

Comanche County Board of Commissioner
Feb. 4, 2020
Coldwater, Kansas 67029

The Board of Comanche County Commissioners met on Feb.4th, 2020 will Chairman Harlie Haas, Commissioners Larry Harvey and Randy Unruh present.

The Commissioners approved claims for \$96,607.34 for the various departments of the county. All claims are on file in the County Clerk's office.

Road and Bridge

Road and Bridge Supervisor Dennis Hernandez and Secretary Britt Lenertz met with the board. Chairman Haas signed an agreement with Kirkham Michael for engineering services for bridge replacement on Road S by Roger Dunn's. The board also signed an agreement with Kirkham Michaels authorizing a state funded sign project for minor roads in the county. Dennis is getting a bid from Heft and Sons to seal 3 miles of blacktop north of Protection and to seal cracks in the airport runway.

Comanche County citizen Craig Yost joined the meeting. The board discussed mowing versus spraying the county ditches. The county doesn't have an employee qualified to spray for noxious weeds, the farmers in the county need to control their weeds so they don't wash into the county ditches. The board will discuss spraying in another meeting. We currently have 2 tractors and 3 mowers, the board instructed Dennis to get bids for tractors from New Holland, Kubota, Case IH and John Deere. Craig asked why our road are deteriorating. The board responded that some roads are too wide, ditches need pulled up so gravel is in on the road instead of in the ditch, we have some new grader operators who are learning how to operate the equipment and how to grade. Craig said the commissioners should think about contracting out the mowing and grading. The board discussed the rock that is used on the roads with Dennis. Commissioner Unruh stated that the snow should have been removed from the major county roads the day it snowed.

The board questioned Dennis and Britt about the cost of repairs from Southwest Truck.

Britt reported she had attended a Red Cross sheltering class in Ashland the previous evening with Health Nurse Jerri McKnight and Secretary Joann Malone. She would like Red Cross to come to Comanche County and give the class.

Misc.

Harlie Haas moved to take abatements off. Randy Unruh seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0.

Abatements to: Keith McPhail \$390.90 and Cale Willems \$437.54.

Harlie Haas moved to approve the minutes. Randy Unruh seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0.

Appraiser

Deputy County Appraiser Penny Bruckner reported the oil and gas appraisal for the state remained the same as 2019, \$44.00 to \$46.00.

Penny stated that Appraiser Mark Low's contract will end June 2021 so they need to be thinking of a replacement for him, she still has a number of classes to attend before she can be certified and she is not sure how long it will take to complete.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

IN TESTIMONY THEREOF WITNESS my hand and the seal of approval for Comanche County, Kansas this 18th day of February, 2020.

Chairman

County Clerk