

03/20/2023

Public present Susan Drake, Catherine Faimon.

All commissioners present and counsel of Ney and Crook.

Call meeting to order 8:30 AM

Additions to agenda.

Kuder, ex. session needed, continue from last week, now that counsel is here. Motion to approve Holman, second Bailey, all aye. Motion passed.

Public comment none

Approval of minutes for 03/13/2023 and 03/15/2023 with corrections by Holman, second Bailey. All aye. Motion carried. Per hour adjust \$20 to \$19 an hour.

Tree board of Lyndon. We are a tree city USA. The tree board oversees trees on county land including the jail and parks. The tree board plants trees there for free and we provide our own equipment. Issue, we planted 11 trees that are going to be destroyed with the new jail but you have options. I've contacted a tree moving company. 9 are movable 2 are too big. I visited with Jeff in maintenance and I probed 3 feet for rocks. You have 6 spots for new trees and some ash and maybe a red maple that need to come down. You also have some land adjacent to the jail we could use? \$2,500.00 a day for as many trees as they can move. I've measured every tree around. The issue is with the height and moving under power lines. Holman asked, are you prepared to maintain the trees and the response was yes. The cost will go to the court house budget. Motion to approve up to 2,500.00 by Bailey, second Holman. All aye Motion carried. 8:58 AM Instant Shade Randy Keith is the current bid.

9:00 AM Ex-session for attorney client privilege with all three commissioners and 2 counsel for 10 minutes. Motion by Bailey to extend exclusive session for 10 minutes, second Holman. All aye. Motion carried. No action taken.

Ryan Fine road and bridge. List of rail road crossings. From Topeka to county line. The list is just for information about how many crossings there are. Who is the RR contact so we can talk to them about RR crossings, Holman? I will get it to you said Combes. 317th crossing. Are the plans done. Counsel, we have to go through the legal procedure for a closing. There has to be a hearing. The newspaper deadline is today, Monday at 5pm. Motion By Holman to close 006252W crossing and 317 road 100 ft. in either direction from center and adjust 317 rd. to Moril road on April 24th second Bailey. All aye. Motion carried.

Sr. center. 9:45 AM Non-elected personal, motion by Holman, second Bailey. All aye. 10 minutes with counsel. Motion carried. No action taken.

Recess until 10:00 AM

Open meeting continues.

Department head meeting 10:00 AM

Survey from HR. Results locked at. Survey was put out, said Holman, since January, the results are not a surprise and we need to decide how to move forward. We have 120 employees and 30 responses. April

we need to shop the market for insurance. We will not see results till May. Self-insured should be called part-self-insured said Kuder. Holman asked Kuder to reach out to Loyd for claim information, 6 or 8 month and costs, Self-funded vs other. First we needed to get out of the state plan. Now we need to decide on what plan we want in the future. We will contact Watco group for better plans, cheapest is not always the best. We have some employees who have stopped taking their medications because the new insurance does not cover it.

10:25 AM 17 employees are concerned with PTO, sick time and days off. Accrual should be set on the computer so PTO is recorded and given correctly. Holman said, will you be in agreeance as department heads to put together an agreeable plan for your staff. We will discuss this more on April 3rdHR report. Payroll benefits audit given to staff to review.

Budget training 4 hours. 8:30-12:30 on computer. No in person all zoom. Working on date of Tuesday April 25th.

Treasurer 10:50 AM. Still working on phone service. Still hiring staff. Tax distribution done. Jan – February collected and disrupted to entries. Based on what tax payers pay and is more than last disruption.

Appraiser. Less appeals this year. We had a more evaluations raised last year, so less had to be evaluated and adjusted this year. We do not have to send out letters for changes in property and do. If people would report to us when there were changes, we would not have to send out letters.

Road and bridge. 11:08 AM They are not going to add more rock from damage of due to detour. Dust control was taken control off. It cost 796.00 for the blinds on the signs. We make our own signs. We put out a lot of rock and we will get reimbursed for half. That was part of the agreement, so much per ton. That check should go to straight to Road and bridge. We will continue discussion on 4-28-2023.

Economic development. 11:15 AM We want to celebrate our local businesses. My first topic is budget; I'll need money for projects I'm planning. I'm also going to be reaching out to businesses so we have current list. Working with each region to see what utilities are available and were the best growth will be. Learning grant writing. Need better maps of county. The rebate program my not be available to all areas depending on what areas except the program.

Sr. Center. We are working on getting another driver hired. Introducing new games and activities. Discharge of Marsha Mondragon.

Maintenance. Hot water fixed. Flag and elevator in progress. Trying to finish water damage on top floor. Bob gave 2-week notice. Looking for replacement. Can we use inmates or high school students to help with tree clean up? Sherriff says no and some dispute work comp issues with high school students.

Departments have until the end of month to take what you want from the collected unused office supplies. April we will dispose of what is left.

Deeds 11:37 AM Issue with my locked work now showing unlocked in CIC.

Holman said we need department heads to get job descriptions and work on monthly budgets.

Motion to approve dollar raise to 15.75 for Mary Haskett and 17.16 for Barbara Schattak by Bailey, second Holman. All aye. Motion carried. Questioned by Kuder. Bailey asked if deeds first and second deputy can step in and do your job. Yes, was the answer.

Land develop. 12:13PM I have 4 cases in progress all going good.

Sheriff 12:15 PM Working on tax warrants. Working on towers. Will be accepting credit cards soon. Motion to hire Devon Stanley at 17.88 an hour and pay change for transfer of Chris Ericson from 24.00 to 24.25 by Holman, second Bailey. All aye. Motion carried.

Attorney 12:23PM. Temp has not started yet. Adding credit card system to the offices. May need funds to support current trial and logging needs.

Ex. session non-elected personnel and counsel 10 minutes, with Health department, Miner at 12:45 PM No action taken. Follow up from last week. No action taken. Will be closed Fridays and M-TR hours will be 8AM to 6:30 PM. I am resigning as of March 31 and am asking for merit increases for all my employees. My budget will support it. Chelsea K. 17.50 to 18.00, Shelly R. from 19.00 to 19.50, Jacqueline P from 23.00 to 23.50 and Nikki D from 11.66 to 12.16. Some pay is based on grants. Motion to except raises by Holman, second Bailey, Kuder Nay. Motion passed. 1:12 PM.

Deeds. Wage discussion. Motion to accept raises of a dollar an hour for all staff by Holman, second Bailey. All aye. Motion carried.

Clerk. Reminder that our workman comp goes up with raises. Working with deeds and CIC to more clearly and effective transfer deed information to the clerk's office. Sales tax issues from last to years has been corrected and filed. Noxious weed must check every quarter, to make sure he is charging the correct sales tax. I have directed Noxious weed to the web site suggested by the state of KS revenue department. It should be noted for audit purposes that the state helped me complete this filing on line. I was instructed to collect the 8.3 he collected and make adjustments for the incorrect rate. This was directed by the state worker over the phone as advised by her superior. I was told to document that the state directed us to change the sales tax to adjust the taxes collected.

Appraiser. Motion to approve Dishman for raise from \$17.66 to \$18.66, Lowe from \$19.40 to \$20.40 and Rooks from \$16.00 to \$17.00 an hour by Holman, second Bailey. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion to approve new hire of Courtney on 3-23-23 and Erin Pill on 4-3-23 at 13.75 an hour with a 50 cent raise at the successful completion of 6 months.

Look at public notice NO KS-AG-23-062. Dept. of environment water pollution control for AG

Motion to sign 90-day letter for Sail-A-Way project by Bailey, second Holman. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Holman, second Bailey. All aye. Motion carried.

Approved On _____

Holman_____

Bailey_____

Kuder_____

Clerk_____

