

August 5, 2019

The Keith County Board of Commissioners met for a special meeting at the Mid Plains Community College Campus in Ogallala. Roll call was answered by Chairman Kim Elder and Commissioners Corey Crandall, Joan Ervin and Lane Anderson. Commissioner Toney Krajewski was absent. Elder acknowledged the Open Meeting Act was posted. Also attending the meeting were County Clerk Sandra Olson and the media. Crandall moved to approve the agenda, Anderson seconded the motion. Ervin, Anderson, Crandall and Elder voting aye; Krajewski absent; none voting nay; motion carried.

Ervin stated the purpose of the meeting and also told everyone the rules of the meeting.

Elder opened the meeting for public discussion.

The Board heard from Keystone/Lemoyne Fire Chief Ralph Moul, Frank Odstrcil, Keith County Chief Deputy Shawn Hebbert, Nebraska Game and Parks representatives Duane Arp and Jim Swenson, Brule Fire Chief Lonnie Olson, CERT member Brent Tyson, Keystone/Lemoyne Fire Department volunteer Roger Rankin, Ogallala Fire Chief Dell Simmerman, Emergency Manager Elizabeth Sillasen, Waste Connection worker Sabrina Canning, City Manager Bruce Smith, EMT with Regional West Jordan Meininger, Nebraska State Patrol Commander of Troop D Kurt Von, Julianne Breyer, Senator Steve Erdman and Tom Kalkowski.

Ideas on what was going on and what could be done to fix issues at Lake McConaughy that were shared from these people were as follows: We need a Big Mac Attack again, we need to put in place fees that would fund extra law enforcement needed, we need a zero tolerance policy, camping needs regulated, the people higher up need to get revenue to protect the volunteers, violent nature of the calls is increasing, work on infrastructure of communications is needed, fixing issues at Lake McConaughy cannot be delayed.

As the meeting was drawing to a close Ervin asked what specifically the County could do to help with these issues. Swenson said by letting people know that additional manpower is needed to man the kiosks and in other areas also.

The State Patrol, Nebraska Game and Parks, area Fire Chiefs and County law enforcement will meet before Labor Day to discuss strategies.

With no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned. The Board will meet again Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. at the Courthouse in Ogallala.

_____ Chairman
Kim Elder

_____ County Clerk
Sandra K. Olson

Agenda: Kept current in the office of the County Clerk. *Time of specific agenda items will run continuously thru the meeting and may occur later than estimated.

Unfinished Business

2019 Keith County Zoning Regulations.
Procurement and Purchasing Policy.

New Business

Resolution to transfer funds from the General Fund to the Inheritance Tax Fund.
Senior Center equipment.
9:30 a.m. – Ogallala/Keith County Chamber Director Karla Scott – Chamber sponsorship.
10:00 a.m. – Budget workshop.