
GIAMPO – Policy Board

Tuesday, July 22, 2014

Regular Session

Item -1

Acknowledge New Hall County Board Appointments

Staff Contact: Mayor Jay Vavricek

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING JUNE 3, 2014

The Hall County Board of Supervisors convened June 3, 2014 by published call in the County Board meeting room, 121 South Pine, Grand Island.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob McFarland.

INVOCATION - Invocation was given by Scott Arnold.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were, Scott Arnold, Pamela Lancaster, Bob McFarland, Dan Purdy, Gary Quandt, Steve Schuppan and David Ziola.

Elected and Appointed Officials present were Deputy County Attorney Jack Zitterkopf, County Clerk Marla Conley, County Assessor Jan Pelland, Deputy County Treasurer Alaina Verplank, Loren Humphrey Facilities/ADA coordinator Board Assistant Stacey Ruzicka. Representatives from the news media and 4 others present.

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING LAW – Chairman Bob McFarland read the notice of open meeting law.

REQUEST TO RESERVE TIME – Chairman McFarland stated that if anyone from the audience has a request to reserve time to speak on a specific agenda item, to please come forward at this time. No one responded. Randy Gard and Terry Pfeifer requested to speak under public participation.

CONSENT AGENDA – Lancaster made a motion and Ziola seconded to approve the following by consent agenda:

1. Placed on file the minutes of the May 28th meeting
2. 18 Approved the special designated liquor license for Grand Island Liquor Mart
3. 19 Placed on file communications from Regional Planning
4. 20 approved the bi weekly pay claims
5. 21A Approved the early claim for Family resources for EAP services
6. 23 Placed on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous receipts
7. 24 Placed on file communications

Arnold, Lancaster, McFarland, Purdy, Quandt, Schuppan and Ziola all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

9:05 A.M. Held a Board of Equalization meeting.

9:17 a.m. Adjourned and returned to the regular meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Randy Gard, 3927 Meadow Way Trail, Grand Island read a statement expressing concern on moving the Courthouse. He stated that it is critical for the future success of downtown Grand Island to leave the Courthouse in its current location. He is in favor of the renovation and expansion of the current building.

Terry Pfeifer also requested to address the Courthouse issue and stated that he is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and expressed support of the renovation and construction of an addition to the Courthouse in the current location. The county has fought for the Veteran's

Home and he does not understand why they would want to move the Courthouse. Moving the judicial functions would be taking the 'court' out of the Courthouse. It is part of our history. His office is located on the third floor of the downtown center and he has a clear view of the courthouse from his window.

COUNTY ATTORNEY – No items listed.

12. ROB SCHULTZ – DISCUSS & APPROVE HOWARD COUNTY WEED CONTROL CONTRACT – Weed Superintendent Rob Schultz was present with the interlocal agreement for the services to Howard County. The cost is the same and he is requesting to move ahead with the renewal for another year. The total cost to Howard County is \$21,000.00.

Schuppan made a motion and Lancaster seconded to approve the interlocal agreement with Howard County for the weed control contract. Arnold, Lancaster, McFarland, Purdy, Quandt, Schuppan and Ziola all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

9:30 A.M. Held a Board of Corrections meeting

9:40 a.m. Returned to the regular meeting.

13. DISCUSS & APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES AND HALL COUNTY FOR HOLDING STATE INMATES - Correction Director Fred Ruiz was present. Discussion was held regarding the agreement. Mr. Quandt questioned paragraph 11 regarding the defense of legal claims. Mr. Ruiz replied that if we are holding them it is the counties responsibility and there will be claims. Discussion was held and this may need to be clarified. Mr. Arnold noted that this would be civil claims but we need to make sure that both sides have an interest in defending the issue. Mr. Zitterkopf stated that with the debate on this paragraph it will need to be clarified.

Mr. Purdy noted that he discussed this with NIRMA at the meeting and they did not have any particular concerns.

