

December 11, 2017

BOARD OF FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Location: Holiday Inn Epress, 12070 South Strang Line Rd, Olathe, KS.

Chair Waymire called the study session to order at 8:30a.m.

All Commissioners present.

Derek Brown, County Administrator, discussed budget and staffing changes that have occurred in 2017. The Finance Officer position was eliminated, and the position became a contract position at a savings to the county. In the 2018 budget, two additional positions were eliminated at a savings to the county, one in the Sheriff's budget and one in the Solid Waste budget.

Proximity Park is on schedule. Easements are being acquired to be ready to let the road project in the spring of 2018. KDOT is currently involved in the review of the 59 Hwy and Kingman intersection.

Janet Paddock, County Clerk, discussed the budget process. The budget process is planned to use the same timeline and process as last year. As the budget is prepared the Commissioners will still look to hold funding to departments and outside agencies as level as possible and continue to look for savings. Some concerns brought up by Commissioners were staying under the tax lid, reduce debt and building maintenance that is going to need done.

The Commissioners reviewed the current bonds that the county is paying on. The Commission also discussed the additional debt that needs to be acquired in 2018 once the road project starts and current balances in reserve accounts.

The meeting was recessed at 12:10p.m. for lunch.

The meeting was reconvened at 1:06p.m.

Derek Brown, County Administrator, discussed the projects on the schedule for 2018. The radio project is planned to be done in early 2018. This project is projected to improve communications for all the emergency services for the county and other emergency service providers in the county. The Proximity Park project is underway and should be done in 2019 and provide 300 acres for industrial development to increase the tax base of the county. The department heads will be working on improving the Performance Evaluation process. The department heads are working on capital needs in their departments to assist in developing a Capital Improvement Plan.

The Commissioners discussed some road issues that have been brought up recently. They discussed possibly setting up criteria to put up speed limit signs. They also discussed the areas of the county that have dust control and if there are additional roads that may need it.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55p.m.

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Clerk

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Chair