

**SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION**  
**WORK SESSION**

**DATE:** March 17, 2014

**CALLED TO ORDER:** 4:17 p.m.

**LOCATION:** 515 N. Washington  
Commission Chambers  
Liberal, KS 67901

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:** Ada Linenbroker  
Doug LaFreniere (at 4:25 p.m.)  
C.J. Wettstein  
Jim Rice  
Randy Malin

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:** April Warden

**COUNTY CLERK:** April Warden

**1. ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY WAGES**

Melissa Johnson opened the discussion stating in research she and April Warden had done it showed that Seward County was starting their Assistant County Attorney's at approximately \$8,000 to \$10,000 below the average wages around the State. Melissa shared with the Commissioners that she was struggling to find a candidate to fill the vacant position and that she would like to bring the other Assistant County Attorney's to within the starting range across the State in order to retain them and possibly find a candidate to fill the vacancy. The Commissioners were open to accommodating this request.

The Commissioners recognized Melissa for her efforts in learning the budget and stated they looked forward to reviewing a more complete budget at the budget work sessions this year.

**2. FAIRGROUNDS COMPLEX**

Linda Johnson opened with discussion regarding the shop building located on the Seward County Fairgrounds. Linda explained the roof needs replacement and

after bidding the options they had it was recommended they look into replacing the shop with a metal building. The shop building is located on the north end of the grandstands. Linda did bring different pricing options for the Commissioners to review for building options.

The Commissioners continued discussion regarding the dilapidated hog barns located on the fairgrounds and suggested that staff measure the current hog barns and while pricing buildings price the replacement of the hog barn with a metal building as well. Commissioners discussed the funding they had sat aside of \$50,000 from 2013 funds and \$50,000 from 2014 for youth projects. This barn would be utilized for the 4-H programs as well as livestock shows and fair use.

Commissioners requested that Linda review her CIP plan and determine what was needed to stay on the plan and what could be removed.

**THE WORK SESSION ADJORNED AT 5:20 P.M. FOR THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMISSION MEETING AND WILL BE RESUMED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMISSION MEETING.**

**CALLED TO ORDER: 7:10 p.m.**

### **3. VIDEO STREAMING PROJECT**

Mark Rohlf opened discussion regarding the Video Streaming Project that he and Vanessa Reeve had presented to the Commission as part of their Certified Public Management Program Project. Commissioners agreed that after reviewing year end numbers and setting aside money in the 2014 budget for this project it should be placed on the next meeting agenda for action to be taken.

### **4. CIC SOFTWARE**

April Warden and Mark Rohlf discussed the CIC software with the Commission stating they felt a decision needed to be made as to whether or not the County intends to move forward with a conversion to the PC Based software. This item has been planned for and money set aside for the past three years to complete this purchase.

April Warden stated there seems to be split reactions to the move to a PC Based system with some seeing the necessity to change and others resisting the change from the AS400.

The Commissioners agreed a decision needs to be made and they would like a recommendation. They agreed that having money set aside in reserves for such a project, if we are not going to follow through, is not responsible fiscally.

Commissioners agreed this item should be placed on the next meeting agenda.

## **5. SALARY INCREASES**

Commissioners discussed the carry over in the budget and where we were in regards to the carry over planned for 2014. After discussion they gave direction to April Warden to gather figures for what a \$0.25 and a \$0.50 raise would consist of dollar wise. They asked April to bring the numbers to the next meeting for discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

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Ada Linenbroker, Chair  
Seward County Commission

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Stacia D. Long  
Seward County Clerk