

January 21, 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 meeting were read and approved.

Karen Paddock spoke to commissioners about storage. Laura Hyer met with many of the departments about their space in the basement on Thursday.

Clyde Killion gave a road report.

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

Sharon Elder and Shirley Hurd spoke to commissioners. Ms. Hurd will be filling in for a few weeks while Lora Holdridge is out of the office for medical reasons. Commissioners must set the part-time wage, according to resolution, so Sharon asked commissioners what Ms. Hurd would be paid. Based on her previous five years experience in the office, and on Sharon's recommendation, the commissioners agreed to pay Ms. Hurd \$8.50 per hour.

Commissioners received correspondence from Mary Bruner. She has just finished a term on the Southeast Kansas Mental Health Board and is asking not to be re-appointed. She would like the commissioners to appoint someone rural in her place. No action at this time.

Joanne Long asked commissioners who they would appoint to sit on the Southeast Kansas Juvenile Board, in place of Robert Query. No action at this time.

Johnny Walker updated commissioners on tearing down the old county barn.

Sharon Elder asked about requesting a detailed doctor's release when Lora Holdridge returns. Commissioners agreed she should be able to get that from her doctor. They also suggest providing Ms. Holdridge with a copy of the job description so the doctor can address all the physical requirements.

Brian Harper, a correctional officer with the SEKRCC, met with commissioners to discuss work-release housing. Several of the correctional employees have been working on a proposal to house the work-release prisoners off-site. Commissioners asked him to continue his research and report back to the commissioners.

Harold Coleman and Laura Hyer met with commissioners to discuss security issues and emergency preparedness. Ms. Hyer asked for an