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County Board of Commissioners Minutes from April 7

doing the North three miles of the Selkirk Road.

Tyler gave the commissioners a pricing estimate per mile for the Selkirk Road and explained, with asphalt it is constant maintenance, and chip sealing helps to seal and protect the asphalt and should be done in a four-to-five-year cycle. In the past the cheapest option was chosen and been done too often.

Junior asked about the holes where the asphalt is being pushed up. Tyler explained that with the oil used in the past, it was softening the asphalt and while it was soft, the truck tires were causing holes. If we started using better oil and bigger rock for more wearing surface. Commissioner Gould asked about trucks going over the road for the first time after the chip seal and pushing out the holes. Tyler explained this better chip seal sets up almost immediately. On a good 90-degree day it would be dry in about an hour.

Commissioner Wells asked for clarification on what Tyler thought on Selkirk Road.

Tyler suggested splitting the road in half, doing five miles of it this year with the better oil and rock, next year do the other half, then the following year do the Seaboard and Cemetery [roads], then the year after that, do Marienthal Road and few [streets] in Marienthal and get on a 4-year cycle.

Wells asked if the bid given at the beginning of the meeting included this better oil and rock. Tyler explained that it was done using the cheaper oil and rock.

Commissioner Wells moved to have B&H Paving do the chip sealing using CRS-1HP & ½ inch crushed rock at \$32,500 per mile on the North five miles on the Selkirk Road (road 3, from road L to G). Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion. Commissioner Gould voted yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Tyler stated they would need to stockpile rock somewhere on Selkirk Road; he thought they usually did it at Tokoi's. Junior will get ahold of Tokoi for approval. Tyler will get a new proposal [written] up and sent over for the commissioners to sign.

8:57 Tyler left the meeting.

Commissioner Wells asked Luke Smith what he had.

Luke stated he had multiple things. He asked if the commissioners had the letter from Laura [Lewis] giving Leoti Airport Inc. the authority to run the Mark Hoard Memorial Airport. Commissioner Wells stated yes, they have a copy of the letter. Luke explained they had updated the fuel system at the airport, went to sign off on the grant and get paid, and was told by the state they didn't have authority. Leoti Airport Inc. is asking the commissioners to grant them the authority to operate and sign for the airport. Luke stated he had to ask the City of Leoti to also give them the same authority since both the county and city are listed as owners of the airport.

Commissioner Carpenter moved to give authority to run the Mark Hoard Memorial Airport. Commissioner Wells seconded the motion. Commissioner Gould voted yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Luke updated the

commissioners on hangar bids. Luke explained the bids came in at \$1.65 million, which is lower than expected. Funding for the project, FAA has \$890,000 for this project, [in the] 2025-year funds; this leaves a shortfall of \$760,000. The airport can use forward FAA funds, but don't get that money until that year. For example, they can use 2026 funds but won't get that money until July or so of 2026. So, they would have to pay for expenses now, then wait until 2026 to get reimbursed. Right now, the airport has \$200,000 saved for the project.

With that said, the Airport is roughly \$600,000 short of using 2025 funds. They are planning on using 2026 funds that will be \$263,000, so that takes the shortfall down to approximately \$350,000. They might need a bridge to help them until they get the 2026 funding. Luke put in a grant asking the state for the full \$720,000 shortfall, but he won't know until the end of the month if it went through. This grant is a 50/50 match. Luke explained if they get the grant, they won't need any help from the county except for bridge until they get their funds from the FAA for 2026.

If the state does not give them the grant, they will be short \$373,000. Luke continued to explain that the airport can continue using forward funds for 2027 and so on, but the county would need to continue to be a bridge until they get the funds each year and each year the airport would repay the county for the bridged funds. Luke then asked the Commissioners for a commitment to cover the shortfalls until the FAA funds are received, Luke must either award the grant or decline the project before the end of the month.

Commissioner Wells moved to bridge the funding gap for the airport hangar project for up to three years, starting with the April/May time frame per Luke Smith's request. Luke asked if the county did give the airport money, how was the best way to get the money back to the county. Commissioner Wells asked Lanna to contact auditors Kennedy McKee for proper procedures. Commissioner Carpenter asked if the airport had jet fuel. Luke stated they do not have jet fuel at this time, but they might be able to get it in the future.

Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion. Commissioner Gould voted yes. Motion carried 3-0.

9:11 Luke left the meeting.

