

March 18, 2015

The Keith County Board of Commissioners met for their regular meeting at the Courthouse in Ogallala. Chairman Peters asked those attending to join in a moment of silence in support of the leaders and troops serving our country, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Roll call was answered by Lonnie Peters, Chairman, and Commissioners C.W. Baltzell and Caleb Johnson. Commissioners W.E. O'Connor and Jeff Armour were absent. Also attending the meeting were County Clerk Sandra Olson, County Attorney Randy Fair and the media. Commissioners O'Connor and Armour entered the meeting. Johnson moved to approve the agenda, Baltzell seconded the motion. O'Connor, Armour, Baltzell, Johnson and Peters voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. Baltzell moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, Johnson seconded the motion. Armour, Baltzell and Peters voting aye; O'Connor and Johnson abstain; none voting nay; motion carried. Johnson moved to approve the payment of claims subject to review, O'Connor seconded the motion. Dickinson Land Surveyor claims held from last week were clarified by County Surveyor Ryan Dickinson and approved for payment. Armour, Baltzell, O'Connor, Johnson and Peters voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Salaries - \$102,163.75

General Fund

Agri Computer Sales, Installation of phone jacks, \$466.93; Ben Franklin Crafts, Chains, \$1.98; Dickinson Land Surveyors; Surveying services; \$842.35; DP Electronics, Supplies, \$11.99; Election Systems & Software, Dust cover for M650, \$141.95; Robert Harvoy, Services, \$18.75; Keith County District Court, Docket fee, \$35.00; Nebraska Health & Human Services, Lincoln Regional Center, \$84.00; Nebraska Secretary of State, Commission fee for notary, \$30.00; Ogallala Watering Hole, Fuel, \$45.31; Philip Pierce, Special prosecutor, \$666.00; Pinnacle Bank, Charges, \$590.56; Plumbing Plus, Drain line cleaning, \$89.25; Reynolds, Korth & Samuelson, Services, \$2,033.07; Kelsey Snow, Mileage, \$57.50; Snyder & Hilliard, Services, \$1,685.00; SourceGas, Service, \$2,115.63; Verizon, Broadband service, \$40.01; West Central District, Registration, \$25.00; Western Insurors, New business premium, \$40.00

Road Fund

Cornhusker International Trucks, Parts, \$30.61; Newman Traffic Signs, Signs, \$155.36; NMC Exchange, Parts, \$3,323.32; SourceGas, Service, \$1,118.90

CBSA Health Insurance Claim Fund

KC CBSA/Health Insurance Fund, Health claims, \$7,046.42; KC Clerk/Flex Claims Account, Flex claims, \$176.97

Keith County Diversion Fund

Michael Barnes, Restitution, \$558.27

Federal Grant Fund

Emergency Communications Network, CodeRed annual subscription, \$25,000.00

Emergency 911 Fund

Consolidated Telephone, Exchange, \$119.05

The Board heard reports from Head Jailer Travis Poncik, Highway Superintendent Tim Ryan, County Surveyor Ryan Dickinson and Budget Consultant Pete Peterson.

Board reports were given and correspondence received.

County Treasurer Ronda Johnson appeared before the Board with the Tax Sale Certificates. Johnson told the Board that she had sold at Public Tax Sale 129 certificates for delinquent taxes totaling \$189,211.22.

Zoning Administrator Jack Quinlivan appeared before the Board with a resolution for Change of Zone #15-3 by K&P Rentals LLC to rezone from Residential Rural District (RR) to Highway District (HD) property located in Lot 1, J's Third Subdivision, a subdivision located in Section 4, Township 15, Range 40. Quinlivan told the Board that the Planning Commission recommended approval for this change of zone. O'Connor moved to adopt this resolution, Armour seconded the motion. Baltzell, Johnson, Armour, O'Connor and Peters voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. This resolution will be filed in the Resolution Book as number 2015-13.

Quinlivan also told the Board that Planning Commission members Dean Koonz and Mark Spurgin were still interested in being on the Planning Commission Board but that would still leave one seat vacant on the Planning Commission. Armour moved to reappoint Dean Koonz and Mark Spurgin for a term as Planning Commission members, Johnson seconded the motion. O'Connor, Baltzell, Johnson, Armour and Peters voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Clerk of the District Court Tina DeVoe spoke to the Board regarding the records being stored at New Perspective. The consensus of the Board was to wait until the next budget year and budget for New Perspectives to scan these documents.

The Board discussed the Sandhills District Health Department's audit report. Armour moved to direct County Attorney Randy Fair to do the following, Johnson seconded the motion. O'Connor, Baltzell, Johnson and Armour voting aye; Peters abstain; none voting nay; motion carried.

1. County Attorney to review audit;
2. Formal demand to be made by County Attorney to Sandhills to comply with Audit Recommendations;
3. If Sandhills will not comply, then request that any funds not accounted for shall be returned to Keith County;
4. County Attorney shall review the issues contained in the audit for any potential criminal or civil investigation considerations;
5. County Attorney shall discuss with the County Board any findings and/or need to refer issues in the audit to the Attorney General and/or State Patrol; and
6. County Attorney shall make recommendations to the County Board regarding potential liability and concerns regarding audit report on the \$60k claim paid to Sandhills and the documentation supporting the monies paid.

No action was taken on the agenda item of the Ogallala/Keith County Chamber of Commerce Visitors Committee public records request. This item will be removed from the agenda until the Attorney General's opinion is received.

On the Sandhills District Health Department bad debt agenda item no action was taken. The bad debt for the Sandhills District Health Department will remain on the agenda under unfinished business.

At 10:20 a.m. Johnson moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel for the purpose of the protection of an individual's reputation with no decisions to be made, Baltzell seconded the motion. O'Connor, Armour, Baltzell, Johnson and Peters voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. Peters stated that the Board was going into executive session to discuss personnel for the purpose of the protection of an individual's reputation with no decisions to be made. At 11:17 a.m. O'Connor moved to return to open session with no decisions having been made, Baltzell seconded the motion. Johnson, Armour, Baltzell, O'Connor and Peters voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

With no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned. The Board will meet again Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. at the Courthouse in Ogallala.

Lonnie Peters

Sandra Olson

Chairman

County Clerk

Agenda: Kept current in the office of the County Clerk. *Time of specific agenda items will run continuously thru the meeting and may occur earlier or later than estimated.

Unfinished business

Sandhills District Health Department unpaid debt.

New business

8:00 a.m. – Rick Willis with Adrian Smith's office – Washington update.