Mr. Ruiz stated that civil claims are part of the daily operations and this happens but they have not had any issues for a long time.

Mr. Arnold stated that the inmates receive a daily allowance and if they cause a problem they will be moved back to Lincoln. Mr. Ruiz stated that he has been working with Kyle Poppert regarding the inmate list and Hall County can refuse anyone.

Ms. Lancaster stated that this will be a partnership with the state and Hall County and this is good discussion.

Mr. Quandt asked if the county is committed to a certain number of beds and Mr. Ruiz stated that have not been at maximum and always have space for the local population.

There will be no action on this item and it will be discussed in two weeks.

10:10:00 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING – RENEWAL OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR MID NEBRASKA AGGREGATES INC FOR A SAND AND GRAVEL PUMPING OPERATION – Lancaster made a motion and Ziola seconded to open the public hearing. Arnold, Lancaster, McFarland, Purdy, Quandt, Schuppan and Ziola all voted yes and none voted no. Motion

carried.

Mr. Humphrey stated that this is with Mid Nebraska Aggregates, Ron Follmer. It is a well run operation, the lots are clean and there are no weeds. It is for a renewal of the permit.

Chairman McFarland called for question or comments.

Mr. Arnold questioned if there was an impact to the county roads and Casey Sherlock stated they use the state highway and Hall County is a customer of Mid Nebraska Aggregates. He has not had any complaints.

Chairman McFarland called for public participation and no one responded. The previous permit was for 10 years and this will be for 5 years.

Lancaster made a motion and Arnold seconded to close of the public hearing. Arnold, Lancaster, McFarland, Purdy, Quandt, Schuppan and Ziola all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

6A CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT RESOLUTION FOR MID-NEBRASKA AGGREGATES, INC. Schuppan made a motion and Quandt seconded to approve the conditional use permit and Resolution #14-029. Arnold, Lancaster, McFarland, Purdy, Quandt, Schuppan and Ziola all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

16. DISCUSS AND APPROVE APPOINTMENT TO VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE – Michael Ponte submitted a letter listing Wayne French, Michael Ponte and Robert Real for consideration as a member of the Veterans Service Committee.

Quandt made a motion and Purdy seconded to appoint Wayne French as a member of the Veterans Service Committee. Arnold, Lancaster, McFarland, Purdy, Quandt, Schuppan and Ziola all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

15. DISCUSSION REGARDING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT TO UNION NEGOTIATIONS AND HEALTH INSURANCE COMMITTEE – Mr. McFarland stated that he and Mr. Ziola are on the union negotiations committee and the health insurance committee and they are leaving in December and he felt that it would be more appropriate to have current members serve on those committees. He stated that next month he will have to go off of the health insurance committee because of a new law that states that a majority of the board constitutes a quorum. Mr. McFarland stated he did not get any volunteers so he would like to appoint Mr. Quandt and Mr. Arnold. Discussion was held regarding the union negotiations.

Mr. Quandt stated that he is elected until the first of the year and questioned why he was not serving on certain committees. Mr. McFarland stated that these 2 committees will affect the future and it was his decision not to serve on them.

Mr. Arnold stated that the discussions from these committees have not started yet and it is a good time to make the changes.

7:10:15 A.M. – PUBLIC HEARING – RENEWAL OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR VERIZON WIRELESS – Lancaster made a motion and Arnold seconded to open the public hearing. Arnold, Lancaster, McFarland, Purdy, Quandt, Schuppan and Ziola all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Mr. Humphrey stated that this is a renewal for an existing tower. There was a representative from Verizon present if anyone had questions. There have been no concerns on this conditional use permit. The area is well maintained.

Mr. Schuppan stated that there have not been any problems and the committee recommended approving the permit.

Chairman McFarland called for public participation and no one responded. This is a renewal and will be for 5 years.

