September 17, 2018

The Taylor County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Doug Horton, Jerry Murphy, Charles Ambrose, and Auditor Bethany Murphy present.

Ambrose made a motion seconded by Murphy to approve the minutes of last meeting and today’s agenda. Motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff, Josh Weed presented bids for new taser cartridges for the taser guns would be $32.00. Axon is a company that could lease Tasers to the department for $280.00 each or $2800.00 per year. We can trade in our old tasers for $1000.00 the first year. Some of the department’s bulletproof vests need to be replaced at a cost of $1100.00 each. Weed would like to just put funds in the uniform allowance so each officer can choose what type of vest they would like to wear instead of just issuing one to them. Ambrose made a motion seconded by Murphy to purchase vests allowing the officers to choose the vest they want up to $1100.00 at the Sheriff’s discretion. Motion carried 3-0. Horton made a motion seconded by Ambrose leasing the Tasers from Axon for $1800.00 the first year and $2800.00 for each year after that for 5 years for 10 units. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board tabled the decision to act on the Veterans Affairs Commission waiting on written notification.

Engineer Trevor Wolf updated the Board on the Blockton Bridge Project. Bridge is coming along nicely and should be done by the end of month.

Wolf visited with the Board on selling some old equipment at the consignment sale. The department would like to consign a 1995 Ford LT8000 Truck they no longer use. They have also found a rebuild motor to put in a dump truck that the engine blew up in the cost would be $5500.00 from VanderHagges. VanderHagges have also offered to buy a 1996 International Dump Truck for $2800.00 currently being used for parts. The Board agreed to let the truck go to auction, purchase the motor and sell the old parts truck to VanderHagges for $2800.00.

Chairman Horton opened the public hearing for the vacation of the right of way for the Dollar General Store in Lenox. There were no written or oral objections. Murphy made the motion seconded by Ambrose to close the public hearing. Motion carried 3-0. The Board will pass the Resolution on Thursday to vacate the Right of Way.

Mayor of New Market, Frank Sefrit visited with the Board on properties in New Market the city would like to acquire. The first would be property owned by Carrie Baker parcel 1611000101000, and the second would be 4 lots owned by Brian and Stacy McCannon parcels 161300602000, 1613006002000, 1613006023000, and 1613006024000. The Board agreed to abate the taxes when the city acquires the property.

The Board moved the meeting to the EMA Office for the radio communications. Anne Roth for Electronic Communications visited with the Board and others about the State-wide radio system for the State of Iowa. This system would connect the whole state together from local law enforcement and first responders to all State agencies. Joining the meeting were the Supervisors, Jan Beach-Sickles, Josh Weed, Brian Flynn, Mick Ware, Joan Gallagher, Randy Kernen, Jon Marcres and Belinda Ogle. Anne’s company would like to be one of the company to service this system. They plan to have someone no more than one hour away from every tower. This all started after 9/11 to allow all first responders to communicate with state wide the state system. This meeting was just a starting point for Electronic
Communications. They will start doing some testing in the area to see what kind of coverage they could offer Taylor County. If it is not strong enough the county would possibly need to put up some towers. This was just the first of many meeting yet to come another meeting will be scheduled when the studies are finished on the county.

No further business came before the Board at this time, and the meeting was adjourned subject to call.

Attest:
Doug Horton, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors
Bethany Murphy, Taylor County Auditor