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July 13, 2020
All Commissioners Present
Commissioner Wilson Presiding

1. Commissioner Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room at the Courthouse. All Commissioners were present.
2. Commissioner McCloud moved to approve the agenda as presented and the minutes with the following changes:

June 29 minutes # 4 McCloud 2nd

July 3 minutes #4 & #5 Wilson 2nd not Wiens

The motion carried unanimously following a second by Commissioner Wiens.

3. No Public comments:
4. Commissioner Comments:
 - a. Road & Bridge Department had a turnover accident Wednesday, July 8. An employee was injured and will be out 6-8 weeks.
 - b. Rice County Extension Agent Wendy Hughes asked permission to exhibit some of the 4-H artwork and pictures in the courthouse.
 - c. Where would they get a correct zoned map of Rice County?
5. Rice County Public Works Director Tom Robl stated he will be sending some agreements with KDOT for the HRRR Grant project 80 C-5063-01 relating to systemic signing in the Northeast part of the county. The other agreement is with Kirkham Michael for engineering services for the same project. The contracts are to be presented to the commissioners for signing.
6. Rice County Public Works Director Tom Robl explained that they have about 100 mattresses. The mattresses at the landfill were being picked up by the Hutchinson Reformatory, free of charge, for recycling. Hope Industries, a non-profit, has taken over that project and does the same thing. They can no longer pick them up for free; the charge for pickup will be \$60 a ton. However, if we haul the mattresses to them, the charge would be \$33 a ton. The commissioners decided to continue with having them pick them up with the new fee.
7. Rice County Public Works Director Tom Robl also presented some quotes for a new lawn mower at the airport. The airport mower is a 54" cut Hustler, 2014 model with over 600 hours on it. We are getting a new 60" cut Hustler with rear discharge from Hometown Outdoor Power, in McPherson, for \$5,910 after trade. He likes to replace them every 4 years.
8. Commissioner McCloud moved to trade the airport mower with Outdoor Power and get a new Hustler not to exceed \$5,910.00. The motion carried unanimously following a second by Commissioner Wiens.

9. Rice County Public Works Director Tom Robl also stated that he had received \$28,534.65 for the damages to 8th road, caused by the excess traffic due to a detour route, during the flooding of K14, in the spring/summer of 2019; it is Federal Emergency Relief Funding. Only Federal Aide System (FAS) roads and bridges can qualify for this funding. The State of Kansas qualified and included our damages with their application so we got the money from KDOT even though they got it from the Federal Government. FAS routes do not qualify for FEMA reimbursement.
10. Stacey Clark, Susan Sankey, and Karen Snyder came in to discuss the SPARK funding. It is hard to make any concrete decisions right now because the direction from the agency is so fluid.
11. Donny Teeter came in to let the Commissioners know that Judy Dohrman from Barton County has agreed to help get the Planning & Zoning more streamlined. She will not charge for her services; however, Barton County probably will charge for her time away from work.
12. Rice County Treasurer Rita Smith came in to present her quarterly updates. She said they will stop seeing customers at 4:45 but will still be answering phones until 5:00. Driver's License is still being done by appointments and their current schedule is full.
13. Commissioner Wilson stated that Health Department Director Pam Guldner had asked for overtime due to the COVID tracing. Rice County Clerk Aurelia Garcia had also asked for overtime for election due to COVID and all the advanced ballots going out.
14. Commissioner Wiens moved to enter executive session from 10:59-11:15 regarding attorney client privileges. The Commissioner's, County Counselor Scott Bush, Counselor Mark Tremaine were present. The motion carried following a second by Commissioner Wilson.
15. The Commissioners agreed to pay Kala Oden the number of hours times \$1.64 for Website Coordinator. A contract is to be drawn up and then signed by the commissioners that states \$60/week for Kala Oden as Website Coordinator.
16. Commissioner McCloud moved to sign the agreement with Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris to get assistance on the 2021 budget. The motion carried following a second by Commissioner Wiens.
17. Adjourned.

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