

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE GEARY COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
June 1, 2020

Commissioners Present: Keith Ascher, Brad Scholz and Charles Stimatze

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

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

The commission held their review and update:

- Discussed a resignation from the Board of Directors of Big Lakes Developmental Center.

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

- Reviewed the fire calls for the year noting there is a total of 49 in 2020 compared to 52 in 2019. He stated there were 6 calls in May. He discussed a semi-truck fire at Exit 315. The truck was carrying 1040 bottles of bleach. The Haz Mat team from Kansas City came to help clean up the mess. Mr. Berges stated he received assistance from various agencies.
- Stated that the EOC is still in operation. He reported there are phone calls every day, and actual meetings two times a week.
- Reported fireworks stand permits are being received. The first day to sell fireworks is June 27, 2020 until July 5, 2020.
- Reported the new firetruck is getting decals on it. The truck runs very well and was a very good purchase for the county.
- Chairman Ascher asked about ppe supplies. Mr. Berges said he has plenty of supplies on hand at this time. Mr. Berges left the meeting.

A general discussion was held about Senate Bill 294 and 295 and the effect they will have on the county budgeting process.

No recess was taken.

At 11:00 a.m.; Commissioner Scholz moved for a 10-minute executive session, to end at 11:10 a.m., to discuss the Animal Shelter agreement, with Counselor Opat; Commissioner Stimatze seconded and all voted aye. The meeting resumed at 11:10 a.m. with no action taken.

Tammy Von Busch, Health Department Administrator arrived at the meeting.

Tammy Von Busch, Health Department Administrator, presented the weekly COVID-19 report:

- Stated the KDHE report from the weekend usually comes out around noon. She will send the information out to the commission when she receives the numbers.
- Stated that Geary County has 21 cases.
- Stated she has received calls from a church and the Sr. Citizens Center asking recommendations on how to re-open. Mrs. Von Busch left the meeting.

Chrysann Phipps, Community Corrections Director arrived at the meeting.

Chrysann Phipps, Community Corrections Director, discussed bids for a car:

- Requested approval to purchase a vehicle. She received three bids, one from Jim Clark to purchase a 2020 Malibu for \$20,762.00, and two bids from the state contract which was \$24,900.00 for a Malibu, but it wouldn't be available for until the end of June, 2020, and the other bid was for a

- Ford Fusion, and would not be available until the end of summer, but Mrs. Phipps doesn't want a Ford Fusion. Her recommendation is to get the Chevrolet Malibu from Jim Clark. She will be trading in a Ford Focus with 84000 miles on it, which will take the price under \$20,000.00. She is waiting for a bid on another Malibu from Holm Automotive, trading in a Ford Focus, with 183,000 miles on it. She stated the Malibu is bigger, better for transporting children. Mrs. Phipps reached out to the local Ford dealership and when she receives all her bids, she will come back to the commission for approval. **Commissioner Stimatze moved to accept the bid from Jim Clark; Commissioner Scholz seconded and all voted aye.** Ms. Phipps left the meeting.

Jon Thummel, Human Resources Director arrived at the meeting.

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

- Presented Memo 2020-23-the Delta Dental renewal for 3 years. There are no increases from last year to this year, and a 3% cap on rate increases in the subsequent contract years. Included in this agreement is the Right Start 4 Kids. This allows kids 12 years old and under to receive 100% coverage with no deductible for in-network services covered by the plan excluding orthodontics. **Commissioner Scholz moved to approve the Delta Dental Renewal for three years, and to give the Chairman permission to sign the renewal agreement; Commissioner Stimatze seconded and all voted aye.**
- Presented Memo 2020-24- Surency Renewal for contract year 2020-2021. This is the 2nd year of a three year agreement. There are no rate increases for this year or rate increase in the subsequent contract year. **Commissioner Stimatze moved to approve the Surency Renewal contract; and to give the Chairman permission to sign the renewal agreement; Commissioner Scholz seconded and all voted aye.**
- Presented Memo 2020-25- Blue Cross-Blue Shield contract for Administrative Services; which includes summary of charges for all three plan options, operating expense/stop loss rates, COBRA Rates for all three plan options, agreement to provide administrative services. and an addendum to the agreement to provide administrative services for a self-funded plan. **Commissioner Scholz moved to approve the Blue Cross-Blue Shield contract; and to give the Chairman permission to sign the renewal agreement; Commissioner Stimatze seconded and all aye.**
- **At 11:38 a.m.; Commissioner Scholz moved for a 15-minute executive session, to end at 11:53 a.m., to discuss non-elected personnel with Mr. Thummel and Mr. Opat. Commissioner Stimatze seconded and all voted aye.** The meeting resumed at 11:53 a.m. with no action taken. Mr. Thummel left the meeting.

