

April 27, 2016

BOARD OF FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Location: Franklin County Annex Building Commission Chambers

Chair Howard called the meeting to order at 8:30a.m.

Roll call: Chair Howard present, Vice Chair Randall Renoud present, Commissioner Colton M. Waymire present, Commissioner Steven W. Harris absent, Commissioner Roy C. Dunn absent.

Chair Howard asked all in attendance to stand and join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation was led by Rev. Lori Stevens, Richter United Methodist Church, Ottawa.

Public Comment:

John Coen, Chamber of Commerce Director, introduced the new FCDC Director James Oltman.

Commissioner Renoud moved and Commissioner Waymire seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows: minutes from the meeting on April 20, 2016 and tax change orders in the amount of -\$1,031.24. All voted "yes".

Tresia Templeton with ECKAN discussed the proposed Proclamation to name May as Community Action Month. She reviewed the statistics on poverty that are stated in the proposed Proclamation.

Commissioner Waymire moved and Commissioner Renoud seconded to adopt Proclamation 16-03 making May Community Action Month. All voted "yes".

Matt Heyn, CEO of Ransom Memorial Hospital, discussed the insurance concerns with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas and the emergency room physicians at the hospital. The hospital thinks they have the problem resolved. If any citizens still have a concern, they should contact the hospital.

Allison Dickinson, Interim Community Corrections Director, discussed the FY 2017 Behavioral Health Grant and budget in the amount of \$162,603.96. This grant provides for two care coordinators for parole and court services and also supports the local Batterers Intervention Program. The care coordinators are on contract from the Elizabeth Layton Center, and if the funds are ever no longer available, the contract would cease.

Commissioner Waymire moved and Commissioner Renoud seconded to approve the Kansas Department of Corrections FY2017 Behavioral Health Grant and budget in the amount of \$162,603.96. All voted "yes".

Larry Walrod, Planning and Building Director, discussed rezoning application #1601-1377 (Ball) to rezone 10 acres from A-1 Agriculture to R-E Residential Estate. The property is located on Tennessee Road between Rock Creek Road and Jackson Road. This rezoning would correct an existing violation of two houses on the same lot and allow the owner to tear down a residence to build a new one.

Commissioner Renoud moved and Commissioner Waymire seconded to adopt Resolution 16-08 approving rezoning application #1601-1377 (Ball) to rezone 10 acres from A-1 Agriculture to R-E Residential Estate. All voted "yes".

Derek Brown, County Counselor, discussed the Ransom Memorial Hospital lease on Suite 1 of the Annex Building. The County has received word that Ransom Memorial plans to be out of Suite 1 by the end of April. The hospital had previously notified county officials that this would be happening. The contract states that the hospital should give six months' notice. The hospital rents other suites in the building, and the county could possibly use the suite for additional office space. The counselor recommended releasing Ransom Memorial Hospital from their lease without any additional notice.

Commissioner Renoud moved and Commissioner Waymire seconded to approve to release Ransom Memorial Hospital from the lease on Suite 1 in the Annex Building at the end of April. All voted "yes".

Jon Holmes, County Administrator, discussed a request to reconsider the time that the Franklin County Commission meets.

Public Comment:

Don Stottlemire, 3903 Rock Creek Road, Rantoul, discussed the past history of the Commission holding meetings in the evening. He said there was not increases attendance as was hoped for. He said it made more obligations for staff members.

Gene Hirt, 107 Jefferson St, Pomona, KS, discussed that he didn't feel a lot of people would turn out at night, and it is a lot to ask the department heads to come to night meetings. He said he was the most concerned about the department heads.

Commissioner Renoud said he didn't feel the Commission time should change based on one person's work schedule.

Commissioner Waymire said he thought staff could flex their time to accommodate the night meetings, and it was reasonable to accommodate people who work during the day. He felt the Commission was setting policy, and the Commission should not impede the will of the voters that put someone in office.

Commissioner Howard said he thought that changing the meeting times to the evenings would negatively impact a lot of people. There are a lot of other meetings in the daytime. Are we going to change all of them too?

No motion was made so the meeting times remain the same.

Staff reports were given by Jon Holmes, County Administrator; Derek Brown, County Counselor; Larry Walrod, Planning and Building Director; Jeff Richards, Sheriff; Alan Radcliffe, Emergency Management Director; and Jim Haag, Public Works Director.

Commissioner Renoud moved and Commissioner Waymire seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:36a.m. All voted "yes".

Clerk

Chair