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HARPER COUNTY COMMISSION *March 31, 2025 Minutes*

The Harper County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session. Chairman Waldschmidt called the meeting to order with Commissioner Struble and Commissioner McCurley. Shonda Larson, Recording Secretary, was also present.

Commissioner Struble moved to approve the 3/24/2025 meeting minutes; the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Struble moved to approve Accounts Payable in the amount of \$29,995.10; the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner McCurley moved to approve 3/28/2025 payroll benefits in the amount of \$153,650.97; the motion passed unanimously.

Mike Bennett and Janet Slankard, Public Works, met with the Board for a department update. Commissioner Struble shared his opinion on the county shop putting dozer tracks on instead of Foley Equipment. Mr. Bennett informed the Board that the current pressure washer needs replacing, and there was a consensus to explore options for a Hotsy power washer. The group reviewed progress maps, they also discussed the status of grader training, noting that they are still waiting on instructors to finalize the training dates.

Circle C Paving & Construction LLC will begin work on the Attica road project at the end of April. They plan to work on both lanes simultaneously, with the project expected to be completed in just a few days. Circle C will also be submitting bids for the Freeport and Bluff City roads.

Public Works is still in the process of acquiring equipment for a traffic study on the Bluff City and Freeport roads. There was a discussion regarding the concrete pads for fuel tanks. An Inordinate Spending Authorization for \$29,808.00 to J & A Materials for culverts was submitted. Commissioner Struble moved to approve the request; the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Bennett will look into the culvert that was installed on NW 80 Road, between NW 140 Ave and NW 150 Ave.

There was a discussion about checking out the County's Dodge Durango, and it was decided that the Finance Department would

be responsible for checking out this vehicle.

Brooke Mantey, Appraiser, discussed the Homestead Tax Credit Policy for natural disaster. The county will adhere to the state statute for eligibility. FEMA Floodplain Regulations has been adopted and approved. Ms. Mantey has been appointed the FEMA Floodplain Manager, which involves overseeing floodplain regulations and FEMA related responsibilities in the county. There was a discussion about the possibility of subcontracting Planning and Zoning services to another county.

Josh Teel, Building & Grounds/IT, presented two Inordinate Spending Authorizations for the Dispatch remodel. The first one was for \$2,300.00 to Chad's TV and Appliance for TV's and Monitors. Commissioner McCurley moved to approve the request; the motion passed unanimously. The second one was for \$5,150.50 to Chad's TV and Appliance for kitchen appliances. This request was not approved. The commissioners asked for more information regarding the refrigerator. The third Inordinate Spending

Authorization was for \$1,209.05 to Cheney Door for Noxious Weed door repair. Commissioner Struble moved to approve the request; the motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion about the Industrial Park sign, which will be cleaned up and updated with the new information. Construction on the Dispatch radio tower will begin on April 23rd. Regarding the fuel tank concrete pads, Josh Teel will check with KDHE for the regulations around fuel tank concrete pad construction. Buildings and Grounds will handle the pad formation, and the concrete truck will come in to pour all the pads on the same day. It was the consensus of the board to open an account at Bomgaars for certain purchases but also reiterated to continue using local stores equally for other needs.

At 10:23 a.m. Commissioner Struble moved to enter into Executive Session. The justification for closing the meeting is to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Struble moved to extend the session at 10:30 a.m. for 10 minutes; the mo-

tion passed unanimously. The regular meeting resumed at 10:40 a.m., with no binding action taken.

Richard Raleigh, County Counselor, requested an opinion from the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission regarding whether a commissioner can participate in discussion and decision making on an NRP project. Mr. Raleigh informed the board that the Ethics Commission currently does not have an attorney who reviews and writes opinions. The decision was made to wait for an opinion from the Ethics Commission before proceeding further. There was a discussion regarding Homestead Tax Credit. Mr. Raleigh still needs to review the resolution related to this. He advised the board to follow Kansas State statutes for guidance on the proper procedures.

At 10:51 a.m., Commissioner Struble moved to recess for 5 minutes; the motion passed unanimously. The meeting reconvened at 10:56 a.m.