Counselor Opat reviewed the KOMA rules. He has received a public inquiry about an open comment time on the commissioner's agenda. According to the KOMA rules, there does not have to be an open comment time. Counselor Opat stated that it is the Commissioner's meeting, and they can set their agenda.

The meeting recessed for lunch from 12:10 p.m. to 1:16 p.m.

Deputy Clerk Hoff presented a bill from the E911 Board to pay off the loan for the E911 equipment. The commissioners want verification of the E911 Board's decision.

Corey Trumpp, Public Works Director and Dale Evans, Road & Bridge Supervisor presented the bi-monthly report:

- Discussed the landscaping bids at the Cloud County Community College. Mr. Trumpp is still reviewing the bids and will report back to the commission.

- Discussed the professional service agreement for engineering design, material testing scope, and additional services as project requirements develop, with Kaw Valley Engineering for the replacement of the tipping floor and steel hopper retrofit at the Transfer Station located on Perry Street. Mr. Trumpp said it would come out of the Waste Disposal Fund, but the commission instructed him to ask Kay Schmidt, Accountant, if the expense could come out of the Solid Waste Environmental Fund. **Commissioner Stimatze moved to approve the professional service agreement with Kaw Valley Engineering for the work at the Transfer Station; Commissioner Scholz seconded and all voted aye.**
- Presented a Request and Petition from Allen Wiebelhaus, 9133 J-Hill Rd, to construct a concrete driveway approach within the Geary County right of way. **Commissioner Scholz moved to approve the request and petition; Commissioner Stimatze seconded and all voted aye.**
- Presented a Memorandum of Agreement between the Kansas Department of Transportation, the Kansas State Historic Preservation Office and the Geary County Public Works regarding the replacement of concrete bridge 31-C-4953-01 known as the Conrow Bridge. **Commissioner Scholz made the motion to allow Mr. Trumpp to sign the agreement; Commissioner Stimatze seconded and both voted aye; Commissioner Ascher abstained.**
- Discussed the opening of the recycling center. By the second day the recycling center was open, they received enough plastic to fill a dump truck and two other recycling bins were full.
- Reported he will be contacting Purple Wave Consignment Auction service to get rid of surplus equipment.
- Reported the Geary County Office Building roofing project started Saturday, May 30, 2020.
- Reported he might not be doing any chip sealing, because of the unknown amount of funds received for the fuel tax, due to Covid 19.
- Mr. Evans reported on the road damages from the heavy rain event on Memorial Day weekend. There were a couple of low water crossings that had damage and a few roads that were closed for a short time, until repairs could be made.
- Mr. Opat asked about a building contact person for the Pennell Building. He contacted Loyce Smith, and he said no. Ed Wheeler, Court Trustee, was the building contact person, and he said he just contacts Tanya Carpenter to take care of any problems in the building. Krista Blaisdell, County Attorney has agreed to be the building contact person. The commission agreed to have Mrs. Blaisdell be the Pennell Building contact person.
- Discussed the 99 year lease with Water District #4, for the land to construct a building for the sheriff's dive team, other sheriff's equipment and a Public Works salt dome. The Sheriff will go over the contract with Mr. Trumpp, which includes the contract to lease the land from them, and a stipulation to pave their parking lot in the lease. The cost of the paving is \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00 and will the county have the funds to pay for it? This will be discussed at a later date.
- Counselor Opat asked Mr. Trumpp if County building projects are exempt from licensing? Mr. Trumpp believe the county is exempt, which will allow the county to go forward with projects. Mr. Trumpp and Mr. Evans left the meeting.

