

January 14, 2005

Friday 9:00 am

The Bourbon County Commission met in open session with all commissioners and the county clerk present. Minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

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

Lee Davis came to see if the commissioners had decided on a heater for the weed barn. After reviewing information on the Sterling heater and the warranties for both, Terry Graham made a motion to purchase the Lennox heater from Norris, for its warranty. Bill Brittain seconded and all voted in favor.

Joanne Long mentioned that a correction was needed on the holiday resolution for President's Day. Commissioners authorized the correction to February 21<sup>st</sup>.

Charlie Blevins spoke to commissioners about a recent article in which a County employee asked about raises. Mr. Blevins is against any raises for County employees and feels that if any are given, he should get a reduction in his taxes. He also feels that elected officials know what the job paid when they ran for it.

Joanne Long asked for commissioners' signatures for KCAMP and the Secretary of State.

Bills and payroll were approved for the period.

Bill Brittain asked Clyde about a report he heard about metal shavings in the transmission of a County grader. Clyde said that the oil is tested regularly and that Caterpillar considers that normal wear and tear. Commissioners asked if the oil could be tested independently for a second opinion. Clyde will arrange it.

The commissioners spent part of the morning discussing the hard-surface road program and leasing compared to buying road graders.

Karen Paddock asked commissioners to view the basement storage issue with her.

Doylene Kennedy had Gary Houston sign an annual report of the water level at Elm Creek Lake.

Joanne Long presented commissioners with the requested salary and budget figures from area counties. No action at this time.

Harold Coleman spoke to commissioners about work-release housing, prisoner medical expenses, prisoner meals and the recent suicide in the jail. He also mentioned that Mike Feagins would be attending a car auction next Tuesday to hopefully replace a truck with 200,000+ miles. John Taylor will go with him. LEPC would like the old truck when it is replaced and Harold is considering making a deal for it.

Dean Mann spoke with commissioners about the County's chip and seal program.

Laura Hyer spoke to the commissioners about See-Kan RC&D. She is the County's appointed board member. Among the topics of discussion, Ms. Hyer indicated there is a national conference in late February she would like to attend for Bourbon