

April 25, 2023: Chairman Stan McEvoy 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 members Karen Larson and Brad Marcuson. Also, present was Deputy County Clerk Megan Stallman, Attorney Steve Hirsch, and Oberlin Herald reporter Destry Jackson.

9:00 Ernie Sheets- Road and Bridge started off by saying that they are doing maintenance on equipment.

He said Foley let them borrow a front wheel assist motor grader, but they are looking at June for receiving their machine back after repairs. They agreed to let us keep the one we have as a loaner until ours is done.

He then said he's been in contact with the prison to see if work crews could come out to clean up at the landfill but waiting to hear back.

Then he said that building material is in for the roof, unsure when Roofmasters will start the work. Ernie then said the employee who had surgery had returned to work and all is well.

9:20 Commissioner Karen Larson made a motion to approve resolution 2023-15 to continue the burn ban. Commissioner Brad Marcuson gave the second. Commissioner Stan McEvoy called for the vote and the motion passed.

Commissioners then went over correspondence and signed prepaids as well as the pledge of \$1,000 for Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center.

Karen made a motion to approve resolution 2023-14 for the Summer Rec Director. Stan gave the second, called for the vote and the motion passed.

9:30 Gaylen Huntley, EMS stopped in to update the commissioners. He said EMS has been pretty busy and last Wednesday they held the pre-EMT class but there weren't enough attendants to move forward. He will hold off for 30 days or so and see what attendance is at that time. They are looking for at least 6-10 people but only had 3. Stan asked how many positions he needed to be filled, and Gaylen said they could use 2 more full-time people.

Next, he said that they were approved for the KRAF grant through the state for \$19,000 so he will put \$21,000 in and will be using it towards getting a new EKG machine that is similar to the others he currently has. He will then be trying for a grant through the governor that is for first responders, in order to cover some or all of his \$21,000.

He said he is working on 2 grants for the daycare, 1 is through the state and Shayla Williby is working on that one. The other is through RC&D and is something we are able to do ourselves. Karen said she believes Prairie Land does an annual \$5,000 grant that we should look into. The commissioners also mentioned Midwest Energy. Karen said County Clerk Nora Urban could call and look into grants at both places. Gaylen suggested using some of the safety grant through KWORCC, commissioners thought some or all of this money had already been used.

Gaylen then said he spoke to Marla Stroup yesterday and was wondering about a start date for her. Karen asked if there were things for her to do, Gaylen said yes and that there was a lot of cleaning to be done also.

9:50 Karen had financial paperwork from the hospital board meeting to share with the other commissioners.

Karen made a motion to approve the 4/18/23 minutes. Brad gave the second. Stan called for the vote and the motion passed.
The commissioners then went over topics to cover at the township road meeting on Friday.

10:50 Stan adjourned the meeting.

MINUTES APPROVED: Sam, KL, Bm

ATTEST: [Signature], County Clerk DATE: 5.2.23