

January 19, 2001 Friday

The Board of County Commissioners of Bourbon County, Kansas, met in open session at 9:00 am in the Commission Room of the Courthouse. All Commissioners, County Coordinator, Jim Harris and County Clerk, Joanne Long were present. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Dan Meara appeared briefly before the board to say that the County Sheriff's Tax Sale will take place on February 28, 2001, at 9:00 am.

At 9:00am, proposals for a garden tractor were opened. They were received from Fort Scott Farm, Fort Scott Truck & Tractor, R&R Equipment and Mayco Ace Hardware. The commission asked Mr. Harris to review the proposals to see if they met the required specifications and to report back to the board next Friday before any decisions are made.

Mr. Harris mentioned the upcoming Government Day in Topeka. It is February 7, 2001. He wanted to know if any of the commissioners would be joining him. He needs to know by next week. He also mentioned receiving two emails from Richard Nienstedt of the City of Fort Scott. The first was concerning Neighborhood Revitalization. There will be a meeting Tuesday, January 30, 2001, at Fort Scott Community College. Terry Graham recommended that Jim Harris and either Robert Query or Gary Houston attend. Mr. Harris will inform Richard Nienstedt. The second email was about proposed joint city/county commission meeting on the first Monday of each month. The agenda can be alternated. The city would put together the first agenda (February 5). Terry Graham and Gary Houston thought it was a good idea. Robert Query was in favor as long as the county could add items to the agenda on months that the city was in charge of writing one. Mr. Harris will inform Mr. Nienstedt of the decision.

Bob Marshall, Chamber Executive Committee, stopped in to invite the commission to the Eggs & Issues Breakfast on Saturday, January 20, 2001.

At 9:30 am, tire bids were opened. Bids were received from Severy's, Sinn Tire and Comstocks. The bids were as follows:

Tire type	Severy	Sinn	Comstock
Motor Grader-Radial-14 x 24	\$506.87	\$506.89	\$490.00
Truck-Radial-11-R x 22.5 (all pos.)	\$241.33	\$228.20	\$228.20
Truck-Radial-11-R x 22.5 (mudgrip)	\$259.62	\$240.01	\$240.00
Truck-Radial-11-5 x 22.5 (steering)	\$229.26	\$213.65	\$228.20
Truck-Radial-11-R x 24.5 (all pos.)	\$260.54	\$244.19	\$244.19
Truck-Radial-11-R x 24.5 (steering)	\$247.54	\$226.48	\$244.19

The commissioners wanted to see about picking the best line item price rather than a total bid, since none of the bids were totalled. Mr. Harris will work up the specifications and present a report to the board next Friday.

Jim Harris is preparing to take bids on culverts. There was discussion of the request lines on the bid spec sheet. The commissioners would like to get bids on polyethylene culverts as well as welded, riveted and lock. Mr. Harris will add the column to the bid sheet before mailing them out. Bids will be opened at 9:00am January 26, 2001.

Mr. Harris reported on a recent meeting he attended. Other road projects were discussed. Mr. Query asked about striping on asphalted roads in the county. There was general discussion about the possibility of borrowing one or the feasibility of purchasing one. It was mentioned that the Kansas Department of Transportation would require a written policy by the county if striping was begun. No action.