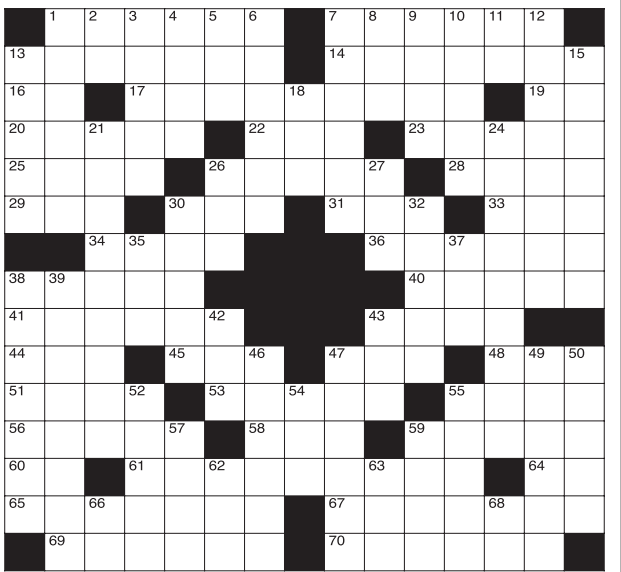
Shonda Larson, Finance Department, presented the Medical Consultant Contract. Commissioner McCurley moved to approve the contract; the motion passed unanimously. Two transfers were presented to the Board, all approved.

The commissioners decided to remove the county as an entity from further involvement in looking into the indoor swimming pool project. There was a discussion about a VFC provider for the county. It was decided that representatives from Patterson Health Center and the Health Department Administrator will meet with the commissioners to answer questions and provide information on what is involved in becoming a VFC provider.

At 11:18 a.m. Commissioner Struble moved to enter into Executive Session. The justification for closing the meeting is to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel. The motion passed unanimously. The regular meeting resumed at 11:30 a.m. with no binding action taken.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 7 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioner Room at the Harper County Courthouse.

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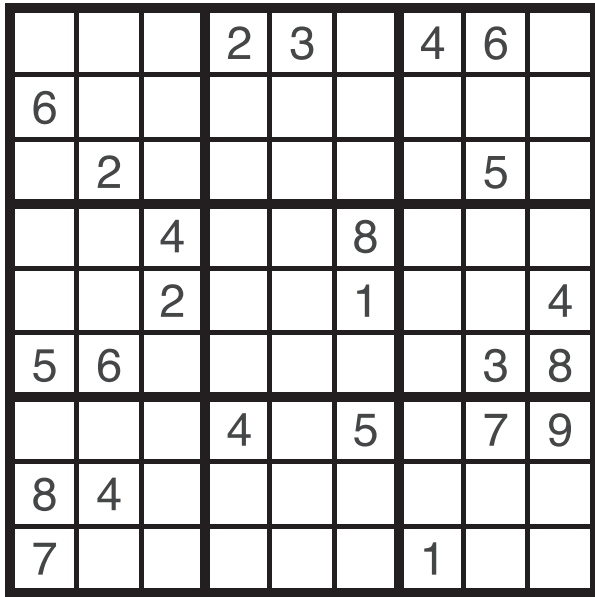


CLUES ACROSS

- Dark blacks
- Construct a wall to confine
- Most inappropriate
- A type of board
- Sacred Hindu syllable
- Flatterer
- The Granite State
- Tears down
- China's Chairman
- Former Houston footballer
- Periods of time
- Expressed pleasure
- World alliance
- A Brit's mother
- Television network
- Brother or sister
- Type of spirit
- ___ Ladd, actor
- A medium oversees it
- One time province of British India
- Wrong
- The highest parts of something
- Insect
- Baseball stat
- A way to use up
- Where wrestlers compete
- It helps elect politicians
- As fast as can be done
- Genus of legumes
- Samoan's capital
- Monument in Jakarta
- Former French coin
- Exploiters
- College sports official
- Uninterrupted in time
- Stephen King story
- Marked by no sound
- Weathers
- Denouncements
- More beloved

