

Comanche County Board of Commissioner  
April 21, 2020  
Coldwater, Kansas 67029

The Board of Comanche County Commissioners met on April 21, 2020 with Chairman Harlie Haas, Larry Harvey and Randy Unruh present. The Western Star Editor/owner Dennies Andersen, Road and Bridge Supervisor Dennis Hernandez, County Attorney Allison Kuhns, Sheriff Lehl, Treasurer Laura Sawyers, Dr. Jim Stanford, Road and Bridge Secretary/Emergency Manager Britt Lenertz, Register of Deeds Heather Puderbaugh, and Deputy Appraiser Penny Bruckner.

The Commissioners approved claims for \$136,908.91 for the various departments of the county. All claims are on file in the County Clerk's office.

Harlie Haas moved to recess into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel matters for 30 minutes. Larry Harvey seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0. Others attending were Road and Bridge Supervisor Dennis Hernandez, County Attorney Allison Kuhns, Treasurer Laura Sawyers, and County Clerk Beth Bayne. Executive session started at 9:10 A.M. and ended at 9:38 A.M.

Harlie Haas moved to recess into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel matters for 15 minutes. Larry Harvey seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0. Others attending were Road and Bridge Supervisor Dennis Hernandez, County Attorney Allison Kuhns, Treasurer Laura Sawyers, County Clerk Beth Bayne, and County Health Officer Dr. Jim Stanford. Executive session started at 9:39 A.M. and ended at 9:54 A.M.

Randy Unruh moved to recess into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel matters for 15 minutes. Larry Harvey seconded. Motion passes 3 to 0. Others attending were Road and Bridge Supervisor Dennis Hernandez, County Attorney Allison Kuhns, Treasurer Laura Sawyers, County Clerk Beth Bayne, County Health Officer Dr. Jim Stanford, and Road and Bridge Secretary/Emergency Manager Britt Lenertz. Executive session started at 9:55 A.M. and ended at 10:12 A.M.

### **Road and Bridge**

Road and Bridge Supervisor Dennis Hernandez asked if he could get someone from the courthouse to help Britt when she starts getting busy on Emergency Management FEMA grants possibly 2 to 3 times a week. Ashta Rosson and April Lester have both volunteered to help, the board said Dennis has it covered so it is okay.

Dennis reported one semi is ready to be picked up in Pratt that had the water pump and manifold gasket replaced and semi #31 the front main is leaking and blowing by. He would like to cancel the new tractor he has ordered and purchase a semi instead. The board would like Dennis to find out if we are obligated to purchase the new tractor when it comes in in July or if we can cancel the order.

The owners of the S&B Properties, the old Lenertz gravel pit, want another contract for Comanche County to purchase gravel. They would like \$1.00 a yard instead of 75 cents. The board doesn't have a problem with paying \$1.00 a yard but they would have to raise all gravel purchased to \$1.00.

Dennis ask for a 50cent an hour raise for Road and Bridge employees since the courthouse employees aren't working everyday during this COVID 19 shut down but are still getting paid. The board thinks all courthouse employees should return to work full time. County Sheriff Lehl thinks the county should be opened back up, it is hurting the economy. Dr. Stanford stated if we open to the public we have to

provide personal protection, he discussed the Governor's order with the board. The board wants to wait until May 3<sup>rd</sup> to see what the Governor does with her stay at home order. Harlie moved to continue as we are, all employees come back to work. Randy seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0.

Dennis stated the Komatsu loader is in Garden City for repairs and that Charlie Mobley is spraying the weeds in the ditches.

The Road and Bridge Supervisor applications were reviewed by the board. They would like to interview Jason Hardy at his convenience before the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. The County Clerk will call to set this up.

**Misc.**

The Health Department Quarterly Report was handed out.

BCBS rates for 2020-2021 were reviewed by the board. Harlie Haas moved to renew our BCBS insurance. Randy Unruh seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:08 P.M.

IN TESTIMONY THEREOF WITNESS my hand and the seal of approval for Comanche County, Kansas this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

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Chairman

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County Clerk