

The ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE GEARY COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES  
February 11, 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 and Mr. Opat reviewed and approved the vouchers.

The commission held their review and update:

- A discussion was held regarding hospital board appointments. Chairman Stimatze asked if all three commissioners would get names and what they thought about the idea of having the individuals go through an interview process. Commissioner Ascher and Commissioner Bennett agreed that an interview process could be beneficial.
- A discussion was held about the roads around the new high school and the meeting held last week with USD #475 officials and Chairman Stimatze.
- Commissioner Ascher discussed the juvenile detention center and their budget needs for 2020. The number of juveniles from Geary County being held at the center have been increasing, therefore the County's share may need to be increased.
- Commissioner Bennett discussed the resignation of Dennis Kriesel at KAC as Interim Executive Director.
- Commissioner Bennett discussed a meeting he attended with Heartland Works. He stated Heartland Works is working with outgoing soldiers to get good paying jobs so they stay in the area.

Commissioner Ascher requested an executive session; **Commissioner Ascher moved to go into executive session to discuss legal matters pertaining to the operation of the Geary County Sheriff's Department for 10 minutes to start at 11:15 a.m. and end at 11:25 a.m.; Commissioner Bennett seconded, and all voted aye.** The meeting reconvened at 11:25 a.m. with no action taken.

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

- Reported there will be interviews conducted tomorrow for the Planner position.
- Reported he and Troy Livingston will be meeting with CivicPlus about the County's new website. By February 23<sup>rd</sup> there should be information sent out showing a preliminary look of the new website.
- Requested an executive session: **Commissioner Ascher moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to start at 11:34 a.m. to discuss non-elected personnel to end at 11:44 a.m.; Commissioner Bennett seconded, and all voted aye.** The meeting reconvened at 11:44 a.m., with no action taken.
- Requested an executive session: **Commissioner Ascher moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to start at 11:45 a.m. to discuss legal questions pertaining to the county personnel manual to end at 11:55 a.m.; Commissioner Bennett seconded, and all voted aye.** The meeting reconvened at 11:55 a.m., with no action taken. Mr. Thummel left the meeting.

The meeting recessed for lunch from 12:05 p.m. to 1:20 p.m.

Chairman Stimatze discussed the payment of 2015-2016 grant money to Redfish LLC (Mike Harris) as per the development agreement. **Commissioner Bennett moved to pay the grant money in the amount of \$12,978.86 to Redfish LLC (Mike Harris) out of the General Fund; Commissioner Ascher seconded, and all voted aye.**

Travis Lilly, Appraiser, arrived at the meeting to talk with Counselor Opat about IRB's. Mr. Lilly left the meeting.

Rebecca Nordyke, County Clerk, presented the weekly report:

- Presented Commission Change Orders for approval. **Commissioner Ascher moved to approve Commission Change Orders 2018-339 through 2018-344. Commissioner Bennett seconded, and all voted aye.**
- Presented a letter on behalf of Tammy von Busch, Health Department Administrator, in support of the KDHE Healthy Families Outreach, Prevention and Early Intervention program. The commission authorized Chairman Stimatze to sign the letter.
- Presented cereal malt beverage licenses for approval:
  - Tim and Holly Date for Milford Lake Marina. **Commissioner Bennett moved to approve the cereal malt beverage license for Tim and Holly Date for Milford Lake Marina for sale in original and unopened containers and not for consumption on the premises. Commissioner Ascher seconded, and all voted aye.**
  - Sbakta, Inc. for Thunderbird Marina:
    - **Commissioner Ascher moved to approve the cereal malt beverage license for Sbakta, Inc. for Thunderbird Marina for consumption on the premises. Commissioner Bennett seconded, and all voted aye.**
    - **Commissioner Bennett moved to approve the cereal malt beverage license for Sbakta, Inc. for Thunderbird Marina for sale in original and unopened containers and not for consumption on the premises. Commissioner Ascher seconded, and all voted aye.**
- Presented the January financial reports from the County Clerk and County Treasurer. All accounts balance and she discussed the funds in the red, the reasons why, and any action that may need to be taken.
- Presented the KCCEOA 2019 legislative priorities.
- Reported that she had contacted Live Well Geary County as requested by the Commission. In return they sent an email requesting a county commissioner be appointed as a representative to the coalition. **Commissioner Ascher moved to appoint Ben Bennett to the Live Well Geary County Coalition. Chairman Stimatze seconded, and all voted aye.**
- Presented memorandums to departments about the 2020 budget preparations.
- Discussed the county facilities visit schedule. In 2018, the commission physically visited all county facilities except the Transfer Station. Mrs. Nordyke proposed a schedule of visiting the facilities through the next 4 years. If there are no upgrades or changes in the buildings, the commission stated there is no need to go.
- Reminded the commission of the carpet cleaning which will take place this weekend. Mrs. Nordyke left the meeting.

Robin Burchett, Armed Forces Bank, Fort Riley, arrived at the meeting and read and requested the adoption of a Proclamation making February 25, 2019 through March 2, 2019 Military Saves Week. **Commissioner Ascher moved to adopt the week of February 25, 2019 through March 2, 2019 as Military Saves Week; Commissioner Bennett seconded, and all voted aye.**



Vanessa Gray, Animal Shelter arrived at the meeting. Commissioner Ascher asked what the new storage shed is going to be used for. She said they are using it for storing supplies, since the shelter has no rooms for storage. This was paid out of the Capital Outlay budget from the Animal Shelter. Miss Gray left the meeting

Commissioner Ascher requested an executive session; **Commissioner Ascher moved to go into executive session to start at 3:55 p.m. for 10 minutes to end at 4:05 p.m. to discuss legal matters pertaining to the county's payment for the Convention Center; Commissioner Bennett seconded, and all voted aye.** The meeting reconvened at 4:05 p.m. with no action taken.

Commissioner Ascher discussed downtown activities that have been brought up at meetings he attended last week.

Deputy Clerk Hoff presented County Commission minutes for approval. **Commissioner Ascher moved to approve the County Commission minutes from January 28, 2019; Commissioner Bennett seconded, and all voted aye.**

Deputy Clerk Hoff presented County Commission minutes for approval. **Commissioner Ascher moved to approve the County Commission minutes from February 4, 2019; Commissioner Bennett seconded, and all voted aye.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.



CHAIRMAN-COUNTY COMMISSION-CHARLES STIMATZE

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DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK-THERESE HOFF