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**POWELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
APRIL 14TH, 2015
6:00 p.m.**

Present: James Anderson, County Judge Executive
Connie Crabtree, Fiscal Court Clerk
Robert King, County Attorney
Cory Graham, Dispatch Director
Tim Addison, Asst. Dispatch Director

Judge Anderson called this regular meeting to order

Judge Anderson asked the Clerk to call roll for Magistrates in attendance for this meeting

- Magistrate Donna Gabbard – Present**
- Magistrate – Keith Hall – Present**
- Magistrate – Mike Lockard – Present**
- Magistrate – Kenneth Rice- Present**
- Magistrate – Timmy Tipton – Present**

No Public Comments at this time

This regular called meeting began with the financial portion of the meeting.

Judge Anderson made a motion and then was seconded by Magistrate Donna Gabbard to table Clerks reports for the Month 2015.

Motion passes unanimously

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All bills to be paid with no objections

Financial Statement was presented to court members for their review.

A motion was made by Magistrate Donna Gabbard and then was seconded by Magistrate Keith Hall to approve Treasurer's transfers as presented to court members.

Motion passes unanimously

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Treasurer presented Budget Amendment # 1 for 1st Reading in the amount of \$211,000.00 increasing the (CSEPP) new EOC line in the General Fund.

Treasurer presented Budget Amendment #2 for 1st Reading in the amount of \$86,293.36 increasing the (JAIL) Reserve for Transfers and the (AMBULANCE) Reserve for Transfers

Next Judge had some updates for court members

The first update given was in relation to the jail expansion. Approval from the Department of Corrections had been the only remaining item that had to be obtained to start this addition. On April 2nd Jailer Travis Crabtree and the Judge had to attend a hearing to determine whether or not the approval would be granted. They came away from the hearing with a unanimous vote of approval for this project. The Judge expressed how confident he was about their decision to move forward with the jail addition.

The next update was made on motor fuels tax. Over the last several months those that have heard the ongoing discussion in regards to the implications an unsecured motor fuel tax would have on our road funds. The Judge told members that since the last meeting, HB 299 was passed to help address this issue. The Judge encouraged everyone in attendance to thank our state representative the next time they saw him for his yes vote on this bill and to also allow our state senator to know how disappointed and concerned we were with his no vote on it.

Now the court moved on to the New Business portion of the meeting.

Dispatch Director Cory Graham and Police Chief Kevin Neal came before the court to discuss the potential of developing a tactical dispatch. Both Graham and Neal spoke on the reason having such a tool could benefit all our emergency services and enable our county to better handle certain situations they're placed in. The Judge said he thought this would greatly benefit Powell County in the future and is being noticed at state level.

A motion was made by Judge Anderson and then was seconded by Magistrate Timmy Tipton to allow them to move forward with the initial planning.

Motion passes unanimously

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Next Mr. Graham asked the court for their approval to hire 2 new dispatchers per shift. He said he estimated this would increase his budget by around \$38,000.00. Magistrate Tipton told Mr. Graham that he didn't think it would be possible to increase his budget by this amount. Mr.

Tipton suggested that he approach both cities to see if they would help with the cost of these hires.

No Action was taken.

Judge Anderson took a short recess.

Next Vince Fallis from the Roeding Group came to discuss the services and benefits they offer through KACO. Mr. Fallis gave a presentation and answered any question the court had for him.

Following this presentation Mrs. Josie Hollon with Elkins Insurance Agency came to discuss health insurance for the new fiscal year. She told members that open enrollment would be done at her office. She also told members that she might offer county employees some supplemental insurance at their cost this year. Some examples would be short and long term disability.

A motion was made by Magistrate Kenneth Rice and then was seconded by Magistrate Donna Gabbard to authorize Mrs. Hollon to go ahead and start getting quotes for the county health insurance for the new Fiscal Year.

Motion passes unanimously

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Mrs. Elkins also said she would like to thank the Dispatch for the all they do for the county.

Coming up next was a request from Clay City Fire Chief, Nathan Hall. Mr. Hall requested an additional \$20,000.00 dollars on top of the \$12,500.00 they receive from the county last year. He said they needed this additional funding to purchase a machine to fill air packs for \$30,000.00. He said they also needed to purchase new cutters, ram, spreader and power unit (Jaws of Life) for \$24,000.00. The court will take his request into consideration as this year's budget is prepared. There was some mention that Stanton already had one of the air filling machines, so it was questioned if each department needed their own or if this was something that could be utilized by all three departments.

Court had a brief discussion on re-doing the first and second reading of the Address Ordinance.

Court had the first reading of the Address Ordinance. This Ordinance states that each ones address should be posted so it is visible from the road.

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Next the Court was made aware of the proposed liquid line that Kinder Morgan is wanting in Powell County. They are basically looking at refurbishing one of their existing lines to serve in this capacity. Judge Anderson told them that some of the other counties that would potentially be impacted had already passed resolutions against this proposal. He encouraged each member to research the issue and let him know their thoughts or concerns on the matter.

An agreement with the Montgomery County Jail was the next item addressed. This is an agreement that is signed annually that gives us the ability to take our inmates to their facility if the need arises and we don't have the space or one that we can't keep at our facility. A motion was made by Magistrate Mike Lockard and then was seconded by Magistrate Donna Gabbard to enter into agreement with Montgomery County Jail.

Motion passes unanimously

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Next item for discussion was the tractor at the Powell County Road Department. Judge Anderson told members that last fall we purchase the tractor under an emergency declaration with an agreement to make monthly lease payments. After discussing the options for the tractor the court agreed to make this month's lease payment on the tractor and then make arrangements to purchase the tractor.

A motion was made by Magistrate Donna Gabbard and then was seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard to make this month's lease payment for the tractor.

Motion passes unanimously

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Emergency declarations were declared on several issues that have occurred on our roads. There were two slips on Sand Lick and two on Star Gap that were included in these declarations. This will hopefully allow us the ability to receive emergency funding to help address these situations. The Judge made the court aware that he had already had a representative of the State Transportation Cabinet look at these and was waiting on a determination from them as to what our options would be.

Merged government was the next topic up for discussion.

Judge Anderson made the court aware that he had previously went before both city councils as well as the fiscal court to get their blessings on further exploration of this idea and had received approval from all three bodies to look further into this concept. He said the next step was to have some people more knowledgeable on the subject come and meet with us to answer questions on what this would mean and how to get there should we decide to continue. The Judge told court members that he would try to get a meeting set up in the next couple of months.

Closing the meeting Ambulance Director Brinton Epperson came before the court with request to hire an additional part-time medic and EMT.

A motion was made by Judge Anderson and then was seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard to allow Mr. Epperson to move part-time EMT employee Mike Anderson to a full-time status.

Motion passes unanimously

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Next a motion was made by Magistrate Donna Gabbard and then was seconded by Magistrate Kenneth Rice to allow Mr. Epperson to hire paramedic David Fifer as a part-time employee.

Motion passes unanimously

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Next Mr. Epperson stressed to court members the need to increase his budget by \$1,000.00 to buy polo shirts for his employees.

A motion was made by Magistrate Donna Gabbard and then was seconded by Magistrate Kenneth Rice to allow the increase to make this purchase.

Motion passes unanimously

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Judge told court members that the truck that brought the last load of salt to the road department caused some minor damage to the salt dome. Judge told court members that Big John's contracting had submitted an estimate to make repairs to the salt dome. He said that the insurance adjustor agreed to this estimate received.

A motion was made by Magistrate Donna Gabbard and then was seconded by Magistrate Mike Lockard to adjourn.

Motion passes unanimously

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