

December 28, 2012

Friday 9:00 am

The commissioners met in open session with all three commissioners and the deputy clerk present.

Laurie Sisk a reporter with the Fort Scott Tribune was also present.

Marty Pearson gave a road report. The commissioners asked to go into a 5 minute executive session with Marty.

Ron Snyder from Atmos Energy met with the commissioners to discuss a gas line that runs north in Bourbon County. Atmos is trying to replace 4 miles of gas lines from Osage road to Soldier road. There are no easements from Osage to Overbrook to Prairie road. If they can't get them installed they would like to go between the edge of the road and the fence row, on public right of way. Atmos wants to stay west of the travel surface. Atmos thinks that in one section they may have to dig into the road to connect the gas line. The last section of the gas line is on the Meech and Pruitt property and it is known as dead mile, there is no road way there. There is county right-of-way where that pipe will be laid. Atmos will boar five feet under any water ways or roads. They plan to start the project in early February and should be done by the end of June.

Doug Miller met with the commissioners in regards to the scrap metal at the landfill.

Allen Warren asked Marty about the 3 yard loader. Allen wanted to know if Marty planned to trade it in. Marty wasn't sure. Allen suggested trading it in because it is getting worn out and although it works now, it may not last much longer. Allen said he would need a description of the equipment if Marty decides to trade it in.

Discussion was made about purchasing a new skid loader or track loader to keep at the landfill. It also would be used on the courthouse parking lots in the event of a snow storm. Loader may be used on hard surfaced roads as needed and could possibly be financed with sales tax money & \$10,000 from the landfill.

The "y" was removed at the Evergreen cemetery, Allen wanted to know if the county still owned that land or if it had reverted back to the landowner. Jingles thought it still belonged to the county. Marty said he would have to find out for sure.

Allen moved to officially close the bridge over Osage on 35th street due to the age of the bridge and the expenses that will come with state inspections. Harold seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Lora Holdridge met with the commissioners about the upcoming 17 county meeting in March. She wanted to know if there was anything she needed to do to help with this. Allen told her they would start working on this in about a week.

Allen discussed amending the counties 2012 budget. He clarified that no taxes are being increased to cover this expense. This amendment is only being done to cover expenses. The money will come from cash on hand. Terry Sercer put the amendment together as such... the general fund needs to be increased from \$3,541,984 to \$3,728,484. Harold made a motion to close the budget amendment hearing with no opposition. Allen seconded, and all were in favor.

Terri Coop met with the commissioners. She attended a meeting with the State. She now needs a resolution appointing her to be a voting member with homeland security, she mentioned that Keith Jeffers was a member of the regional management team. As soon as Terri gets the credentials she will apply, she is allowed 2 years to receive full training, but she wants to try to complete in 6 months. The classes provided for this will be at no cost to the county, if she has to travel further than 50 miles for a class then the lodging is included, the only expense to the county will be the travel expenses. Terri also reported that the emergency management vehicle was inspected by the county mechanics and there were repairs made. However, when she tried to start it on Wednesday the vehicle would not start. She talked with the commissioners about the condition of the truck and the repairs needed. Terri estimates that it will cost \$1000 to make the necessary repairs. Terri would like the commissioners to allow her to use any remaining 2012 emergency management budget money available for the purchase of a different vehicle. Terri will shop for a vehicle, but it was suggested to wait until 2013 to make a purchase.

Vernon West met with the commissioners, he claimed that the Treasurer's office allowed taxes to be paid twice on the same property and they will not give him the money back. He said he paid the taxes and then another sent a check to pay the taxes. Vernon was told after he paid the taxes and the other check was received, that the other check would be returned. He did not want the check returned, he wanted his money back and the check to go to the taxes. Commissioners explained that there was nothing they could do and that he would have to take this matter up with the Treasurer's office.

Allen discussed purchasing bids. He said there was no uniform state law that requires this to be done, but that most counties do this because it is good business practice. Local vendors receive a 5% leeway.

Allen made a motion to purchase the GEHL RT210 track loader from R&R. With trading in the skid steer, the cost will be \$47,000. \$10,000 will come from the landfill, \$10,000 will come from the sales tax fund, and \$27,000 will be financed through UMB Bank. The track loader will be primarily used at the landfill, but will be used as needed to remove snow from the parking lots at the courthouse & by Road and bridge as needed on road construction projects pending approval from UMB. Jingles seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF BOURBON COUNTY, KANSAS

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ATTEST:

Kendell Mason, County Clerk