

June 2, 2021

The Keith County Board of Commissioners met for their regular meeting at the Courthouse in Ogallala. Chairman Crandall 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 Chairman Corey Crandall and Commissioners Joan Ervin, Toney Krajewski, Lane Anderson and Dale Schroeder. Crandall acknowledged the Open Meeting Act was posted. Also attending the meeting was County Clerk Sandra Olson and County Attorney Randy Fair. Anderson moved to approve the agenda, Schroeder seconded the motion. Krajewski, Ervin, Schroeder, Anderson and Crandall voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. Ervin moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, Krajewski seconded the motion. Anderson, Krajewski, Ervin and Crandall voting aye; Schroeder abstain; none voting nay; motion carried. Anderson moved to approve the payment of claims, Krajewski seconded the motion. Ervin, Schroeder, Krajewski, Anderson and Crandall voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

General Fund

Cash-Wa, Board, provisions, misc. janitorial, \$718.05; DAS State Acctg-Central Finance, Network lease, \$704.00; Eakes Office Solutions, Copier contract, supplies, \$324.94; Kent Florom, Fees, \$316.67; Kyle Gartrell, Mileage, \$56.00; Neil Johnson, Recertification, \$45.00; K&K Service, Towing, \$200.00; Keith County Court, Uncollectible costs, \$545.00; Kent's Towing, Towing, \$255.00; MCM Truck Repair, Towing, \$215.00; Mid-Plains Community College, Recertifications, \$200.00; O'Reilly, Battery, \$75.68; Office Service, Supplies, \$163.44; Quality Farm & Ranch, Supplies, \$2,023.15; Cal Schulz, Mileage, \$19.04; Edward D. Steenburg, 3 cans - Microban, \$21.76; Michael Svoboda, County inspections, \$3,197.68; Tyler Tech, Vetraspec subscription, \$449.00; Howard White, Mileage, \$67.20; Sandra Wilson, Mileage, \$42.56

Road & Bridge Fund

ATC Communications, Service, \$87.11; Weathercraft of North Platte, Repairs, \$708.50

CBSA Health Insurance Claim Fund

KC Clerk/Flex Claims Account, Flex claims, \$607.02; KC CBSA/Health Insurance Fund, Health claims, \$30,332.57; Meritain Health, Administration fees, \$35,155.44

Veteran's Aid Fund

City of Ogallala, Open close grave, \$200.00

Keno Fund

Pro-Tainer, Recycling trailers, \$25,056.00

Emergency Phone 911 Fund

ATC Communications, Data circuits, exchange, \$158.14

The Board heard the report of Highway Superintendent Tim Ryan.

Ogallala Fire Chief Dell Simmerman and Chief Deputy Shawn Hebbert spoke to the Board regarding digital radios. Simmerman presented the Board with a quote from Absolute Solutions in the amount of \$62,334.45. Anderson questioned what the installation cost would be. Simmerman left the meeting to call Absolute Solution to find out what the installation cost would be.

Elizabeth Dykes, Director of Trails West CASA, presented the Board with a budget request. Board of Directors member Richard Johnson also spoke in support of this request. The Board will take this budget request under consideration when working on the budget.

Simmerman came back into the meeting and told the Board that he had been told installation would not exceed more than two hundred and fifty dollars per installation.

Devin Brundage and Jeff Buettner with CNPPID gave a presentation to the Board. CNPPID Board member Marty Mueller was also present.

Keith County resident Doug Canning appeared before the Board to discuss his displeasure with property taxes in Keith County.

Jeremy Kral with the USDA Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services appeared before the Board to see if the Board would like to renew the contract for wildlife services. Kral told the Board the price increase has been running three to four percent per year which is due to funding not being available. The contract for next year will not exceed \$13,980.66. This contract will be filed in the Resolution Book as number 2021-73.

The Board took a short break.

Schroeder reported that several LBs had failed.

Krajewski moved to purchase digital radios with funds to come out of the Inheritance Tax Fund as a loan to be paid back from the Keith County Digital Radio Fund, Schroeder seconded the motion. Ervin, Anderson, Schroeder, Krajewski and Crandall voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Since the employee handbook sign off just needs to be signed off by County Officials, Olson will just take the two pages that were changed and show to Officials to see if they will sign off on it.

The Visitor Impact Study contract was discussed. Ervin said that the option for doing a lake study was still on the contract and she had asked for it to be removed with the contract only showing the \$8,000.00 as allowable. Fair said as an option Crandall could cross out the additional option, initial and date where he had crossed out. Krajewski moved to approve the contract as amended with the removal of any other options and only \$8,000.00 allowable, Schroeder seconded the motion. Anderson, Ervin, Schroeder, Krajewski and Crandall voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. Fair said to make sure the vendor who is doing the study is aware no additional funds are authorized except by virtue of the Keith County Board of Commissioners not the Visitors Committee. This contract will be filed in the Resolution Book as number 2021-74.

The Board discussed COLA for employees. This item will remain on the agenda under unfinished business.

The Board also discussed adding Excess Cyber Liability insurance from NIRMA. As the Board needed a few things clarified this agenda item will remain on the agenda under unfinished business.

Ervin moved to approve the Planning and Zoning Professional Service Agreement, Krajewski seconded the motion. Anderson, Schroeder, Krajewski, Ervin and Crandall voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. This agreement will be filed in the Resolution Book as number 2021-75.

The Board gave reports and received correspondence. The Board received May fee reports from the Clerk of the District Court.

Crandall told the Board that County Clerk Sandra Olson had approved a SDL for Hooks.

With no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned. The Board will meet again Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. at the Courthouse in Ogallala.

Chairman
Corey Crandall

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
COLA.

NIRMA – Excess Cyber Liability insurance.

New Business

Funding options and discussion on Welcoming Mural.

Optum organ Transplant Renewal Form.

Hooks patio extension approval.