

The County Commissioners met in regular session on January 11, 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 voucher #21076-21175 from the following funds:

General	89,970.80
Road	28,337.16
Noxious Weed	26,400.42
County Health	2,283.99
Appraiser	565.73
EMS Grant Fund	2,539.00
Solid Waste	2,252.49
EMS	1,040.03
Employee Benefits	57,606.00
TOTAL	\$210,995.62

Commissioners approved special payroll to issue a final paycheck for a retired employee in the amount of \$1399.68.

The minutes from the January 4, 2010 meeting were read, corrected and approved.

A motion was made by A. Kuhlmann and seconded by J. Kingsbury to convene in executive session from 8:35 a.m. till 8:55 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion passed unanimously. Also in the session was Tami Woods. Regular session was reconvened at 8:55 a.m. and the commissioners passed a revised edition of the drug policy for Smith County.

Gaines joined the meeting and discussed the following:

1. Gaines discussed contracting for fuel. Gaines indicated that he will increase the number of gallons in 2010-2011.
2. Gaines discussed use of the AGCO tractor. Gaines will discuss the tractor with the Road Department Supervisor.
3. Gaines reported that he and one landfill employee will be attending Household Hazardous Waste training starting today.

A motion was made by J. Kingsbury and seconded by Arthur Kuhlmann to pass resolution 10-02 changing the current road rocking policy to the following:

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 in replacement of the current vendor) with a minimum of 2000 cubic yards per mile on the initial rock/gravel application; and, 2000 cubic yards per mile for any re-rocking job. Quantity for re-graveling a road will be determined by

the Road Supervisor. Full payment for road material must be made in full to the Road Department Engineer's office 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. All requests shall be made to the Smith County Board of Commissioners **in writing**.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

1. Eastes discussed employee reviews which he has completed for all full-time employees.
2. Eastes provided the commissioners a copy of the monthly meeting agenda for January.
3. Eastes reviewed the statistical reports for the month of December 2009. EMS received 361 calls for 2009.

A motion was made by J. Kingsbury and seconded by A. Kuhlmann to convene in executive session to do Patrick Eastes' annual employee review. Motion carried unanimously. Also in the session was Eastes. The review was completed and added to Eastes' personnel file. No action was taken.

Tonja Bonjourno, Nancy Shaffer, and Jessica Hawkins, representing the Solomon Valley RC&D, joined the meeting. Shaffer discussed the annual activities of the Solomon Valley RC&D. Shaffer introduced the new projects being proposed for 2010. Shaffer also reported that projects specific to Smith County were providing 1. Fire department fire truck, and; 2. Daycare provider projects which include a workshop for daycare providers. Bonjourno reviewed the annual financial report. Shaffer reported that the RC&D was successful in finding grant funding for the hospital sprinkler project in 2009. Bonjourno reported on the six counties which are members of Solomon Valley RC&D. Smith County's next meeting will be held at 8:00 a.m. on February 9, 2010. Commissioners agreed to pay the annual fee of \$250.00 to the RC&D. Jessica Hawkins asked about additional project suggestions for the current year.

Commissioners agreed to authorize the Travel & Tourism Board to notify any business which qualifies as a bed tax collector about bed tax reporting requirements.

Commissioners met with Lech Wisniewski, 2010 Census Partnership Specialist. Wisniewski discussed options for employment for the census. Also in attendance were Ava Lee Maydew, Connie Bowman, Jay D. Bowman, Roger Allen, and Dorothy Long, Township Officers. Wisniewski explained that the census will be delivered to citizens in April of this year. He stated that collection of accurate data is important because each person counted represents approximately \$1200.00 per year which will be directed to our county through Federal and State funds.

Commissioners agreed to meet on Tuesday, January 19, 2010, for their regular session because of the holiday on January 18, 2010.

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Randy Archer contacted the County Commissioners about an abandoned vehicle on the hospital parking lot and wondered about removing it. Commissioners suggested calling the sheriff and requesting that the vehicle be removed since the hospital is county property.

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

Board of County Commissioners

Joe Kingsbury, Chairman

Arthur Kuhlmann, Member

Attest:

Sharon Wolters, Clerk

Paul McCartney, Member

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