

**February 21, 2018**

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 Caleb Johnson, C.W. Baltzell, Kim Elder and Toney Krajewski. Also attending the meeting were County Clerk Sandra Olson, County Attorney Randy Fair and the media. Krajewski moved to approve the agenda, Elder seconded the motion. Johnson noted that on the agenda opioid was spelled incorrectly. Baltzell, Johnson, Elder, Krajewski and Peters voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with the word mobile being corrected, Baltzell seconded the motion. Elder, Krajewski, Baltzell, Johnson and Peters voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. Elder moved to approve the payment of claims upon review, Johnson seconded the motion. Baltzell, Krajewski, Johnson, Elder and Peters voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

**General Fund**

Albertsons/Safeway, Prisoner Board, \$222.04; Gary Burke, Mental Health Board hearing, \$100.00; City of Ogallala, Library funding, \$10,000.00; Correll Refrigeration, Repairs, \$927.00; Dell Marketing, Printer, \$222.00; Dept. Correctional Svcs, Safekeeper billing, \$7,722.71; Tina DeVoe, Mental Health Board hearing, \$100.00; Food Express USA, Jail Commissary, Prisoner Board, \$1,070.96; Keith County Sheriff, Sheriff fees, \$1,963.34; Kent's Towing, Towing, \$125.00; Lake Mac Auto Body & Paint, Deductible, \$250.00; Office Service, Supplies, \$26.79; Pinnacle Bank, Charges, \$1,940.22; Elizabeth Sillasen, Fuel, \$33.38; Dr. Paula Thielen, Mental Health Board hearing, \$100.00; Thomson Reuters - West, Court rules, \$296.00; Top Quality Mfg., Gloves, \$119.70; U.S. Post Office, Stamps, \$421.00; Verizon, Service, \$849.59; George Zeilinger, Services, \$1,181.70

**Road Fund**

Black Hills Energy, Service, \$1,599.29; Fastenal, Supplies, \$119.99; John Deere Financial, Supplies, \$207.02; Medical Enterprises Inc., DOT testing, \$70.00; Verizon, Service, \$162.15

**Keith County Diversion Fund**

City of Ogallala, GRC funding for basketball goal, \$825.00

**Keno Fund**

Western Resources Group, Recyclables, \$278.00

**Emergency Phone 911 Fund**

CenturyLink, Service, \$138.53; Wireless 911 Services Fund CenturyLink, Service, \$676.36

The Board heard the reports of Sheriff Jeff Stevens and Highway Superintendent Tim Ryan.

At 8:20 a.m. Johnson moved to go into executive session to discuss the opioid lawsuit contract regarding litigation strategy, Krajewski seconded the motion. Elder, Baltzell, Krajewski, Johnson and Peters voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. Peters stated they were going into executive session to discuss the opioid lawsuit contract as relates to litigation strategy. At 8:37 a.m. Krajewski moved to return to open session, Elder seconded the motion. Baltzell, Johnson, Elder, Krajewski and Peters voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

At 8:40 a.m. Highway Superintendent Tim Ryan began presenting the One and Six Year Plan to the Board.

The Board spoke via telephone with trial lawyers Patrick D. Mika with Mika and Associates and Stephen D. Ochs with Ochs Law Firm regarding a legal services agreement with them for the opioid lawsuit. Krajewski moved to authorize Chairman Peters signing the Ochs Law Firm agreement, Baltzell seconded the motion. Johnson, Baltzell, Krajewski and Peters voting aye; Elder abstain for conflict of interest, none voting nay; motion carried. This agreement will be filed in the Resolution Book as number 2018-8.

Bids for the pavement assessment were opened. Bids were received from Baker and Associates of Scottsbluff, Mainelli Wagner and Associates of Lincoln and MC Shaft and Associates of

Scottsbluff. Bids were given to Highway Superintendent Tim Ryan for his review and recommendation.

Keith County Zoning Administration CJ Poltack spoke to the Board regarding the Board of Zoning Adjustment terms. Poltack recommended the Board of Commissioners appoint Sadie Waugh to complete Burdette Cooley's term of two year so terms will be staggered. Krajewski moved to appoint Sadie Waugh for a two year term, Elder seconded the motion. Johnson, Baltzell, Elder, Krajewski and Peters voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Poltack told the Board the terms of Board of Zoning Adjustment members Robert Josjor and Kathy Wood would expire in April and she recommended reappointing them for a three year term which would expire in 2021. Johnson moved to reappointment Robert Josjor and Kathy Wood for a three year term, Elder seconded the motion. Krajewski, Baltzell, Elder, Johnson and Peters voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Baltzell moved to adopt the resolution for the One and Six Year Road Plan, Krajewski seconded the motion. Elder, Johnson, Krajewski, Baltzell and Peters voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. This resolution will be filed in the Resolution Book as number 2018-9.

Fair told the Board he had been given several names for legal representation for the Keith County lawsuit. Fair said he would contact individuals and bring names back to the Board next week.

County Attorney Randy Fair left the meeting.

Johnson moved to accept the labor bid of Matt Fox for floor covering in the 911 Center in the amount of \$2,527.00 and have the County purchase carpet from Select Abbey Carpet in North Platte in the amount of \$4,048.67, with the total cost being \$6,575.67, Elder seconded the motion. Baltzell, Krajewski, Elder, Johnson and Peters voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Tim Ryan came back before the Board and went over the bids that were received for pavement assessment. The three bids were not comparable. Krajewski moved to reject all bids, Baltzell seconded the motion. Elder, Johnson, Baltzell, Krajewski 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, February 28, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. at the Courthouse in Ogallala.

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Chairman  
Lonnie Peters

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County Clerk  
Sandra K. Olson

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**

Executive session Keith County law suit.

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Executive session – Personnel.

Personnel.

**New Business**

Keno license renewal.

Ronda Johnson stricken taxes.

8:30 a.m. - Informal bids for pavement assessment.