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HARPER COUNTY COMMISSION *March 2 Minutes*

The Harper County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session. Chairperson McCurley called the meeting to order with Commissioners Struble and Waldschmidt. Ami DeLacerda, County Clerk, was also present.

Commissioner Waldschmidt noted a call he received over the weekend about the dog kennel operation in Danville, indicating he would pass the contact information to the Zoning Administrator to follow up.

Commissioner Struble moved to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$19,326.81; the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Struble moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$164,419.05; the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Waldschmidt moved to approve a transfer to the Health Reserves account in the amount of \$13,448.52; the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner McCurley noted traffic on the Freeport Road from the Newport Elevator and the group

reviewed Resolution 2024-07, restricting semi-trailer traffic on designated county roads.

Mike Bennett and Janet Slankard, Public Works, met with the Board and discussed potential bridge replacements and scheduled projects. The Board approved an increase to Mr. Bennett's county credit card limit to cover the purchase of a tire repair machine, and recommended the County shop handle all tire repairs going forward. After an update on the new grader leases, Commissioner Struble moved to approve signing the Foley Cat Acknowledgement Letters and Delivery Services Records for two new road graders; the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Waldschmidt moved to sign a Federal Funding Agreement accepting a grant award of \$2,000,000.00 to replace the Baker Bridge; the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Slankard advised the Board that the bid verbiage for the scrub seal and chip seal projects have been submitted to the County Engineer for review, and

the Plumb Thicket Monthly Inspection was submitted Friday (no issues were identified).

Josh Teel, Building & Grounds/IT, and the Board opened bids to purchase the digital sign. Commissioner McCurley moved to accept the only bid received, from the Historic Anthony Theater Board for \$1.00; the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Teel will coordinate delivery.

The Board agreed to participate in the Statewide Tornado Drill this month.

Richard Raleigh, County Counselor, and Tiffany Cooperrider, Harper City Administrator, met with the Board to review updates to the AVRP/NRP program. Ken Leu and Pat Kerschen, City of Harper, were also in attendance. There was discussion about the current plan designating the entire county as "blighted", and eligible for the incentives.

Kansas State Statute prohibits this, however, a bill currently working in the Kansas legislature would allow it

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MEETING

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Director for the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts.

According to Meyerhoff, the LWG should be diverse and focus on agricultural interests and natural resource issues existing in the community. Membership should include agricultural producers representing the variety of crops, livestock, and

poultry raised within the local area; owners of nonindustrial private forest land, representatives of agricultural and environmental organizations; and governmental agencies carrying out agricultural and natural resource conservation and activities.

LWGs also take into account concerns of particular historically underserved groups and individuals including but not limited to women, persons with disabilities, socially

disadvantaged, and limited resource groups.

To RSVP for the March 30 meeting or to request more information about LWGs, contact the Kingman County Conservation District or NRCS staff by calling (620) 532-3116 Extension 3. Individuals can also request information to participate virtually in the meeting.

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VISIT

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ahead for education across the state."

During the tour, Dr.

Watson will engage with students and staff to discuss student achievement, workforce readiness, and the evolving landscape of public education in Kansas.

While there is no formal community meeting scheduled, the district looks forward to sharing the highlights of this visit with our patrons.

FAIR

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Other topics covered at the meeting included the group serving the March 16 Core Supper at the Harper Mennonite Church. Members were reminded of what food items they were responsible to bring.

Connie Troyer also brought up the topic of possibly purchasing a new ban-

ner that would identify the Crazy Quilter Quilt Guild when they are involved with community projects. The group gave her the go ahead to look into acquiring one.

As usual the group had several inspiring projects to Show N' Tell. Some were finished, some were in progress and others were just getting started. Next the group enjoyed a round of the dice game Right, Left,

Center. LeAnn Hodson won a pile of two-and-one-half inch strips and hopes to get them sewn together before the next meeting.

The meeting is always encouraging, uplifting and gets the members enthused about what's next. They meet the first Saturday of every month at the United Methodist Church in Harper at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP): 2026-02 DEMOLITION OF DANGEROUS STRUCTURE 604 OAK ST. HARPER, KS

The City of Harper is accepting sealed bids for the demolition of the dangerous structure located at 604 Oak St. Harper, KS. The successful bidder will be responsible for the demolition and removal of the structure, foundation and all other concrete on the lot except for city sidewalks, and the safe disconnection and capping of existing utilities where applicable. The successful bidder is responsible for following all applicable federal, state and local laws related to demolition of structures. For a full list of requirements, bid documents can be picked up at City Hall 201 W. Main St. Harper, KS 67058 or downloaded from the city's website: www.cityofharper.com. All proposals must be SEALED and clearly marked "RFP 2026-02 DANGEROUS STRUCTURE - 604 OAK ST." Sealed bids will be received until April 13, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, and opened publicly at the regularly scheduled council meeting on April 13, 2026, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

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HARPER COUNTY JAIL

March 2: Camron Wayne Tambunga, 30, hold for Hutchinson, Texas, release date N/A.

March 4: William Thomas Dorsey, 45, possession of marijuana, possession of controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia, released March 5, bond N/A.

March 5: Amanda Lee Carr, 38, disorderly conduct, release date N/A, \$5,000 bond.

March 5: Everett John Rice, 60, sexual battery and pedestrian under influence of alcohol, release date N/A, \$500 bond.

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TUESDAYS TOGETHER TO MEET MARCH 17

Tuesdays Together will meet on Tuesday, March 17 at 11:30 a.m. at Patterson Health Center's Meeting Room next to the Café. As we continue to look at living a longer, healthier life in Harper County, good food and great company just belong together. We will learn time-saving meal prep tips, create a delicious casserole to take home and make an extra to share with a friend or neighbor. Please RSVP as space and materials are limited by calling (620) 842-5104.

HARPER SENIOR MEALS

March 16: Smoked beef, macaroni salad, carrot and celery sticks, cherry cobbler, milk

March 17: Pork stir fry, white rice, egg roll, fruit, milk

March 18: Chicken spaghetti, breadstick, asparagus, apple salad, ice cream, milk

March 19: Smothered steak, peas, tossed salad, fruit, milk

March 20: Grilled tilapia, cooked spinach, buttered beans, banana cake, milk

Please order/cancel by 1 p.m. the day prior. Call (620) 896-2063 for reservations.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP): 2026-03 DEMOLITION OF DANGEROUS STRUCTURE 1912 PINE ST. HARPER, KS

The City of Harper is accepting sealed bids for the demolition of the dangerous structure located at 1912 Pine St. Harper, KS. The successful bidder will be responsible for the demolition and removal of the structure, foundation and all other concrete on the lot except for city sidewalks, and the safe disconnection and capping of existing utilities where applicable. The successful bidder is responsible for following all applicable federal, state and local laws related to demolition of structures. For a full list of requirements, bid documents can be picked up at City Hall 201 W. Main St. Harper, KS 67058 or downloaded from the city's website: www.cityofharper.com. All proposals must be SEALED and clearly marked "RFP 2026-03 DANGEROUS STRUCTURE - 1912 PINE ST." Sealed bids will be received until April 13, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, and opened publicly at the regularly scheduled council meeting on April 13, 2026, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

~ THANK YOU ~

The family of Pat Wolff wishes to express our gratitude to our friends, neighbors, church family, classmates, co-workers, and our generous community for the love and support shown to us during our time of loss.

Your prayers, visits, meals, and memories have brought strength and laughter. A special thank you to the nursing staff at Patterson Health Center and Wheatland Health Care Center in Kingman. You love our loved one as your own.

Gerald, Carrie, Jason & Jennifer

the Harper Advocate

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