February 5, 2013

The Scott County Commissioners met in a regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at the Scott County Courthouse. Members present were Chairman James Minnix, member Gary Skibbe and County Clerk Pam Faurot. Commission member Jerry Buxton was not present.

James Minnix made a motion to approve the January 22, 2013 Commission Minutes as presented. Gary Skibbe seconded the motion. The motion carried, 2 ‘yes’ and 1 ‘absent’.

Gary Skibbe made a motion to approve the accounts payable as presented by the County Clerk’s office. James Minnix seconded the motion. The motion carried 2 ‘yes’ and 1 ‘absent’.

The Commission approved changes to some lighting at the Courthouse as proposed by Faurot Electric.

3:20 Richard Cramer, Larry Cummings and Ron McFarlane joined the meeting.

The Commission opened bids for a grader at the Road Department. They were as follows:

Van Keppel Company 2013 Volvo G946B $223,700.00

6 year, 5,000 hour buy-back of $126,816.00

Murphy Tractor & Equip. 2013 John Deere 772G $252,357.00

6 year, 5,000 hour buy-back of $170,000.00

Foley Equipment 2012 Caterpillar 12M2AWD $252,765.16

6 year, 5,000 hour buy-back of $150,000.00

The Commission tabled making a decision at this time. Richard Cramer will review the bids and come back later with a recommendation to the Commission.

3:27 Richard Cramer, Larry Cummings and Ron McFarlane left the meeting.

The Commissioners approved the following tax change:

2012-29 Addition Kenton Geist $89.48

James Minnix made a motion to continue Scott County’s contract with Select Account to administer the deductible reimbursements for the Scott County medical insurance. Gary Skibbe seconded the motion. The motion carried 2 ‘yes’ and 1 ‘absent’.

Gary Skibbe made a motion for Scott County to continue to be a member of the Southwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging for 2013 and pay the membership dues in an amount of $1,400.00. James Minnix seconded the motion. The motion carried 2 ‘yes’ and 1 ‘absent’.

James Minnix made a motion to continue Scott County’s membership with the National Association of Counties and pay the 2013 membership dues in an amount of $400.00. Gary Skibbe seconded the motion. The motion carried 2 ‘yes’ and 1 ‘absent’.

Gary Skibbe made a motion to continue Scott County’s membership with the Chamber of Commerce and pay the 2013 membership dues in an amount of $500.00. James Minnix seconded the motion. The motion carried 2 ‘yes’ and 1 ‘absent’.

The Commissioners agreed to pay $200 each toward the cost of the appreciation dinner held in December and the balance can be paid from the Wildlife and Park administration fees.

4:00 Rod Haxton, Don Cotton, Chad Griffith, Nikki Cooper and Nicole Turner joined the meeting.

James Minnix made a motion to continue Scott County’s membership with the Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Organization and pay the 2013 membership dues of $3,000.00. Gary Skibbe seconded the motion. The motion carried 2 ‘yes’ and 1 ‘absent’.

The Park Lane Nursing Home Board, Nicole and Nikki explained to the Commission that they currently have a cash flow problem because Kansas has contracted new companies to distribute the Medicaid reimbursements, but they are not processing the paperwork in a timely manner and Park Lane has not received its January reimbursement. The Board also needs funds to pay Nabholtz Construction and Health Facilities Group their last payment for the renovation project in an amount of $23,550.82. It would also help with their cash flow if the County could reimburse Park Lane for three items they purchased that they feel are building maintenance items. New oven range/stove - $10,457.98, washing machine $7325.00 and new furnace for an assisted living apartment $1,678.00.

The Commission agreed to help Park Lane and asked Nicole Turner to furnish the Clerk’s office with exact totals and invoices.

4:45 Rod Haxton, Don Cotton, Chad Griffith, Nikki Cooper and Nicole Turner left the meeting. Richard Cramer joined the meeting.

James Minnix made a motion to accept the grader bid from Murphy Tractor, Inc. in an amount of $252,357.00. This amount will be paid from the Road Equipment Fund. Gary Skibbe seconded the motion. The motion carried 2 ‘yes’ and 1 ‘absent’.

Richard asked if any of the Commissioners have talked to John Shirley about the land purchase contract between Scott County and William Slater. The Commissioners had not and they advised Richard to contact Rebecca Faurot and see if John Shirley has given her the information on the land purchase.

The Commissioners gave Richard permission to attend the annual Kansas Department of Health and Environment Conference being held March 26 & 27.

James Minnix made a motion to approve the 2013 County Agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation for treatment of Noxious Weeds. Gary Skibbe seconded the motion. The motion carried 2 ‘yes’ and 1 ‘absent’.

James Minnix made a motion to appoint Richard Cramer and Lewis Mitchell as regular members and Gary Skibbe as alternate member to the Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Organization. Gary Skibbe seconded the motion. The motion carried 2 ‘yes’ and 1 ‘absent’.

James Minnix made a motion to approve the following road permits:

Gabel Lease Services, Inc. – Electric line – S36, T17S, R31W & S35, T17S, R32W

Cholla Products, LLC – water line – S32, T19S, R33W & S29, T19S, R33W

Gary Skibbe seconded the motion. The motion carried 2 ‘yes’ and 1 ‘absent’.

5:35 Richard Cramer left the meeting. Sheila Ellis joined the meeting.

Sheila Ellis made a presentation to the Commission regarding Prairie Dogs in and around our County, and the introduction of Black Footed Ferrets into the region. The Federal government is currently working on a plan to place a billion acres into a 50-year Conservation Zone. This would allow for more Black Footed Ferrets to be released and could impose more regulations on controlling Prairie Dogs.

The Commission thanked Sheila for all the information she provided on this Federal proposal. No action was taken.

6:30 Sheila Ellis left the meeting. Lonnie Dearden joined the meeting.

Lonnie, representing the Scott City Golf Course, informed the Commission that the golf course board wants to construct a 30 x 40 maintenance shed using donated funds. He asked for the Commissioners approval to build the shed, and asked if they would add it to the County’s insurance policy. The Commissioners gave approval to build the building and agreed that they would insure it. They asked Lonnie to notify them when the building was completed.

6:45 Lonnie Dearden left the meeting.

The Commissioners reviewed a bid for a new awning on the east side of the VIP building. No action was taken.

The Commissioners reviewed a request from County Attorney Rebecca Faurot to increase her monthly clerical reimbursement paid by the County. No action was taken. This will discussed with Rebecca at the next meeting.

The Commission reviewed an oil lease proposal from J. Fred Hambright to lease a tract of Zella Carpenter property. No action was taken. This will be reviewed at the next meeting.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.