

The Board of Logan County Commissioners met on Monday, January 23, 2017. Those present were Commissioners Carl Uhrich, David Hubert and Cameron Edwards. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman David Hubert.

Sheriff Pat Parsons and Road Supervisor Bryan Cunningham met with the Board to discuss people parking on County property by Hope Street that's causing maintenance issues. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to draft a letter to the households along Hope Street advising them to refrain from parking on the County property.

Sheriff Parsons left the meeting.

Road Supervisor Bryan Cunningham continued meeting with Board to discuss Road Department issues. Cunningham stated he would like to build a couple Road Combs for the Graders and asked permission to purchase the material for it. He estimated the material to cost roughly \$1,900.00. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Uhrich to allow the purchase of the materials. Motion carried 3-0. Cunningham also stated that the new 12M3 Grader has bigger tires than the other graders so therefore he needs to purchase a new set of chains. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Uhrich to purchase a set of chains for \$650.00. Motion carried 3-0. Discussion was also held regarding replacing a pickup on the Road Department. It was the consensus of the Board to allow Cunningham to start getting bids for a new pickup. Cunningham told the Board that Road Department employee Gary Ochs has turned in his resignation and his last working day will be January 31, 2017. It was the consensus of the Board to start advertising for the open position. Discussion was held regarding hiring a temporary part-time person to help train the Road Grader Operators. It was the consensus of the Board to allow Cunningham to hire Layne Stoll to help train the operators as needed.

Matt Mildenerger and Calder Keller met with the Board requesting a front end tax abatement of 100% for 3 years prior to the standard Neighborhood Revitalization rebate beginning in year 4 of 100% graduating downward at 20% each year eventually going to 0% in year nine for a new fast food restaurant they are planning on building. After much discussion, it was moved and seconded by Commissioners Uhrich and Edwards to grant them a 3 year tax abatement on the front end of the Neighborhood Revitalizations Program. Motion carried 3-0. The matter will be forwarded to County Attorney Craig Uhrich to research the legal steps in the matter.

Mildenberger also requested the County put in a 16 foot apron on County Road 460 and Eagle Eye to help with the traffic turning on County Road 460. It was the consensus of the Board to research the matter and find out the cost involved for the project.

James Foster with the Kansas Department of Commerce met with the Board to discuss the Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) program that the County previously participated in. Foster wanted to explain the program and make the Board aware that they can sign a resolution authorizing participation in the Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program with the County allocating \$0.00 for the purpose of matching payments from the State of Kansas. The intent to participate is to allow employers the opportunity to direct sponsor their employee. It was the consensus of the Board to draft a Resolution for the next meeting.

The minutes from the January 9, 2017 meeting was reviewed. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Uhrich and Edwards respectively to approve the minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board reviewed the Warrant Register dated January 10, 2017 as follows: General \$35,230.55; County Health \$1,391.63; Road & Bridge \$9,525.52; Noxious Weed \$1,691.42; Fire \$1,048.44; EMS \$2,098.91; Drug Forfeiture Fund \$30,097.77; County Attorney Drug Forfeiture Fund \$501.99; Special Sheriff Fund VIN \$859.36 for a total of \$82,445.59. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Uhrich and Edwards respectively to approve the Warrant Register as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board reviewed the Warrant Register dated January 17, 2017 as follows: Fire \$26,785.66 for a total of \$26,785.66. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Uhrich and Edwards respectively to approve the Warrant Register as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Uhrich respectively to approve the Orders for Addition, Abatement or Refund of Taxes for the 2016 Tax Roll. Motion carried 3-0.

It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Uhrich respectively to approve the 2016 Annual Reports for Augustine, Oakley and McAllaster Townships. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the \$500.00 dues payable to Western Prairie RC&D. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Uhrich and Edwards to pay the dues for 2017. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board reviewed the 2017 KPLG Membership Dues of \$1,704.38. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Uhrich and Edwards to pay the dues as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Uhrich and Edwards respectively to pay the 2017 dues to the Kansas Natural Resource Coalition for \$5,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the 2017 Kansas Association of Counties dues for \$1,486.31. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Uhrich and Edwards to pay the dues for 2017. Motion carried 3-0.

It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Uhrich to sign the 2016 Water Use Report for the dam at Russell Springs that is owned by Logan County.

The Board discussed letters received by landowners Larry & Marilyn Prather Trust and Faler Family Trust questioning the Certificate of Damages the Board approved on November 19, 2016. After a short discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that no changes will be made to the Certificate of Damages already approved.

It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Uhrich to sign **Resolution #17-03** Employee Policy Manual as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

There being no further business discussed it was moved and seconded by Commissioners Uhrich and Edwards respectively to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 6, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____