April 23, 2013

The Scott County Commissioners met in a regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 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, Richard Cramer, Gary Friesen, Shane Geist, Don Cotton, Chancey Graham, and Jeff Hilger joined the meeting.

The Commission opened bids for a new wheel loader at the landfill. The County will be trading the current 204 Case wheel loader. They were as follows:

Van Keppel Equipment Volvo L90G $207,037.00

Trade in value $40,000.00 Buyback – 6 years or 7500 hours $ 96,000.00

Victor Phillips Co. Case 721F $209,700.00

Trade in value - $35,000.00 Buyback – None

Berry Tractor & Equipment Komotzu WA 320-7 $204,500.00

Trade in value - $30,000.00 Buyback – 6 years or 7500 hours $ 77,000.00

Murphy Tractor & Equip. John Deere 624K $184,744.00

Trade in value - $24,500.00 Buyback – 6 years or 7500 hours $30,000.00

Foley Equipment, Inc. Caterpillar 938K $186,388.00

Trade in value - $70,000.00 Buyback – 6 hears or 7500 hours $ 70,00.00

Richard Cramer is going to take all bids and review them. He will return at 4:30 to give the Commission his recommendation.

3:10 Richard Cramer, Shane Geist, Chancey Graham and Jeff Hilger left the meeting.

County Attorney Rebecca Faurot reported to the Commission that the final deed for the cemetery property purchase has been completed and filed with the Register of Deeds, and the purchase should be finalized in a few more days.

The Commission discussed making a small change to the new road permits to include a temporary road crossing. Rebecca will consult with Richard regarding this proposed change.

3:20 Rebecca Faurot left the meeting.

Jerry Buxton made a motion to approve the April 5th and April 8th Commission Minutes as presented. Gary Skibbe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Gary Skibbe made a motion to approve the accounts payable as submitted by the county clerk’s office. Jerry Buxton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Buxton made a motion to transfer $22.62 in interest income from the general fund to library building fund. Gary Skibbe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commissioners reviewed the quarterly investment report prepared by Lark Speer, County Treasurer.

Gary Skibbe made a motion to pay the City of Scott City one-half of the cost to host the annual Fireworks display on the 4th of July. Jerry Buxton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3:30 Conference call with Gary Schlappe and Theresa Dasenbrock at Lewis Hooper and Dick

3:35 Rod Haxton joined the meeting.

The Commission asked Gary if Lewis, Hooper and Dick would perform the annual audit for Park Lane Nursing Home, Inc. Since the County has been involved in the operation of the facility during a portion of 2012 and the Board of Directors has been reorganized, they would like to see a full audit of the business practices at the facility. Gary explained that they would have to consult with an outside firm since they are not familiar with nursing home facilities. Gary will meet with Jeff Head to discuss this matter further.

3:55 Bob Cooper joined the meeting

4:00 Conference call with Gary and Theresa ended. Don Cotton and Rod Haxton left the meeting. Sheila Ellis and Jim Carlson joined the meeting.

Jim Carlson discussed forming an initiative to work together with surrounding Counties to prevent the Federal government from naming the Lesser Prairie Chicken as an Endangered Species in Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma and New Mexico. The Commission took no action. They will revisit this item on May 6, 2013.

4:50 Sheila Ellis, Jim Carlson and Bob Cooper left the meeting. Richard Cramer joined the meeting.

Richard and the Commission discussed the Loader bids opened earlier in the day. The Commission took no action.

A stone at the Cemetery was damaged when a hydraulic oil line on the County’s backhoe stained a head stone. Richard tried to clean the stone, but was not successful. The approximate cost to replace the damaged stone is $500. The Commission agreed that the County should replace the damaged head stone.

The Commission approved the following road right of way permits:

Wheatland Electric – electric line at Sec 15, T20S, R 33W and Sec 16, T20S, R33W.

New Gulf Operating – electric line at Sec 27, T17S, R34W and Sec 28, T17S, R34W.

New Gulf Operating – electric line at Sec 26, T17S, R34W and Sec 27, T17S, R34W.

White Cliffs Pipeline, LLC – oil line at Sec 3, T16S, R32W, Sec 11, T16S, R32W, Sec 14, T16S, R32W, Sec 20, T16S, R31W, Sec 28, T16S, R31W, Sec 33, T16S, R31W, Sec 34, T16S, R32W and Sec 2, T17S, R31W.

Richard received information from the Kansas Department of Transportation that Scott County’s Bridge No. 5 is eligible to be replaced with 80% of the cost being paid by Federal money. Bridge No. 5 is old and very narrow and needs to be replaced. The estimated cost to the County is $90,000.00. The Commissioners agreed that Richard should apply to have the bridge replaced.

The Commission approved the following road maintenance and mowing contracts:

Galen Decker – Maintenance – 3.5 miles at $550.00 per mile

Galen Decker – Mowing – 28.5 miles at $50,00 per mile

Jerry Buxton made a motion to approve placing a septic leach field in the County road right-of-way west of lots 5 & 6 owned by Glenda Gibson at the Scott State Park. Gary Skibbe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5:50 Richard Cramer left the meeting.

Jerry Buxton made a motion approving payment to Faurot Spraying, Inc. in an amount of $1,600.00 to pay for spraying on the Zella Carpenter ground that currently has wheat planted there. This bill should be paid from the Zella Carpenter Fund. Gary Skibbe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Buxton made a motion to appoint Susan Wiechman to the Scott County Library Board. Gary Skibbe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Gary Skibbe made a motion to appoint Ernie Smith to the Scott County Hospital Board. Jerry Buxton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Due to the Annual Commissioners Conference being held on May 7th, the Commission changed their first May meeting to Monday, May 6th.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.