

**March 22, 2017**

The Keith County Board of Commissioners met for their meeting at the Courthouse in Ogallala. Chairman Johnson asked those attending to join in a moment of silence in support of the leaders and troops serving our country, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Roll call was answered by Caleb Johnson, Chairman, and Commissioners Lonnie Peters, C.W. Baltzell, Kim Elder and Toney Krajewski. Also attending the meeting were County Clerk Sandra Olson, County Attorney Randy Fair and the media. Baltzell moved to approve the agenda, Krajewski seconded the motion. Elder, Peters, Krajewski, Baltzell and Johnson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. Peters moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, Elder seconded the motion. Krajewski, Baltzell, Elder and Peters voting aye; Johnson abstain; none voting nay; motion carried. Peters moved to approve the payment of claims upon review, Krajewski seconded the motion. Elder, Baltzell, Krajewski, Peters and Johnson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

**General Fund**

Albertsons/Safeway, Prisoner Board, \$341.61; Bush Electric & Handyman Service, Service call, \$398.75; CHS Grainland Coop, Fuel, \$1,684.27; Comfort Inn, Lodging, \$284.85; Cranmore Fire Protection, Inspections, recharge, \$155.00; Ryan Dickinson, Registration, lodging, mileage, \$1,194.91; Eakes, Supplies, \$322.20; Aimee Gordon, Cleaning, \$100.00; K&K Service, Parts, \$34.87; Keith County District Court, Docket fees, \$216.00; Keith County Treasurer, Titling fees, \$15.00; Toney Krajewski, Meals, \$19.44; Marathon Systems, Supplies, \$197.30; Mobile Mec Mechanic Service, Towing, \$215.00; NPPD, Service, \$142.48; North Park Dental, Dental work on inmate, \$557.00; Orkin Inc., Pest control, \$105.91; Pinnacle Bank, Charges, \$1,536.09; Plumbing Solutions, Service call, \$260.00; Rankin Sales & Service, Lawn mower repairs, \$525.64; Eric Thacker, Reimburse headlight, \$19.78; Verizon, Service, \$645.63; Wolf Auto, Service vehicle, \$31.61

**Road Fund**

American First Aid & Safety, Supplies, \$14.15; Black Hills Energy, Service, \$1,048.79; Humphreys Auto Supply, Parts, supplies, \$475.62; K&K Service, Parts, supplies, \$123.42; Lawson Products Inc., Supplies, \$217.70; NPPD, Service, \$129.28; Paulsen Inc., Gravel, \$210.76; Sapp Brothers Petroleum, Fuel, \$1,755.93; ShelCo Construction, Crack sealing, \$14,257.62; Verizon, Service, \$261.30; Village of Brule, Service, \$76.50

**Visitor Fund**

Bird Watchers Digest, Advertising, \$1,100.75; NRG Media, Advertising, \$2,025.00; Flagship Publishing, Advertising, \$360.00; Keith County News, Meeting notice, \$7.20; Lonergan Creek Media, Contract, \$1,100.00; NPPD, Service, \$16.75; Ogallala/Keith County Chamber, Reimbursements, contract, \$4,770.12; True West Publishing, Advertising, \$525.00

**Visitor Improvement Fund**

Andersen Sign Company, Repairs on billboard, \$84.00; Lamar Company, Billboard lease, \$360.00; Lonergan Creek Media, Contract, \$1,100.00; Midwest Electric, Service, \$30.00; NPPD, Service, \$61.77; Ogallala/Keith County Chamber, Contract, \$2,025.00

**CBSA Health Insurance Claim Fund**

KC Clerk/Flex Claims Account, Flex claims, \$1,267.20; KC CBSA/Health Insurance Fund, Health claims, \$8,055.05

**Inheritance Tax Fund**

City of Ogallala, Ambulance funding, \$19,985.83

**Keno Fund**

Western Resources Group, Service, \$78.00

**Emergency Phone 911 Fund**

CenturyLink, Service, \$200.83; Consolidated Telecom, Service, \$47.04

**Wireless 911 Services Fund**

CenturyLink, Service, \$712.02

The Board heard reports from Sheriff Jeff Stevens, Highway Superintendent Tim Ryan and Zoning Administrator Matt Reed.

The Board gave reports and received correspondence.

The Board told Highway Superintendent Tim Ryan to go ahead and purchase twelve totes of dust control chemical in the amount of \$14,238.00.

Ogallala/Keith County Chamber Director Penny Metheny updated the Board on last week's Visitors Committee meeting.

Keystone Lemoyne Fire Chief Ralph Moul updated the Board on the weekend's fires. Moul told the Board they would be putting on a fire protection training for residents of Keith County.

Jennifer Eckmann spoke as representative of the Ogallala Fire Department to the Board about possible funding for a life pack for the backup 911 squad. Baltzell moved to provide \$10,000.00 matching funds to be taken out of Keno Special Projects, Peters seconded the motion. Krajewski, Elder, Peters, Baltzell and Johnson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Krajewski moved to deny the three requests for reimbursement from Health and Human Services for hotel stays under the circumstances presented, Peters seconded the motion. Elder, Baltzell, Peters, Krajewski and Johnson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried.

Phillip Black, Congressman Adrian Smith's liaison to Western Nebraska, presented the Board with a Washington update.

Krajewski moved to declare the Assessor's Ativa adding machine listed on her request to the Board as surplus and allow it to be disposed of, Peters seconded the motion. Elder, Baltzell, Peters and Krajewski voting aye; Johnson voting nay; motion carried.

The Board spoke about the funding for the Ogallala Library. Johnson stated that the original pledge of funding deadline had expired June 24, 2016. Johnson said the library would have to request money again if they so choose.

The Board received the list of certificates of taxes sold at the Public Tax Sale from County Treasurer Ronda Johnson.

The Board received the resignation of Planning Commission member Jim Holz.

Planning and Zoning member appointments were tabled.

At 10:03 a.m. Krajewski moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel for the protection of the reputation of an individual from unnecessary harm with no decisions to be made, Elder seconded the motion. Baltzell, Peters, Elder, Krajewski and Johnson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. Baltzell moved to go into executive session to discuss network security/computer issues with no decisions to be made, Elder seconded the motion. Peters, Krajewski, Elder, Baltzell and Johnson voting aye; none voting nay; motion carried. Johnson stated they were going into executive session to discuss personnel for the protection of the reputation of an individual from unnecessary harm with no decisions being made and they were also going into executive session to discuss network security/computer issues with no decisions being made. Baltzell left the meeting at 10:42 a.m. At 10:43 a.m. Peters moved to return to open session with no decisions having been made, Krajewski seconded the motion. Elder, Krajewski, Peters and Johnson voting aye; Baltzell absent; none voting nay; motion carried.

There was no executive session for the agenda item of possible claims against the County.

With no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. at the Courthouse in Ogallala.

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Caleb Johnson

Chairman

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Sandra Olson

County Clerk

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

**Unfinished Business**

Planning and Zoning member appointments.

**New Business**

Roads Tour/Inspection.

Strategic planning sessions.

Executive session – Personnel.

Executive session – Possible claims against the County.

Executive session – Computer services agreement.

Personnel.

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