Ziola made a motion and Lancaster seconded to close the public hearing. Arnold, Lancaster, McFarland, Purdy, Quandt, Schuppan and Ziola all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

7A. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT RESOLUTION FOR VERIZON WIRELESS, NE AND THELEN BROTHERS OF WOOD RIVER, NEBRASKA – Schuppan made a motion and Purdy seconded to approve the conditional use permit and Resolution #14-030 Arnold, Lancaster, McFarland, Purdy, Quandt, Schuppan and Ziola all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

14. APPROVE APPOINTMENT TO GRAND ISLAND AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD - Arnold made a motion and Lancaster seconded to approve the appointment of Scott Arnold and Gary Quandt to the metropolitan planning organization board. Arnold, Lancaster, McFarland, Purdy, Quandt, Schuppan and Ziola all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

17 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PROBATION OFFICE REQUEST FOR OFFICE SPACE AND FURNITURE - the probation office is requesting space and office furniture for a reporting center. Ms. Lancaster stated that this is good for the area but again it is an unfunded state mandate the legislature has provided \$50,000.00 for startup cost but Hall County does not have the space. Sue Gugel came to the committee requesting about 4000 square feet for the reporting center by January 1, 2015.

Mr. Purdy stated that they had a good conversation and will be looking at 35 employees and but they will need the space.

Mr. McFarland stated they will need 6 offices a reception area and a conference room area. Mr. Quandt noted that they have already added 6 employees.

Ms. Lancaster stated that the county needs to come up with a plan they will need space for the juvenile and adult supervision areas.

Mr. Schuppan expressed concern that the county needs a comprehensive plan but they were only aware of this last week. There is no action today but it will be placed on the agenda for discussion later.

8 10:30 AM – PUBLIC HEARING – NEW CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR VERIZON WIRELESS – Lancaster made a motion and Schuppan seconded to open the public hearing for Verizon Wireless. Arnold, Lancaster, McFarland, Purdy, Quandt, Schuppan and Ziola all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Zoning Director Loran Humphrey stated that this is a new application for a communications tower that is located at the Husker Harvest Day site it is help improve communications during the event. It should have had a conditional use permit in the past and when they requested a new pole it was determined that they needed a permit. Mr. Humphrey brought it to the committee and is requesting approval.

Chairman McFarland called for public participation and no one responded.

Lancaster made a motion and Arnold seconded to close the public hearing. Arnold, Lancaster, McFarland, Purdy, Quandt, Schuppan and Ziola all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

8A. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT RESOLUTION FOR VERIZON WIRELESS – Schuppan made a motion and Ziola seconded to approve the conditional use permit and Resolution #14-030 for Verizon Wireless for the new tower located at the Husker Harvest Day site. Arnold, Lancaster, McFarland, Purdy, Quandt, Schuppan and Ziola all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

25 COMMITTEE OR BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS - Mr. Schuppan stated that the weed board received a resignation letter from Damon Obermiller a weed board member. Discussion was held regarding the appointment of a new board member. We will have to accept the resignation and place it on file at the next meeting.

Mr. Humphrey updated the county board on courtroom #3 they have started some of the demo work and are working on the lights and working around the schedule for the self help center. The judge’s bench, witness stand and court reporters stands have been ordered. The schedule is set up and they are ready to do the work.

Ms. Lancaster stated that the facilities committee discussed the upgrades to courtroom #3. There needs to be signs placed and they are addressing the chairs for the room. Discussion was held to place new chairs in the county board room and use the chairs from the board room in the court room. They have requested 2 proposals for the replacement chairs.