Frank Corcoran, Interim CEO, Geary Community Hospital, did not attend the meeting because of a scheduling conflict.

Trish Giordano, citizen, arrived at the meeting.

At 2:40 p.m.; Commissioner Scholz moved for a 15-minute executive session, to end at 2:55 p.m., to discuss legal matters that have arisen with the CVB lease agreement; Commissioner Stimatze seconded and all voted aye. The meeting resumed at 2:55 p.m. with no action taken.

A recess was taken from 2:56 p.m. to 3:03 p.m.

Kathy Tremont, County Treasurer and Jon Thummel, Human Resources Director arrived at the meeting.

Trish Giordano, citizen, discussed the availability of a CDBG grant for county businesses. It is for any businesses with 50 or less employees to receive financial help during the Covid 19 pandemic. She feels it would be good for the county to look in to. It is through the Kansas Department of Commerce. Chairman Ascher stated he has spoke with the City of Junction City, and they are applying for the grant.

Commissioner Scholz asked if Ms. Giordano has talked to Mickey Dean, EDC Director. Ms. Giordano said she had and she said she would help the county if need. Ms. Giordano asked about when the minutes would be put on the website. The commission said there would be minutes put on the website today, after Clerk Nordyke gets them approved. Mrs. Tremont, Mr. Thummel and Ms. Giordano left the meeting.

Alex Tyson, candidate for 2nd District County Commissioner arrived at the meeting.

Mr. Tyson left the meeting.

Marissa Jones-Flagett, Planner/GIS/Planning & Zoning arrived at the meeting.

Ms. Jones-Flagett left the meeting.

Rebecca Nordyke, County Clerk, presented the weekly report:

- Presented commission minutes. **Commissioner Stimatze moved to approve April 27, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Scholz seconded and all voted aye.**
- Presented commission minutes. **Commissioner Stimatze moved to approve May 4, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Scholz seconded and all voted aye.**
- Presented commission minutes. **Commissioner Scholz moved to approve May 11, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Stimatze seconded and all voted aye.**
- Presented the agreement from Nex-Tech which is after all the new equipment has been installed. The commission agreed to have the Chairman sign the agreement.
- Discussed the Appraiser has not supplied all the information for certification of values, but they have until the end of the day. The Clerk's office will pull values from the appraiser when available, and they should be available to the commissioners next Monday, June 8, 2020. Clerk Nordyke left the meeting.

Counselor Opat informed the commissioners of 8th Judicial District, Administrative Order No. 2020-17, which addresses the appointed attorney compensation. The amount of compensation to pay the court appointed attorneys is set at \$80.00 per hour.

Rebecca Nordyke, County Clerk, arrived at the meeting.

- Presented commission minutes. **Commissioner Stimatze moved to approve May 18, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Scholz seconded and all voted aye.**
- Presented special commission meeting minutes. **Commissioner Stimatze moved to approve May 20, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Scholz seconded and all voted aye.**
- Discussed the commission goals for adopting the 2021 budget and Clerk Nordyke was asked to return next week with updated goals.

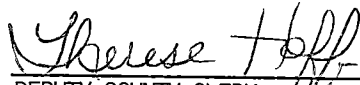
At 4:23 p.m.; Commissioner Stimatze moved for a 5-minute executive session, to end at 4:28 p.m., to discuss legal matters with clarity of the process and procedures as to the appointment of Hospital Board of Trustees; Commissioner Scholz seconded and all voted aye; At 4:28 p.m., the executive session was extended 5 minutes to end at 4:33 p.m. The meeting resumed at 4:33 p.m. with no action taken.

The press conference was held.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.



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