February 19, 2013

The Scott County Commission met in a regular scheduled meeting, Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at the Scott County Courthouse. Members present were Chairman James Minnix, members Jerry Buxton and Gary Skibbe, and County Clerk Pam Faurot.

3:00 Rebecca Faurot joined the meeting.

Jerry Buxton made a motion to approve the accounts payable as presented by the County Clerk’s office. Gary Skibbe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Gary Skibbe made a motion to approve the February 5, 2013 Commission Minutes as presented. Jerry Buxton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Buxton made a motion to approve an increase from $500 per month to $1,000 for County Attorney contractual services. Gary Skibbe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Buxton made a motion to enter into a contract with William and Lori Slater to purchase 16.1 acres of land for the Scott County Cemetery. Gary Skibbe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commission and Rebecca discussed a proposed oil lease from J. Fred Hambright, Inc. Rebecca had reviewed the lease and thought there should be a couple of revisions. She will prepare a new lease agreement for the Commissioners consideration at the next meeting.

The Commission and Rebecca discussed a letter she received from Lindner & Marquez, Attorneys at Law. This letter discussed an employee that had previously worked for Park Lane Nursing Home. The Commission and Rebecca agreed that the County has no liability in this matter.

A utility company contacted Rebecca regarding the new road easement permit. The utility company didn’t feel like they should pay some of the fees due to the fact that they are licensed with the State of Kansas. The Commission felt that the permit had several options that allowed Richard to eliminate certain fees. They will discuss this with him later in the meeting.

3:45 Mark Burnett, Joe Meyer and Rod Haxton joined the meeting.

Mark and Joe presented the Commission with the Scott County Hospital Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2012. The hospital continues to show growth since moving to the new facility. Mark is hoping to continue to add physicians and bring in outside specialists. No action was taken.

4:15 Mark Burnett and Joe Meyer left the meeting. Jeff Head, Nikki Cooper, Nicole Turner, Wanda Wright, Don Cotton, Mike Steele, Chad Griffith and Geri Oslund joined the meeting.

Jeff Head gave the Commission an update on the Kan-Care reimbursements for Park Lane Nursing Home, Inc. He thought they should begin receiving payments in two to three weeks and should not need additional funds from Scott County. He reported that the census remains up and things have been going very well.

Jerry Buxton made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Gary Skibbe seconded the motion. Everyone in the current group except Rod Haxton went into executive session. 4:25 p.m. 4:40 p.m. The group came out of executive session. No action was taken.

4:55 Rebecca Faurot left the meeting. Rod Haxton rejoined the meeting.

The Commission and the Park Lane Nursing Home board discussed how often they would like to meet. It was decided they should meet with the Commission quarterly. The group also discussed the 2014 Budget and any capital improvement projects that the nursing home may have.

5:15 Jeff Head, Nikki Cooper, Nicole Turner, Wanda Wright, Don Cotton, Mike Steele, Chad Griffith, Geri Ostlund and Rod Haxton left the meeting. Katie Eisenhour and Richard Cramer joined the meeting.

Katie informed Commissioners that Western Kansas Business Consulting is officially dissolved. There are some funds left in this organization and since Scott County has continued to support this organization will tax dollars, Katie will seek reimbursements for funds due back Scott County.

Jerry Buxton made a motion to appoint Frank Mercuio as Scott County’s representative to the Economic Development Board. Gary Skibbe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5:30 Dan Weides joined the meeting.

Katie discussed continuing efforts being made on housing in Scott County. She also discussed her position as Economic Development Director and Chamber of Commerce Director. She feels being director of both positions is much too demanding of her time.

5:50 Katie Eisenhour left the meeting.

Dan Weides was representing the VIP Center. They are having the floors refinished and the refinishing is being done for free, but they would like to ask the County to pay the cost of the products to be used on the floor refinishing. (approximately $100) They also would like to have the parking area west of the building replaced, similar to the repairs made on the north side of the building two years ago.

Jerry Buxton made a motion to pay the cost of the wax for the VIP Center’s floors. Gary Skibbe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. No action was taken on the parking area.

6:05 Dan Weides left the meeting.

Richard Cramer informed the Commissioners that the new construction demolition pit at the landfill has been completed.

Richard informed Commissioners that while the County is having its GIS maps upgraded, they have discovered several roads that are not listed as right of ways. Once the project is completed, the County should probably do the paperwork to designate all County right of ways.

The Commissioners approved an easement for Mike Schmidt on West Road 40 at S17,T20,R33 and S8,T20,R33.

Richard purchased a spare rim for the new grader at a cost of $700.00.

Jerry Buxton made a motion to approve an agreement with the Indoor Arena that allows the Road Department to park their equipment in the arena whenever there is inclement weather. Gary Skibbe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6:50 Richard Cramer left the meeting.

The Commission approved Zella Carpenter check # 562 to Park Lane Nursing Home in an amount of $5,856.00 for January special assistance.

Jerry Buxton made a motion to appoint Glenn Anderson to serve another term on the Southwest Juvenile Justice Detention Center Board. Gary Skibbe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.