

March 4, 2020

The Keith County Board of Commissioners met for their regular meeting at the Courthouse in Ogallala. Chairman Krajewski asked those attending to join in a moment of silence in support of our armed services and first responders serving our country, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Krajewski acknowledged the Open Meeting Act was posted. Roll call was answered by Chairman Toney Krajewski and Commissioners Joan Ervin, Lane Anderson, Corey Crandall and Kim Elder. Also attending the meeting was County Clerk Sandra Olson and County Attorney Randy Fair. Crandall moved to approve the agenda, Ervin seconded the motion. Elder, Anderson, Ervin, Crandall and Krajewski voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. Elder moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, Anderson seconded the motion. Crandall, Anderson, Elder and Krajewski voting aye; Ervin abstain; none voting nay; motion carried. Ervin moved to approve the payment of claims, Crandall seconded the motion. Anderson, Elder, Crandall, Ervin and Krajewski voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

General Fund

AG-News, Publication, \$195.00; Allo Communications, Service, \$3,377.35; Tracie Brueggeman, Cleaning, \$240.00; CenturyLink, Service, \$45.36; City of Ogallala, Service, \$391.92; Consolidated Plumbing & Heating, Jail repairs, \$394.27; Tom Reimers, CVSOAN school, \$60.00; DAS State Acctg - Central Finance, Monthly lease, \$704.00; Datashield, Routine cart service, \$48.55; Kortnei N Hoeft, Fees, \$560.00; Keith County Court, Uncollectible costs, \$1,015.20; Keith County News, Publishing, \$1,743.75; Gary J. Krajewski, Public Defender, \$6,250.00; NE Department of Revenue Charitable Gaming Division, Keno license, \$100.00; NPPD, Service, \$435.13; Office Service, Office supplies, \$485.75; The Watering Hole, Fuel, \$83.11; Quality Farm & Ranch, Supplies, \$187.43; The Hartford, Life insurance premiums, \$249.60; Thomson Reuters - West Payment Center, Subscriptions, \$203.00; WCNDD, Administration, postage, registration, \$4,735.18; Western Resource Group, Paper shredding, \$66.60

Road & Bridge Fund

Andersen Sign Company, Supplies, \$33.00; ATC Communications, Service, \$68.26; City of Ogallala, Service, \$89.17; Fraser Welding, Supplies, \$27.00; Keith County News, Advertising, \$7.20; Kelly's Trucking, Trucking, \$3,300.00; Paxton Welding, Labor, \$629.65; Poppe's Truck & Diesel, Parts, labor, \$931.93; R Tire & Alignment, Tire repairs, \$61.50; S&D Trucking, LLC, Trucking, \$3,300.00; Simon, Gravel, \$17,528.77; The Hartford, Life insurance premiums, \$62.40; Weathercraft Companies, Repairs, \$895.00; Wiest Hardware, Supplies, \$348.31

CBSA Health Insurance Claim Fund

KC Clerk/Flex Claims Account, Flex claims, \$185.00; KC CBSA/Health Insurance Fund, Health claims, \$27,911.12; Meritain Health, Administration fees, \$30,255.93

Emergency Phone 911 Fund

Allo Communications, Internet, \$533.38; ATC Communications, Exchange, data circuits, \$158.14; Frontier, Connection to Viper, \$5.47; Glenwood, Exchange, tower rent, \$446.02

Wireless 911 Services Fund

Frontier, Connection to Viper, \$28.72

The Board heard the report of Highway Superintendent Tim Ryan.

Board reports were given and correspondence received. The Board received February's fee reports from the Sheriff's Office, the Clerk of the District Court's Office and the Clerk's Office.

