

The County Commissioners met in regular session on December 7, 2009 in the County Commissioners Room. Present were Arthur Kuhlmann, Paul McCartney, and Joe Kingsbury, Commissioners. Also present was Deputy Clerk, Ashley Maxwell.

Bob Wagner visited with the Commissioners about the next step for wind energy. Wagner stated that he felt the next step for Smith County is to purchase the wind study. Wagner would like the Commissioners to purchase the study for around \$2000.00. Commissioners advised Maxwell to contact Clerk, Sharon Wolters via telephone about available funds. Wolters visited with Maxwell and indicated that no funds were allocated for this use. Wolters indicated that commissions might want to consider other funding sources to make payment for study. Wagner will return December 14, 2009 for further discussion.

Darrell Shellito and Roger Visonhaler joined the meeting.

Commissioners reviewed and approved the agenda.

Commissioners approved payroll #25 for \$75,541.16.

The minutes of the November 30, 2009 regular session were read, corrected and approved.

Vinsonhaler advised the Commissioners that he will be retiring on December 30, 2009. He visited with Commissioners about the possibility of returning to work. Commissioners advised Vinsonhaler that he may return to work after the 60 day waiting period for KPERS.

Mark Schemm joined the meeting. Schemm discussed the delinquent taxes in Smith County.

Patrick Eastes, EMS Director, gave the monthly reports for November. EMS received 22 calls throughout the month.

Al Gaines joined the meeting and discussed the following:

1. Gaines reported that the he would like a separate fax line. Maxwell will contact Nex-Tech and get that set up.
2. Gaines reported that he has visited with the Posi-shell representative. They have Posi-shell water repellent available in 50 or 25 pound bags. Gaines visited with the representative about purchasing less than the minimum order.
3. Gaines discussed the possibility of closing the landfill at noon on December 8, 2009 due to the weather conditions.

Sandra Wick joined the meeting to discuss prairie dog control using Rozol.

Commissioners reviewed and signed the Treasurer's Daily Balance Envelopes.

Maxwell visited with Commissioners about the e-mail correspondence with County Attorney, regarding the road rocking.

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Commissioners visited with Bruce Lehman, Sheriff, about removing the fuel out of the power washers stored in the sheriff's room in the basement of the courthouse. Sheriff Lehman, stated he will get the fuel out before storing them for the winter.

Also, Lehman, visited with Commissioners about destroying property that is broken beyond repair or antiquated. Commissioners signed a written statement approving the removal of property.

Commissioners reviewed and signed a 2009 tax abatement. One requested abatement was denied.

Allen Shelton, County Attorney, joined the meeting. Kuhlmann asked Shelton about progress on the tax sale. Shelton reported he will file after December 20, 2009.

Darrell Shellito joined the meeting.

Shellito, Road & Bridge Supervisor, reported the following:

1. Estimates for the repairs needed on the 2000 Kenworth Semi that hit a deer. The repairs will be approximately \$4000.00. Shellito indicated that he has filed an insurance report.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Board of County Commissioners

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Joe Kingsbury, Chairman

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Arthur Kuhlmann, Member

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Ashley Maxwell, Deputy Clerk

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Paul McCartney, Member