

February 11, 2005 Friday 9:00 am

The Bourbon County Commission met in open session with Gary Houston and Bill Brittain present. Joanne Long was also present. Minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

Lee Davis notified the commissioners of a proposed contract for inspecting hay fields that sell to the State or other government agencies for 54 noxious weeds. It would pay him an hourly rate and mileage. Mr. Davis is aware of only one county in southeast Kansas that is probably going to sign the contract. Commissioners did not think it was something we want to do. No action.

Bills and payroll for the period were reviewed and signed.

Bill Brittain made a motion to appoint Don Russell to the SEK Regional Revolving Loan Committee for a period of two years. Gary Houston seconded and both voted in favor.

Charlie Blevins stopped in to speak to commissioners but decided to wait until Monday when all commissioners can be present.

Clyde Killion presented the report from the local oil company that tested the oil from the county road grader because of metal shavings. The report showed the levels to be normal.

Mr. Killion also discussed security at the county barn. The cost of the stolen items has been estimated at \$4,300.

Commissioners spoke to Clyde about the T-intersection at 230<sup>th</sup> St. and Kansas Road. Commissioners would like a Yield sign placed for the northbound traffic so that all directions must yield at the corner.

Laura Hyer spoke to commissioners about emergency preparedness. Commissioners asked her to coordinate with Clyde Killion about possible security options for the county barn, landfill and rock quarry.

Ms. Hyer also asked commissioners if her department could use a copier that is being stored in the basement. It belonged to the Treasurer before it was replaced. Commissioners approved the request.

Larry Bryant, Kenny Hoop and Ken Parker met with commissioners representing Meritage about right-of-ways for drilling natural gas. They have obtained about 90% of the private right-of-ways that they will need. They have three landowners from whom they haven't been able to obtain a lease. Commissioners will discuss this on Monday when Mr. Graham is present.

Commissioners set an appointment to meet the person from the State about checking the county's road rock. They will meet him this afternoon at 1:00 pm at the rock quarry.

JR Parker asked commissioners to fix a road west of his house at 2457 Grand Road. It gets deep ruts when water runs across it. Commissioners will view the road to see what can be done to fix the problem.