

The ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE GEARY COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES  
February 4, 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:

- A discussion was held about the roads around the new high school and hospital board appointments.

Garry Berges, Rural Fire Chief/Emergency Management Director, presented the monthly report:

- Reported the Year to Date statistics: 11 for 2019, so far, compared to the total for last year of 8.
- Reported Curt Janke, Assistant Fire Chief is attending an arson conference this week to get recertified.
- Discussed the Facebook page his office has started. He has received positive comments from the public. They will get a Twitter account set up later.
- Reported Feb. 13 is the safety/risk management meeting at 2:00 p.m., February 20 will be the Homeland Security tour of certain county buildings, and on February 21, there will be a pandemic tabletop exercise at the Health Department.
- Reported he, Curt Janke, Chief Terry Johnson, Lance Karmann and Corey Trumpp all met about the fire pull stations project at the Courthouse. It was reported the codes department is going to be ran by Chief Johnson now.
- Chairman Stimatze asked about the new 800 MH radio system Emergency Management/Rural Fire and the Sheriff's Department want to switch to. He asked Mr. Berges if he was going with the State of Kansas or with Riley County. Mr. Berges stated he and the sheriff's department were going with Riley County, because the Riley County system is newer than the State's. Mr. Berges left the meeting.

Matt Unruh, Kansas Water Office, cancelled his appointment due to a conflict. He will reschedule it later.

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

- Reported the new website construction is progressing.
- Discussed the Planner position interviews are scheduled for February 12, 2019.
- Inquired if the commissioners were interested in offering a new 457 plan for employees operated by KPERS. Mr. Thummel stated the funds offered to be invested have really good returns. The commission will discuss this later.
- Requested an executive session: **Commissioner Bennett moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to start at 11:34 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel and end at 11:39 a.m.; Commissioner Ascher seconded, and all voted aye.** The meeting reconvened at 11:39 a.m., with no action taken.

The meeting recessed for lunch from 12:05 p.m. to 1:21 p.m.

Corey Trumpp, Public Works Administrator, arrived at the meeting.

The bids were opened for the courthouse door replacement as follows:

VENDOR	ADDRESS	TOTAL	
Interstate Glass Co.	Junction City	\$ 8,415.00	Includes \$600.00-Film
Dormakaba US, Inc.	Topeka	\$11,424.00	Includes \$870.00-Film
DH Pace Company	Olathe	\$ 8,870.00	Film price not separated
Wallace and Sons Glass	Junction City	Did not submit bid	

Mr. Trumpp will take the bids to review and check the price for the blast-bomb proof film, to see if it is included in the total bid or not and report back to the commission.

Mr. Trumpp presented the bi-weekly report:

- Reported WH Scale has completed the installation of the new scale at the transfer station on Saturday, January 26 and Sunday, January 27. The hand railing was not installed yet, but it will be done in the near future. The concrete repair to the scale at the scale house west approach will be done when the weather warms up.
- Reported the chlorinator at Water #2 cannot be rebuilt and a replacement has been ordered. The replacement cost will be \$2159.00. Haldeman Well and Pump Service is replacing the well head on February 11 at a cost of \$4071.00. He always has a back up chlorinator, which is old, and they are using it now. This cost will be paid out of Equipment Reserve or Capital Outlay. The new chlorinator will hopefully be in this week.
- Discussed the drill press in the public works shop is extremely old and is a hazard to employees. He has received three quotes from vendors and the cheapest price was \$1614.00 for a Dayton model from Grainger. The old one is listed on Purple Wave.
- Discussed the 1999 #34 Case Backhoe, and when the employee set the boom back up in transport mode, he heard a noise, the main boom cracked in half. The backhoe has over 7000 hours on it, and with the boom broke, it is unusable. A new boom will cost \$13,000.00 plus freight. Two vendors will sell an aftermarket boom, and the lowest price quote is AMS Construction of \$5600.00, plus \$375.00 for shipping. It will have new bushings in it, with a guarantee. He sent an email to KCAMP to see if insurance would cover any of the expense, and he is waiting for a reply. You cannot weld the metal on this equipment, and it cannot be sold in this condition. Commissioner Ascher said he thought Mr. Trumpp should buy a new boom from the aftermarket vendor, and the other two commissioners agreed to this purchase.
- Discussed the process of weighing trucks at the transfer station. It is very cumbersome and takes a long time to complete. Mr. Trumpp is looking into a computer program to take care of the weight tickets.
- Discussed installing security cameras at the old landfill to keep track of the commercial brush haulers. It is a free service for residents, but not to be used by commercial haulers. Mr. Trumpp presented a letter he drafted to the contractors about charging for brush.
- Discussed the roads around the new school. He reviewed the agreement drafted for the school district on the roads and the cost of maintaining the asphalt roads, if the school district asphalts the roads, the maintenance costs would be very expensive, snow and ice removal will be very difficult, where the asphalt ends and the gravel begins. Commissioner Ascher stated the intersection of Rucker Road, Munson Road, Ritter Road and K18 are all of concern and going to be very dangerous with increased traffic. Mr. Trumpp stated he thinks an engineer needs to look at the intersection to see what could be done to make it safer. A discussion was held about the county's responsibility with the roads. Mr. Opat stated he feels there needs to be a meeting with the School District #475 staff about the road situation around the new High School. It is tentatively set up for Thursday, February 7 at 10:00. Mr. Trumpp left the meeting.

Dr. Joseph Stratton, CEO, Geary Community Hospital did not attend the meeting due to a conflict.

Rebecca Nordyke, County Clerk, presented the weekly report:

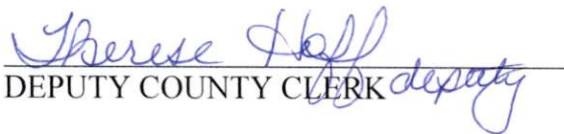
- Presented Commission Change Orders for approval. **Commissioner Bennett moved to approve Commission Change Orders 2018-293 through 2018-338. Commissioner Ascher seconded, and all voted aye.**
- Presented the Blakely Township Annual report for approval. **Commissioner Ascher moved to approve the Blakely Township Annual Report; Commissioner Bennett seconded, and all voted aye.**
- Discussed the KCCEOA meetings and legislative reception she attended last week.
- Discussed the next regional meeting the commissioners attend will be held on March 11 in Saline County.
- Provided an update on the installation of the new I Series main frame computer which happened over the weekend. Mrs. Nordyke left the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.



CHAIRMAN-COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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