

The ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE GEARY COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
January 22, 2019

Commissioners Present: Keith Ascher, Ben Bennett and Charles Stimatze

Others present: Therese Hoff, Deputy County Clerk and Steve Opat, County Counselor

Chairman Stimatze called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The commission held their review and update.

The commissioners and Counselor Opat reviewed and approved the monthly vouchers.

Counselor Opat requested an executive session to discuss legal matters pertaining to the operation of the Sheriff's Department. **At 10:42 a.m. Commissioner Bennett moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss legal matters pertaining to the operation of the Sheriff's Department, to end at 10:57 a.m.; Commissioner Ascher seconded and all voted aye. At 10:57 a.m.; Commissioner Bennett moved to extend the executive session for 5 more minutes to end at 11:02 a.m.** At 11:02 a.m. the meeting reconvened with no action taken.

Terry Johnson, Junction City Fire Chief, and Kent Vossberg, EMS Division Chief, presented the quarterly ambulance report and the year-end review statistics:

- Reviewed the fourth quarter statistics: Year to date there were 108 calls in the county, and 602 calls in the city. There were 80 out of town transfers and 6 in town transfers.
- Reported the 2018 year to date calls was 3247. The average is about the same as last year with inter hospital transfers of 490-500 range and 48% in revenue, which is considered good.
- Reported a mass casualty ambulance was given to the fire department from Shell Oil Company. It is hoped to be on the road in June.
- Reported they have ordered a new ambulance, to keep ahead of rising costs, which are projected to be 10%-15% higher by the end of January, 2019. Chief Johnson and Division Chief Vossberg left the meeting.

Jon Thummel, Human Resources Director, presented the weekly report:

- Reported he has sent out an RFP for a salary survey, due February 1, 2019.
- Reported he is continuing work on the county's new website. He reported the committee is looking at other websites to see what Geary County might want on their new website.
- Reported the KWORCC auditor found some codes she wanted changed in ADP and he has completed that work.
- Requested a change in the location of the Animal Shelter meeting on July 10. The meetings are usually held in the conference room, but there are three days of website training that he needs the conference room to have access to the projector and screen. Commissioner Bennett stated they could move the Animal Shelter meeting to the Commission Room. Mr. Thummel left the meeting.

The meeting recessed for lunch from 12:05 p.m. to 1:28 p.m.

Corey Trumpp, Public Works Administrator, presented the bi-weekly report:

- Reviewed the proposal for the 2019 Pest Control Contract for all Geary County Buildings. The cost is the same as they were in 2018 for all buildings. Annual cost for this service is \$5,454.00. In addition to the cost will be the annual termite inspection for the transfer station, \$150.00 annually, the upkeep and maintenance of the termite baiting system located at the Courthouse (annual fee \$225.00) and the extension office (annual fee \$185.00). **Commissioner Bennett moved to**

approve the Pest Control Contract with Ram Exterminators and allow Mr. Trumpp to sign the contract. Chairman Stimatze seconded and both voted aye.

- Provided an update on the flooring project at the Annex Building in the Driver's License Office area. The IT people moved the employee cubicles in order for the contractor to have access to the flooring and walls. They also discovered the chairs used for the public to sit in damaged the new polystyrene chair railing and moved the VCT tiles that were replaced up underneath the base cove. The DMV brought down brand new chairs for the waiting area and these chairs will not damage the VCT flooring, but they are at a different height. The polystyrene chair railing was replaced with solid oak so not to be damaged so easily. Building Maintenance bought the chair railing and the contractor stained and sealed the new railing prior to installation. On Saturday (January 19), Mr. Trumpp was contacted by the contractor, because they found another area of concrete flooring under the carpet behind employee cubicles along the east wall, was delaminated and broke up. The area needs to be removed and place back rapid set floor leveler. A total of 36 bags were used and the unforeseen cost was \$2,860.00. Walls have been textured and repainted and VCT tile has been replaced all throughout the office area. Building Maintenance will inspect work that was done this past weekend and make up a punch list if there are any items that need touched up.
- Reported February 8 is the planned day to install the courthouse north employee ADA door replacement.
- Reported he will be planning on having the landfill brush pile available to residents of Junction City and Geary County on April 20 and May 18. Hours of operation will be 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. He will see how many residents take advantage of this being open and decide whether this is a good idea to have open in the fall. He will put out public notices and post a sign out on the entrance to the landfill.
- Discussed a call he received from Ben Heisermann, manager for the Westar Moyer Ranch Substation project. He advised they will be starting back up on the work on the sub-station just off Moyer Ranch Rd. They are trying to schedule prepping the gravel portion of the haul route, so they can apply magnesium chloride.

Commissioner Ascher returned to the meeting at 1:47 p.m., due to the inclement weather.

Mr. Trumpp continued with his report:

- Reported he was advised by Jim Wagle, WH Scale on January 9th, the scale is done being constructed and they are trying to coordinate a weekend to where they can get started. Mr. Wagle is planning on replacing the scale on Saturday, January 26th and Sunday the 27th depending on the weather. The concrete work included in the bid, will have to wait until warmer weather.
- Discussed he would like to hire Kaw Valley Engineering to design and give a cost estimate to remove asphalt from the existing concrete floor and to replace the damaged hopper at the current transfer station. He feels a better design needs to be figured out to make the transfer station more durable and last longer. Kaw Valley estimated \$8,000 to do the design work. The commission agreed to this request. Mr. Trumpp left the meeting.

Terry Cuddy, citizen reported a problem with the sheriff's office and reported some mental health issues. Chairman Stimatze informed him to try Pawnee Mental Health or the Health Department

Rebecca Nordyke, County Clerk, presented the weekly report:

- Presented Commission Change Orders for approval. **Commissioner Bennett moved to approve Commission Change Orders 2018-264 through 2018-267; 2018-269 through 2018-273 and 2018-275; Commissioner Ascher seconded, and all voted aye.**
- Presented the Jackson Township annual report. **Commissioner Ascher moved to approve the Jackson Township annual report. Commissioner Bennett seconded, and all voted aye.**

Commissioner Bennett requested an executive session; **Commissioner Bennett moved to go into executive session to discuss legal matters pertaining to the operation of the Geary Community Hospital for 15 minutes to start at 2:35 p.m.; Commissioner Ascher seconded and all voted aye. At 2:50 p.m.; Commissioner Bennett moved to extend the executive session for another 10 minutes to end at 3:00 p.m.** The meeting reconvened at 3:00 p.m. with no action taken.

The commissioners closed the County at 3:00 p.m. due to inclement weather.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.



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