

Comanche County Board of Commissioner  
May 19, 2020  
Coldwater, Kansas 67029

The Comanche County Board of Commissioners met on May 19 with all 3 members present.

The Commissioners approved claims for \$155,508.40 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. Randy Unruh asked Dennis about the bridge on Road 18 west out of Wilmore, he said there are loose bridge planks on it. Dennis said it is slated to be replaced, he will go look at it to see if repairs need to be made before it is replaced. Dennis wants to purchase culverts. He needs three 3'X50' and one that is 5'X50'. Total purchase price is \$6,012.50. They are going to put in a longer culvert on Bob Huck on Thursday.

Randy Unruh moved to purchase \$6,012.50 worth of culverts. Larry Harvey seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0.

Dennis thinks we need to go ahead and purchase the new tractor we order from BTI to do road work with so we don't have to pull a tractor from mowing. Harlie Haas will call Kelly Estes about the fee we have to pay if we decide not to purchase the tractor. Harlie Haas asked about the loader that is in Garden City for repair. Dennis stated he hasn't spoken to them since the last meeting, it was going to be a couple months before they had the part to fix it since it is an older model the part isn't available.

The low water crossings by Chuck Hadley residence on Road 16 and a culvert on Avenue P, east of Kansas Highway 1 were discussed.

Randy Unruh moved to pay Jason Hardy \$50,000 per year and in 6 months a .50 an hour raise. Larry Harvey seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0. Jason has found a house to rent in Coldwater. He will have his CDL before starting to work here. Harlie thinks we should furnish Jason with a cell phone. They will discuss this further when Jason starts working.

**Misc.**

Deputy Treasurer Zack Ellis reported that the ice machine crapped out. He would like to purchase a new one from Ice Master from Wichita for \$2,200. It has a filter system, 3year warranty on parts, 5year warranty on the air cool condenser. Larry Harvey moved to buy a new ice maker for \$2,200. No second was made so the motion died. Zack went to get the bid he received from Ice Master, the ice machine is \$1,691, the filter is \$162 and installation is \$525 for a total of \$2,378.

Randy Unruh moved to appoint Tim Rietzke and Sherilyn Leeper to the Hospital board. Larry Harvey seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0.

Harlie Haas moved to abate \$1,600. Larry Harvey seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0. The abatement is for Deborah McDonald.

Larry Harvey moved to approve the minutes from last meeting. Harlie Haas seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0.

A Surface Transportation Board Decision was reviewed by the board. This is on the Kansas & Oklahoma Railroad, Inc. Abandonment Exemption In Hodgeman, Comanche, Kiowa and Pratt Counties, KS.

One new Janitorial application was reviewed. No action was taken.

The Board will wait on answering budget request until Comanche County budgets are done.

The board discussed a 2012 Kenworth truck that is for sale at Heavy Metals in Pratt for \$42,000. No action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 11:17 A.M.

IN TESTIMONY THEREOF WITNESS my hand and the seal of approval for Comanche County, Kansas this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2020.

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Chairman

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Clerk