

September 13, 2004 Monday 9:00 am

The Bourbon County Commission met in open session with Terry Graham and Robert Query present. Joanne Long was also present. Gary Houston arrived at 9:08 am. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Bills and payroll for the period were approved.

Harold Coleman, Judy Orton, Joanne Long, Sharon Elder, Susan Quick and Terri Johnson met with the commissioners to discuss a recently adopted resolution. The resolution is to establish a legislative committee for the Kansas Association of Counties with a twelve member board consisting of 8 county commissioners and one each of county clerk, treasurer, sheriff and register of deeds. The department heads are concerned with how weighted the board is of commissioners. The commissioners association is proposing this board and the other associations are against it. Terri Johnson stated that the department heads are here asking that it be rescinded because they were not apprised of the proposed resolution. Terry Graham said that the commissioners association wants this committee to get back some of the control over the county that they once had and lost because of recent court decisions across the state. He stated that Bourbon County doesn't share those problems and he doesn't want this decision to cause a rift between the commissioners and the other departments. Mr. Graham said that he would think about it and let everyone know his decision Friday.

Clyde Killion gave a road report.

Jason Silvers, reporter with the *Fort Scott Tribune*, was present.

Laura Hyer shared Emergency Preparedness information that she plans to distribute to area churches through the Ministerial Alliance for volunteers to assist emergency personnel in the event of a crisis.

Paul Pavey signed the fire service contract.

Robert Query left the meeting to assist the Appraiser's Office with a land problem.

Merle Messer requested a ditch be cleaned out.

Doylene Kennedy presented a draft of a letter to send to individuals in the flood plain.

After routine business, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.



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