

Comanche County Board of Commissioners
Jan. 7, 2020
Coldwater, Kansas 67029

The Board of Comanche County Commissioners met for their first meeting of 2020 with Harlie Haas, Larry Harvey and Randy Unruh present.

The Commissioners approved claims for \$222,510.48 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 discussed an 80-20 state project to overlay 3 miles of paved road northwest of Protection with the board. This project would be done with Clark County. The board told Dennis to submit the paperwork. This would be a 2022 project. Dennis stated he has checked with KCAMP on airport insurance and Sanders Insurance Agency goes though the same company as KCAMP so the rates would be the same.

The core sample report on the runway at the airport and it is thick and hard enough to hold the jet that Cimarron Ice wants to land at the airport. Dennis discussed purchasing new tires from Great Bend in the near future.

Appraiser

County Appraiser Mark Low reported he will be in Topeka next week meeting with legislators. He said HB 2020 will be one of the new bills presented to the House of Representatives this session. If it passes it will change minimum wage to \$15.00. The board discussed wind farms, solar power and house values with Mark.

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

Harlie Haas moved to approve the adds for \$6,888.10 and the abatement for \$229.62. Larry Harvey seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0. The computer generated printouts for each add and abatement are on file in the County Clerk's office.

Randy Unruh moved to elect Harlie Haas as Chairman. Larry Harvey seconded. Motion passed 2 to 0.

Janitor

Harlie Haas moved to approve the bids from Pratt Glass for Heavy Duty Surface mounted door closers. Randy Unruh seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0.

Pratt Glass will replace the door closer and the pivots on the west door to the Courthouse for \$895.15 and the closer on the north door for \$812.65.

Janitor Janice Dorman-Weston discussed the north steps with the board. When there is rain that freezes or snow on the steps the steps are slick. The board said to lock the door and block off access to the steps in bad weather.

The Bank of Protection to be the clearing depository for 2020.

Dennis Hernandez is the Comanche County Noxious Weed Supervisor for 2020.

James Stanford M.D. is the Comanche County Health Officer for 2020.

The Western Star is the official county newspaper for 2020.

WHEREAS THE County of Comanche, Kansas, has determined that the financial statements and financial reports for the year ended December 31, 2020. To be prepared in conformity with the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) are not relevant to the requirements of the cash basis and budget laws of this state and are of no significant value to the County Commissioners or the members of the general public of the County of Comanche and

WHEREAS there are no revenue bond ordinances or other ordinances or resolutions of said municipality which require financial statements and financial reports to be prepared in conformity with said act for the year ended December 31, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Comanche County, Kansas, in regular meeting duly assembled this 7th day of January, 2020 that the Board of County Commissioners waives the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) as they apply to Comanche County for the year ended December 31, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Board of County Commissioners shall cause its financial statements and financial reports of Comanche County to be prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements as adjusted to show compliance with the cash basis and budget laws of this State.

Larry Harvey moved to approve Resolution 2020-A to have the Bank of Protection to be the clearing depository, to have Dennis Hernandez be the Noxious Weed Director, to have Dr. James Stanford be the county Health Officer, The Western Star to be the official county newspaper, and to exempt the county from the cash basis law and the generally accepted principles of accounting for 2020. Harlie Haas seconded. Motion passed 3 to 0.

Resolution 2020-B, the Rural Opportunity Zones student loan repayment program was discussed. This was tabled until the next meeting.

RESOLUTION 2020-C

A STATE OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARED BY THE COMANCHE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By virtue of the authority vested in the Comanche County Commission by the Kansas Preparedness Act, Chapter 48, Article 9, the Kansas Statutes Annotated, to meet the threat of disaster to which Comanche County and its citizens are being exposed, and upon advise of the Fire Chief of the Comanche County Fire Department, we hereby proclaim a state of local disaster emergency as follows:

1. Nature of the imminent threat of disaster: The grassland and cropland of Comanche County, Kansas, from an important part of our economy, provide for protection of watersheds, forage for livestock, refuge for wildlife and recreational opportunities. Wildfire endanger these resources, real and personal property, and the lives or residents and visitors

in the areas. Extremely dry, windy and unseasonably warm weather conditions have created an extreme fire hazard in the grasslands and cropland of Comanche County. Once started these fires are difficult to control and strain both paid and volunteer fire departments manpower and resources. The fire danger is extreme across Comanche County. The dry conditions, extreme temperatures and fire danger will continue unabated until sufficient rainfall occurs in Comanche County.

2. Date of imminent threat of disaster affecting Comanche County: December 17, 2019 and continuing until further notice.
3. Area affected by the imminent threat: Comanche County, Kansas.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COMANCHE COUNTY, KANSAS that all citizens and visitors to the County are prohibited from the following activities in Comanche County, Kansas:

- A. Careless use of smoking material, including cigarettes, cigars and smoking pipes. Discard shall be in a manner to preclude threat from smoldering remains.
- B. Building, maintaining, attending or using any open fire or campfire except in permanent stoves or fireplaces or barbecue grills in developed recreational sites or residential lawns.
- C. Prescribed burning of all fence rows, fields, wild land, ravines, trash debris. Prescribed burning may be exempted from this order if such burning is necessary for crop survival and has been specifically approved in writing by the fire chief in a jurisdiction where the burning is taking place. Crop survival is defined as agricultural burning. We hereby direct all law enforcement and fire department agencies in Comanche County to enforce this Order.

The knowing and willful violation of the act shall constitute a Class A Misdemeanor and any person convicted of such violation shall be punished as provided by law K.S.A. 48-939.

This resolution shall be in full force and effect until modified or terminated in the manner prescribed by law from the declared effective date set forth herein below.

This resolution shall be filed promptly with the Comanche County Clerk, Comanche County Sheriff, and the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. Further dissemination of this resolution shall occur by means calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public, including publication in the Western Star.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 A.M.

IN TESTIMONY THEREOF WITNESS my hand and the seal of approval for Comanche County, Kansas this 21st day of January, 2020.

Chairman

County Clerk