Lanna informed the commissioners that a guest scheduled for 9:30 rescheduled for April 21st meeting.

Commissioner Wells read a note from Centennial Recycling, they are touring recycling centers in Southwest Kansas and Southeast Colorado. They commended Wichita County Recycling as being the most organized, and felt we had the best set up for small counties. They also commended the workers for their good work.

Commissioner Wells asked Junior if he had received any more applications for Assistant Road Supervisor, and if an ad had been put on the paper. Junior stated he had not received any more, and Lanna stated she wasn't

sure if it was made in the paper for this week or if it would be in next week's paper. Sheriff Casper stated it was in this week's paper. The Commissioner tabled the Assistant Road Supervisor until the April 21st meeting.

Commissioner Wells asked if Sedona was still working out ok hauling sand. Junior said yes, everything was going fine. Commissioner Wells also asked Junior if the new hire had a CDL. Junior said no, but he wanted to try to get one. Commissioner Wells asked if there were a couple of guys that wanted to get CDLS. Junior felt there were a couple of guys just talking about it but not sure if they were serious. Commissioner Wells told Junior to find out before the next meeting and if there is interest, he will check into getting an instructor to come to help get them prepared to get CDL. Lanna explained that in the job description for the Assistant Road Supervisor position a CDL is required, so if they applied for the position, they would need one.

Commissioner Carpenter commended Junior on the work they did on North Indian Road.

Commissioner Wells asked Junior if they would be done with south Selkirk Road this week. Junior said no, they still had a mile to elevate, two miles of sand to rip in, and had several employees off.

Commissioner Wells asked Junior if he handled the problem between Sedona and the road department secretary on billing and loads. Junior stated he had taken care of it. Commissioner Wells explained the secretary was making the paperwork harder than it should be, and if she has a problem she can come and talk to the commissioners. If everything is going well, keep using Sedona, and we will be done with them when we get some of these roads done, and if there are guys willing to get their CDLS, then we would not have to use Sedona. Commissioners Carpenter and Gould agreed, if more employees get CDLS then we would not need outside trucks hauling. Commissioner Gould also stated that he felt if an employee did get a CDL and was willing to drive truck that there should be a pay increase, and the County should pay them to get their CDL.

Commissioner Wells felt there should be something in place, so the County didn't pay for the CDL then the employee up and leave; the discussion continued with no decisions made.

Commissioner Wells asked about the county park, whether it has been cleaned up or what the plan is. Junior stated it had been cleaned up and they checked it every morning.

9:29 Junior left the meeting.

Commissioner Wells stated they received a list of investment fund balances from Diana, and asked her what she had coming up. She explained she didn't have anything at this time.

Commissioner Wells asked Steve Baum what he had, Steve explained the Hazard Mitigation Plan was done; it is with KDEM. Once they are done with it, it will go to FEMA. Steve was told it would be about 60-90 days if it comes back for review. The countryside is done, once it comes back, he will bring it to the commissioners for

approval.

Sheriff Casper let the Commissioners know he had placed an ad on the paper and had hired a full-time dispatcher to replace one leaving in May, also hired a part-time dispatcher, and had someone interested in the hybrid position. He will send the person for the hybrid position to the academy. Sheriff Casper asked if the hybrid position would qualify for insurance. He didn't feel that position would get very much overtime, he wants to keep them at the 32 hours a week. Commissioner Gould asked Lanna how many hours were required for insurance. Lanna stated it was 30 or 32 hours.

Sheriff Casper informed the Commissioners they had a problem with someone's cattle getting out with multiple complaints. He has spoken with the person a couple of times, but it keeps happening on a regular basis. On March 16th at 7:42; March 18th at 7:42; March 19th at 7:07; March 20th at 1:22am; March 22nd at 12:01pm, March 25th at 7:20; March 29th 12:01pm and March 30th at 12:50pm the cattle were out.

In the past week it has been better and when he was contacted to attend meeting things have gotten even better. Sheriff Casper explained if it kept up, he would have to take the cattle, and if the person couldn't pay for boarding, they would have to be sold. Commissioners agreed and would agree with that decision.

Commissioner Wells asked Steve if he had sirens coming soon. Steve stated they were being installed City today and Marienthal tomorrow.

9:42 Sheriff Casper and Steve Baum left the meeting.

Commissioners agreed not to join KNRC, Lanna will let them know.

