

THE JULY TERM HELD ON THE 31<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2015

The County Commission convened at 9:05 a.m., pursuant to adjournment on August 25, 2015. Present: Dan Colbert-Presiding Commissioner, EuGene Galloway- Associate Commissioner District 1, Matt Bass-Associate Commissioner District 2, and Crystal Hall, County Clerk, the following proceedings were held:

Invocation given by Commissioner Bass.

**Highway Department:** Bruce Wallace

- General maintenance issues were discussed.
- Discussed people moving barricades for road closures.
- Discussed a request to clean out the crossing on Stepanek Road.
- Discussed complaints about dust on Linns Mill Road, residents state extra motorists due to Highway J closure.
- Pipes need to be replaced on Highland Prairie Road before the road gets paved.
- Discussed the possibility of hiring seasonal employees to help with mowing and debris removal.

**Maintenance Staff:** Randy Siebert, Sam Whiddon, and Bryan Clary

- General maintenance issues and work orders were discussed.
- The flooring has been replaced at the dispatch center, equipment has been reinstalled and the center is fully operational.

**Kristen Burkemper, Treasurer**

- Burkemper presented the August Sales and Gas Tax Reports. Burkemper reports that sales tax was up 15.4% for the month compared to the same period during 2014 and remains up 9.9% for the year. Gas tax was up 12.8% for the month compared to the same period during 2014 and remains up 4.3% for the year.

**Public Hearing: 2015 Tax Rates**

- A public hearing was held to discuss the tax rates proposed for 2015. The total assessed valuation for the county is \$703,075,503. Commissioner Galloway made a motion to forward the proposed tax rates of \$0.2090 for General Revenue and \$0.2657 for Road and Bridge (per \$100) to the State Auditor's Office for approval. Commissioner Bass second. The ayes carried the motion.

**Unfinished/New Business**

- Commissioner Galloway made a motion to grant a variance to the floodplain ordinance to Rick Taschler for a storage structure. Commissioner Bass second. The ayes carried the motion.

**Ministerial Activities/Road and County Property Inspection:**

- Roads Inspected: Brevator, Gravens, Childs, Highland Prairie, Cuivre Ford, and Twin Valley.

There being no other business before County Commission at this time, the meeting thereupon was adjourned until Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

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Crystal M. Hall  
County Clerk

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Daniel H. Colbert  
Presiding Commissioner

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EuGene Galloway  
Associate Commissioner District I

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Matt Bass  
Associate Commissioner District II