9PUBLIC WORKS - 10:45 AM – BID OPENING – BUILDING ADDITION TO WOOD RIVER & CAIRO PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE BUILDINGS – The following bids were received:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>CAIRO BUILDING</u>	<u>WOOD RIVER BUILDING</u>	<u>START DATE</u>
Kleint’s Const. Bid Bond enclosed	\$39,202.20	\$55,908.41	8/15/2014 Cairo 8/10/2015 Wood River
Steel Crafters Bid Bond enclosed	\$30,903.00	\$49,373.00	30 days Cairo 30 days Wood River
Nelson Contracting Bid Bond Enclosed	\$38,472.00	\$46,000.00	1 month Wood River 1 month Cairo

Lancaster made a motion and Arnold seconded to refer the bids to the public works committee and they will come back in 2 weeks with a recommendation. Arnold, Lancaster, McFarland, Purdy, Quandt, Schuppan and Ziola all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

10. 11:00 P.M. SANDI STEVENS MIDLAND AREA AGENCY ON AGING BUDGET
Sandi Stevens, Executive Director with Midland Area Agency on Aging and Theresa Engelhardt with Senior Citizens were present.

The membership fee for Hall County is \$1.00 for each person over the age of 60 in Hall County. This number is based on the 2010 census. That dollar amount is \$10,880.00. They are also requesting \$19,125.00 that will directly support Senior Citizens Industries services programs. The total request is \$30,005.00.

Ms. Lancaster stated that there are 8 counties that are involved and the size of the counties is never an issue because the funds are based on population. She also thanked Theresa for keeping the county board informed.

Mr. Quandt asked if the issues on the building have been addressed and Ms. Engelhardt stated that the roof and the parking lot have been repaired. She stated that they want to redo the lease agreement with the city and they have been working on that.

Ms. Lancaster noted that because of changes in administration Senior Citizens was lost in the mix and the major repairs were a huge issue. It is important to have a new contract.

Lancaster made a motion and Ziola seconded to accept the budget request from Midland Area Agency on Aging for \$30,005.00. Arnold, Lancaster, McFarland, Purdy, Quandt, Schuppan and Ziola all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

11. 11:15 P.M. SHARON HUEFTLE SOUTH CENTRAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUDGET REQUEST Executive Director Sharon Hueftle distributed information to the board members. The mission is to develop and promote a positive economic climate that supports regional growth. She reviewed the various activities grants and community projects that they are working on.

Mr. Schuppan noted that they request funding from each county of \$5,000.00 and Hall County splits that request with Grand Island Economic Development. Hall County has paid their share. Mr. Schuppan stated that he attended an informational meeting.

25. COMMITTEE OR BOARD MEMBER REPORTS – Mr. McFarland stated that there is another courthouse presentation scheduled for 6:-00 p.m. but because of the concerns on the weather they will make a decision by 3:00 p.m. if it will be held. The information will be sent to the media and placed on the web site if it is cancelled.

Lancaster stated there was discussion on the care of a cemetery and who is responsible. Mr. Schuppan noted that this should be the responsibility of buffalo county There will be further discussion.

Mr. Quandt stated that there are concerns regarding county burials and the committee needs to meet. There is a committee set up to address this issue, Mr. Arnold is the chair of the committee.

21 EXECUTIVE SESSION UNION NEGOTIATIONS – Lancaster made a motion and Arnold seconded to go into executive session regarding union negotiations. This executive session is to protect the public interest.

11:42 a.m. executive session

12:49 p.m. Lancaster made a motion and Arnold seconded to go out of executive session. No other subjects were discussed and no action was taken. Arnold, Lancaster, McFarland, Purdy, Quandt, Schuppan and Ziola all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

BOARD ASSISTANT'S REPORT – Board Assistant Stacey Ruzicka asked the board members who would be attending the NACO convention in December. Mr. Ziola, Ms. Lancaster and Mr. Arnold stated that they would be attending.

Ms. Ruzicka discussed approving various claims from miscellaneous general and other funds that are the common bills that are prepared and researched by the clerk's office and suggested that the County Clerk should sign these claims. If there are any unusual expenses or claims for travel expenses these should be signed by the board chair.

Mr. Arnold agreed that these claims are a procedural issue and felt that it was satisfactory to have the county clerk sign off on them.

Discussion was held on the demographic information included in the minutes and the clerk will use this format.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Chairman McFarland called for new or unfinished business and no one responded.

Meeting adjourned the next meeting will be June 17, 2014.

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk

