

June 25, 2024: Chairman Brad Marcuson opened the regular meeting of the Decatur County Commission at 9:00 am with the flag salute on the second floor of the Courthouse with member Karen Larson. Also present was County Clerk Nora Urban, County Attorney Steve Hirsch and Oberlin Herald reporter Destry Jackson. Commissioner Stan McEvoy was out today.

9:00 Ernie Sheets, Road & Bridge came to update with the commissioners and said they did not have much going on. The bridge project is done and took 2 ½ days to complete. He said they have a couple more projects, one which they are going to elevate 3 miles of road in Roosevelt Twp. He then said they are going to take the scrapper to Foley this week. Last, he said he has had not had any applications.

Commissioner Karen Larson moved to approve the 6/18/24 minutes with no corrections or additions. Commissioner Brad Marcuson gave the second, called for the vote and the motion carried.

Nora Urban, County Clerk said that she was finished with the abstract yesterday and all the values sent out however the legislature reconvened and raised the school exemption so she will now have to redo the abstract and recertify values once Aumentum gets the revised instructions out. Next, she said that she had previously submitted the election expenses as approved by the commissioners to the Secretary of State Office and she received a check yesterday for the full reimbursement at \$14,764.63.

She then said that when she drove the county van to Salina for her conference in May she drove in hail from Hays to Salina, so she submitted a claim and got an estimate however the estimate was less than the deductible which is \$2,500.

Nora then said she had resolution 2024-19 for the update to the landfill rates previously approved. Karen moved to approve the resolution. Brad gave the second, called for the vote and the motion carried.

Steve Hirsch, Attorney requested an executive session for attorney/client privilege for 10 minutes.

9:19 Karen moved for the session. Brad gave the second, called for the vote and the motion carried. Those present were the two commissioners, Nora and Steve.

9:29 No action was taken.

Anita Weber came to see the commissioners to discuss the new policy and some concerns she had regarding it. She first asked what her part time rate would be; commissioners agreed if she was at the barn she would be paid at the rate she is currently at. She then asked about sick and vacation time and what rate that would be paid at; again, they agreed if she was at the barn, it would be paid at her current rate. She then asked what the issue was and said all was going fine until this.

Brad said he had had enough being walked on.

She then asked what the incentive is to stay and said there are 6 of them ready to walk.

Commissioners said if they walk, they will bring AMR in; however, all agreed this is not what anyone wants to see happen.

9:55 Marla Stroup, Daycare said she received an email from DCF asking them to be a provider as someone had referred them. Marla explained this was previously discussed and considered however the paperwork is way too invasive. Karen agreed if we are full there is no reason to do so. Marla said she did talk to Kelly Hayes, and he is going to come down and get the dirt moved.

Megan Huntley, EMS then came to update with the commissioners. She started by saying she needed another scoot board. She had a price on one at \$1,079. Karen moved to allow the purchase. Brad gave the second, called for the vote and the motion carried.

Next, she said the new ambulance is supposed to be done August 20th however they did call and asked about dimming lights which Megan said was \$500 so she did approve that. They will do a final inspection on the 20th, and it will be ready for pickup on the 21st. They will cover the cost to fly two people out to pick it up, however not sure if they cover one or two nights of hotel so she may have to pick up one night of hotel.

Megan then said that she would like to make some amendments to the EMS policy that was presented last week. She said that she would like to have it reflect years of service rather than having everyone at the same rate. With that she said she would like to also be able to give merit raises. Karen said that each dept head already has the ability to give raises as they see fit; there is a form to fill out and submit to the commissioners; Nora has the forms. Megan said she thought by doing this it would give some incentive for the new hires to come in. Karen said she appreciated her taking the initiative as a dept head and coming up with a plan. Megan next said she would like to know if they are working at the barn if they could or would be allowed to leave to run to the store or to go to church. Karen explained that like anyone else if they need to leave, they just need to use it as either their lunch time, sick or vacation time. Wages were further discussed, and adjustments were made.

Nora had the most recent landfill report from MILCO for the commissioners to review.

Marilyn Mack, Dispatch came in to update with the commissioners next and Steve asked about the contract with Flanigan. She explained that the sheriff dept does not want to use them however we are in a contract which is year 4 at \$6,840. Marilyn said she talked to them, and they do not have a copy of the original contract and she could not find one either. Steve said he talked to them also and we would have to give notice of ending contract to get out of year 5 but will have to go ahead and pay for year 4.

Next, she had the Voice Products contract for renewal at \$4,059.30. Karen moved to approve the renewal. Brad gave the second, called for the vote and the motion carried.

Marilyn then said that the new hire will be starting on their own this week and has now been through all training and is working out great.

Brad moved to go ahead and pay the Flanigan year 4. Karen gave the second. Brad called for the vote and the motion carried.

Nora continued by asking what the commissioners wanted to do regarding the van. They agreed to not do anything right now as the estimate was less than the deductible.

She then asked about the roof on the courthouse. She said insurance has done all they are going to do and there are three estimates: Weathercraft, Aqua Shield and Stanfield. Karen moved to go with Weathercraft. Brad gave the second, called for the vote and the motion carried.

Megan returned with a bill for the students that took the class in McCook at \$4,540. Brad moved to approve the invoice. Karen gave the second. Brad called for the vote and the motion carried. She then said that she has resent her Medicare revalidation again, waiting on approval.

David Wachendorfer, Sheriff came to see the commissioners and requested a 10-minute executive session for non-elected personnel.

11:24 Brad moved for the session. Karen gave the second. Brad called for the vote and the motion carried. Those present were the two commissioners, Nora and David.

11:34 No action was taken.

Nora had resolution 2024-20 for the sale of alcohol at the fireworks display. Brad moved to approve the resolution. Karen gave the second. Brad called for the vote and the motion carried.

Last, she said she sent an email regarding energy transmission lines from Angel Cushing however her mother called following up on it. Commissioners reviewed it and said this is not close to us and the comment deadline was the 24th.

11:40 Brad adjourned the meeting.

MINUTES APPROVED: mm, Y/S, SAm

ATTEST: Nora Kubacki, County Clerk DATE: 7/2/24