and detail the decision made.
6. DeBoer talked about some critical fracture inspection bridges. DeBoer reviewed that bridge #2 is gone. DeBoer stated that bridges #44 & #93 still need repairs and that bridge #178 is closed but not pulled. DeBoer stated that bridge #200 needed a new deck. DeBoer stated that he does not recommend a new deck for a fracture critical bridge.
7. DeBoer indicated that bridge #216 was rebuilt and bridge #242 was replaced.
8. DeBoer recommended replacement of bridge #44, 6 miles north of Hwy.36 on 0 Rd. & 1 mile west.
9. DeBoer recommended finishing the repairs at the bridge located at 210 & AA Roads. Allen asked Tucker about concrete for this location. Tucker indicated that the landfill has some large pieces of concrete which could be used for this location. Allen asked about a wall created at this location. DeBoer agreed to go with Fritz and view the location in order to make a recommendation concerning the wall. Init. RA AS

10. DeBoer asked about work progress at 180 & F Roads. Fritz indicated that they will raise the road higher and replace the berm at this location when the weather permits.

Allen suggested that the road dept. employees burn tree piles located throughout the county while there is snow on the ground.

Mogan provided information to the commissioners on the current cost of rock. Mogan suggested the cost of the rock should be changed as attached in Supplemental Document A.

Allen stated that he is not in favor of charging the actual cost of the road to the person who requests the rock because all citizens can benefit by using the road. Sasse asked if there were any land owners who have paid for rock and the road department has not completed the paid request. Mogan did not know of any. Allen suggested considering 1.50/yd. hauling cost per mile. Mogan asked about adjusting the policy to discontinue re-rocking roads where there is no longer a homestead. Commissioners discussed the options.

Dale Pickel made a motion and it was seconded by Allen to adopt the rock cost as presented by Mogan. (See attached supplemental sheet A top portion) Sasse abstained. The motion passed with 2 yes votes.

Fritz asked for clarification on Pennington's wage level. Commissioners advised Wolters to revoke the phone allowance previously given to Pennington and pay Pennington the hourly starting wage plus any longevity pay earned by Pennington. Commissioners also instructed Wolters to increase the phone allowance to Fritz to the higher rate.

Mogan asked for any additional road requests. Allen asked to have maintenance at 280 & Y Roads.

Tucker discussed the following:

1. Tucker asked to have Wolters add e-waste information to the landfill web site. Wolters agreed to do so.
2. Sasse asked about the report for NWKsP&D. Sasse reported that the due date has been extended according to Randy Hrabe from NWKsP&D. Sasse reported that Hrabe has planned to arrange a meeting with someone from KDHE to explain the state requirements.
3. Tucker reported that he has contacted Jim Wagner who agreed to remove the hedge at the landfill in about 3-4 weeks.
4. Tucker asked if Dwayne Kattenberg and Robert Shaffer were asked to attend the HHW training. Fritz stated that he will make sure both of them know about the training.
5. Tucker said the forklift training must be completed by all employees who run a forklift. Fritz asked if forks on the back hoe required the training for forklift operators also. Tucker stated that he believes it is required for all equipment that has lifting forks.

Ernie Schlatter joined the meeting for a short time and then left without comment.

Laura Hageman joined the meeting.

1. Hageman reported that she will attend training in Hays on Thursday.
2. Hageman discussed the roof at the health department. Wolters reported that the EMC representative recommended a new roof but stated a core sample evaluation prior to taking bids could save cost.
3. Hageman asked for leave approval. Commissioners approved the request.

Allen made motion and seconded by Sasse to convene in executive session for Attorney-Client Privilege from 10:40 a.m. till 10:55 a.m. Motion carried unanimously. Also in session were Sharon Wolters, Mitch Fritz and Tabitha Owen. No action was taken.

Pickel asked about Owen's opinion on the hospital boards' question concerning the architect's contract. Owen reviewed the opinion that she completed for the commissioners/hospital board.

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A motion was made by Allen & seconded by Sasse to convene in executive session to discuss non-elected personnel from 11:05 a.m. till 11:10 a.m. Motion carried unanimously. Also in the session were Mitchell Fritz and Barry Hunt.

Regular session reconvened at 11:10 a.m. Commissioners agreed to get additional legal counsel.

A motion was made Allen and seconded by Sasse to convene in executive session from 11:15 a.m. till 11:20 a.m. for Attorney-Client privilege. Also in the session were Sharon Wolters and Tabitha Owen (per telephone). Motion carried. Regular session reconvened at 11:20 a.m. No action was taken.

Mogan presented commissioners with an updated rock cost list and reported that additional work will be done to establish the cost of gravel.

Patrick Eastes joined the meeting and discussed the following:

1. Eastes reported that a Communication Board meeting was held. The board asked about weather watcher radios which are not being used. Eastes asked if the county can reprogram radios for fire departments to use as replacement radios.
2. Eastes reported that he has submitted paperwork to the state for certification of the new ambulance.

Sheriff Bruce Lehman and David Lloyd joined the meeting. Lehman reported that he has made some changes to staff duties and has newly appointed David Lloyd as Under-sheriff. Lehman reported that James Dean will remain on staff as a deputy.

Lehman discussed pagers and will wait until Stan Horning checks the status of the extra pagers before he can report to the commissioners on the sheriff purchasing new pagers and adding a paging channel for law enforcement.

Pickel asked the sheriff about one of the deputies having an out of county license plate. The sheriff reported that he has asked the deputy to replace the plate this month.

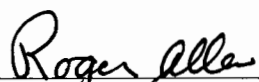
Lehman and Lloyd left the meeting.

Chris Jones, Noxious Weed Supervisor, joined the meeting and submitted the state Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report and the Noxious Weed Management plan. Commissioners reviewed and signed the documents.

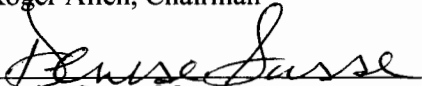
Jones reported that he has asked KWORCC to hold a fork lift safety training at Smith Center.

Wolters reported that Reinking was not able to attend the meeting today; but, wanted the commissioners to know that the treasurer's office computers use the XP program which is no longer supported and will have to update or replace the computers.

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




Roger Allen, Chairman



Denise Sasse, Member

Attest:



Sharon Wolters, Clerk

Dale Pickel, Member