Anderson moved to approve the travel request of Veteran's Service Officer Dan Nichols to attend the Nebraska Service Officer's Conference, Elder seconded the motion. Crandall, Ervin, Elder, Anderson and Krajewski voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Ervin moved to declare the Dell lap top, the Dell printer, a printer stand and coffee cart in the Zoning Office as surplus, Crandall seconded the motion. Elder, Anderson, Crandall, Ervin and Krajewski voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Crandall moved to declare a microwave at the Jail surplus and allow it to be disposed of as it no longer works, Ervin seconded the motion. Anderson, Elder, Ervin, Crandall and Krajewski voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Visitors Committee Chairman Deb Schilz spoke to the Board regarding the grant request for the Unity project at Collister Park. Jo Brown told the Board that although they had requested \$50,000.00 she wanted the Board to know they were very appreciative of the \$25,000.00 the Visitors Committee recommended. Ervin asked if there would be a marketing plan for this project. Chrissa Schlake told Ervin the Unity project did not have a marketing plan at this moment but felt that the City and Chamber would once this project was completed. Krajewski moved to uphold the Visitors Committee's recommendation to approve this grant request in the amount of \$25,000.00, Anderson seconded the motion. Crandall, Elder, Ervin, Anderson and Krajewski voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Ervin moved to extend the Visitors contracts for the Chamber and Loneragan Creek Media to June 30, 2020, Anderson seconded the motion. Elder, Crandall, Anderson, Ervin and Krajewski voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Anderson moved to authorize Krajewski to sign the PHI Authorization Form for Plan Sponsor Use from Meritain Health, Crandall seconded the motion. Ervin, Elder, Crandall, Anderson and Krajewski voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Ervin moved to approve the lottery license renewal, Elder seconded the motion. Anderson, Crandall, Elder, Ervin and Krajewski voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Krajewski said that four statements of qualification had been received for proposals of the jail needs assessment. Krajewski said he had given a copy of each to every Board member to go through separately and rate one through four and then they would go over the statements in next week's meeting.

The executive session for the jail needs assessment was not needed.

Keith County resident Cliff Welsh spoke to the Board about thefts occurring on his property and wondered if anything else could be done. Deputy Sheriff Shawn Hebbert was present and stated that the Sheriff's department was looking into this theft. Ervin offered a name of someone who could help Welsh put up trail cams.

At 9:00 a.m. Krajewski opened the public hearing for public input on the sale of County property in Lot 1 Keith County Shop District #2, a Minor Subdivision located in the SW1/4 of the NE ¼ of Section 1, Township 13 and Range 39, also known as 1501 West 5th Street, Ogallala, NE. The only public comment received was from CRA Chairman Brian Vasa.

Jacy Thoman with Nebraska Department of Ag did not appear before the Board.

Budget Consultant Caleb Johnson appeared before the Board for a general budget review.

At 11:09 a.m. Crandall moved to go into executive session to discuss structural repairs of the Courthouse, Five Nines item renewals, communication services for Perkins County and Emergency Manager hiring all for the purpose of contract negotiations, Ervin seconded the motion. Anderson, Elder, Ervin, Crandall and Krajewski voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. Ervin moved to go into executive session to discuss commissioner protocol for the protection of reputation and integrity, Crandall seconded the motion. Elder, Anderson, Crandall, Ervin and Krajewski voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. Elder moved to go into executive session to discuss Sheriff's claim regarding property disposal of evidence for the litigation purposes, Anderson seconded the motion. Crandall, Ervin, Anderson, Elder and Krajewski voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. Krajewski stated they were going into executive session to discuss structural repairs of the Courthouse, Five Nines item renewals, communication services for Perkins County and Emergency Manager hiring all for the purpose

of contract negotiations, to discuss commissioner protocol for the protection of reputation and integrity and to discuss Sheriff's claim regarding property disposal of evidence for the litigation purposes. At 12:22 Ervin moved to return to open session, Crandall seconded the motion. Elder, Anderson, Crandall, Ervin and Krajewski voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. Ervin moved to authorize Elder to offer the Emergency Manager position, Crandall seconded the motion. Anderson, Elder, Crandall, Ervin and Krajewski voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. Ervin moved to give Krajewski authorization to accept and sign the contract for structural repairs of the Courthouse, Anderson seconded the motion. Crandall, Elder, Anderson, Ervin and Krajewski voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. Ervin moved to authorize County Attorney Randy Fair to settle the Sheriff evidence claim, Crandall seconded the motion. Elder, Anderson, Crandall, Ervin and Krajewski 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 11, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. at the Courthouse in Ogallala.

Toney Krajewski

Chairman

Sandra K. Olson

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

Five Nines – Renewal items.

New Business

Setting deadline on bids for sale of County property.

Budget discussion.

Commissary account.

Evaluation of Architect proposal of jail needs assessment.