Commissioner Carpenter moved to approve 25th Judicial District Juvenile and Adult grant signatory. Commissioner Gould seconded. Commissioner Wells voted yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Carpenter explained where the siren in Marienthal will be located, and it will have its own meter.

Commissioners discussed scheduling budget meetings; Commissioner Wells would like every entity to come to the meeting to present their budget. Commissioners Carpenter and Gould agreed. Commissioners will hold budget meetings on May 5th and 19th.

Commissioner Wells explained the bid from Luna Construction. Pete called Commissioner Wells and explained that 4-inch concrete was not thick enough and 6 inches was over doing it, so he bid it for 5 inch thick. Commissioner Wells also explained he had spoken with Pete this morning and they could start the project this week. Commissioner Gould moved to approve the bid from Luna Construction for the North sidewalk for \$10,075.00. Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion. Commissioner Wells voted yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Wells also asked Pete about the stairs on the east side of the courthouse. Pete stated that the stairs have been overlaid once and not done correctly. Commissioner Wells asked Pete to get an

estimate on what it would cost, not a bid process, he just wants to know what it would cost to repair the steps.

Pete sent Commissioner Wells a text with his proposal: for labor and materials to repair the steps, paint the interior walls of the steps, flat work around the door and bottom step and possibly moving one sprinkler head is \$13,500 that is labor and materials. Commissioner Gould asked how far out the step would go. After some discussion Commissioner Wells called Pete and asked him to come back to the Courthouse and explain in detail what work would need to be done.

Commissioners discussed the letter the County received from the Kansas State Department of Agriculture Division of Water Resources concerning the water at the golf course.

Commissioners, Diana, and Lanna went outside so Pete could explain exactly what would need to be done. He would start at the door and remove the half-moon step, re-pour the steps, re-texture and paint the inside and outside of the step walls. Pete stated the step project would take a week. Pete left and meeting resumed in the Commissioners room.

Commissioners continued the discussion of the golf course water; commissioners would like more information on how the City and Golf Course Board handled fines and water. They also asked Lanna to get the financial information from the golf course.

Commissioner Wells moved to go into an executive session with the commissioners and Diana for non-elected personnel. Lanna asked what department it will concern. Diana stated she did not realize that it needed to be stated. Commissioner Wells and Lanna discussed how executive sessions should be handled.

10:45 Commissioner Wells again moved to go into 5-minute executive session for non-elected personnel with commissioners and Diana. The meeting will resume at 10:50. Commissioner Gould seconded the motion. Commissioner Carpenter voted yes.

10:50 regular meeting resumed.

Lanna asked for clarification on the work being done on south Selkirk Road.

10:53 Commissioner Wells moved to go into 5-minute executive session pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter concerning Treasurer personnel, with Commissioner, Treasurer, and County Clerk. Meeting will resume at 10:58. Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion. Commissioner Gould voted yes.

10:58 Regular meeting resumed.

Commissioner Wells asked if Diana had anything else going on in her office. Diana stated she was sending out reminders for the second half taxes due. He asked if there were any defaults on Neighborhood Revitalization, she said someone changed their name but when she brought it to their attention, they quickly changed it back but other than that there were no problems. She thought there might be a half dozen or so Neighborhood

Revitalization applications in the Appraisers office but she wasn't sure.

Commissioner Gould moved to pay the employee that resigned, according to the handbook that states employees are to be paid on the regular scheduled pay date or within two weeks following their last day of employment whichever comes first. Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion. Commissioner Wells voted yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Carpenter moved to approve Luna Construction to do the steps on the east side of the courthouse, pending the estimate is less than \$20,000. Commissioner Gould seconded the motion. Commissioner Wells voted yes. Motion carried 3-0.

With no more business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 11:13

Next meeting April 21, 2025 at 8:30am.

Legal Notice

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IN THE TWENTY-FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT, WICHITA COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FREDRICK DUANE BREWER, A/K/A FREDDIE D. BREWER, Deceased. Case No. WH-2025-PR-5

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on the 15th day of April, 2025, a Petition for Determination of Descent was filed in this Court by Janet Brewer, an heir of Fredrick Duane Brewer, a/k/a Freddie D. Brewer, deceased, asking descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Wichita County, Kansas:

An undivided one-half (1/2) interest in and to the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of Section Thirty-four (34), Township Seventeen (17) South, Range Thirty-seven (37) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Wichita County, Kansas;

and that such property owned by the Decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession. You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before May 27, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., in said Court, in the City of Leoti, Wichita County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

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