CLUES DOWN

- Winged nut
- It cools a home
- Kisses (French)
- Oxford political economist
- Keyboard key
- Leaf pores
- Agrees with publicly
- Not around
- Czech city
- Muscle cell protein
- Greek letter
- Movements
- Ned ___, composer
- Popular series Game of ___
- Exclamation that denotes disgust
- Helper
- Gift
- Up in the air (abbr.)
- Treat without respect
- Trims
- Slang for lovely
- City of Angels hoopster (abbr.)
- Guitarists' tool
- Island nation
- Delivered in installments
- A baglike structure
- Cooking vessel
- Gets in front of
- Wounded by scratching
- More breathable
- Medical dressings
- Indiana hoopster
- Married Marilyn
- An ancient Assyrian city
- Congressmen (abbr.)
- Approves food
- Ventura's first name
- Between northeast and east
- Atomic #71
- Email designation



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DISTRACTED WORD SEARCH

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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ORDINANCE NO. G-442

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE FAILURE TO COMPLY AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF CHAPTER 22-THE ENVIRONMENTAL CODE AND CHAPTER 28-HEALTH AND WELFARE, AMENDING SECTIONS 22-23, 22-162 AND 28-25 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF HARPER, KANSAS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HARPER:

SECTION 1: That Section 22-23 of the City Code of the City of Harper, Kansas be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 22-23. - Penalty

The public officer may file a complaint in the municipal court against any person found to be in violation of section 22-82; provided, however, that such person shall first have been sent a notice as provided in section 22-54 and that the person has neither alleviated the conditions causing the alleged violation nor requested a hearing before the governing body within the time periods specified in section 22-54. Upon such complaint in the municipal court, any person found to be in violation of section 22-82 shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of \$100, and upon second conviction of such a violation occurring within three years \$500, and upon third conviction of such a violation occurring within three years \$1,500, or by imprisonment, for not more than 30 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. For the purposes of this article, a separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which such violation is permitted to exist.

SECTION 2: That Section 22-162 of the City Code of the City of Harper, Kansas be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 22-162. – Failure to comply; penalty.

Should the person fail to comply with the notice to abate the nuisance or request a hearing, the enforcing officer may file a complaint in the municipal court of the city against such person and upon conviction of any violation of provisions of section 22-156, be fined in an amount of \$100, and

upon second conviction of such a violation occurring within three years \$500, and upon third conviction of such a violation occurring within three years \$1,500, or be imprisoned not to exceed 30 days or be both fined and imprisoned. Each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues after notice has been served shall constitute an additional or separate offense.

SECTION 3: That Section 28-25 of the City Code of the City of Harper, Kansas be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 28-25. – Failure to comply; penalty.

Should the person, corporation, partnership or association fail to comply with the order to abate the nuisance or request a hearing, the enforcing officer may file a complaint in the municipal court of the city against such person, corporation, partnership or association and upon conviction of any violation of provisions of section 28-19, be fined in an amount of \$100, and upon second conviction of such a violation occurring within three years \$500, and upon third conviction of such a violation occurring within three years \$1,500, or be imprisoned not to exceed 30 days or be both fined and imprisoned. Each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues after notice has been served shall constitute an additional or separate offense.

SECTION 4: That sections 22-23, 22-162 and 28-25 of the City Code of the City of Harper, Kansas, is hereby amended.

SECTION 5: This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its publication in the Harper Advocate. Passed by the City Council on this 14th day of April, 2025. Approved by the Mayor on this 14th day of April, 2025.

Eric Latta, Mayor

ATTEST:
(SEAL)

Tiffany M. Cooperrider,
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Philip W. Unruh

offense within a one-year period, the owner or harborer shall pay a fine of \$200, and upon third offense of such violation occurring within one year \$300, plus court costs and the cost for board billed.

(e) In the event any dog running at large is suspected of being rabid because of its actions or other visible signs and constituting a danger to any person, it may be humanely euthanized as provided by the state department of health and environment by the animal control officer or law enforcement officers of the city.

SECTION 3: That section 6-76 of the City Code of the City of Harper, Kansas, is hereby amended.

SECTION 5: This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its publication in the Harper Advocate. Passed by the City Council on this 14th day of April, 2025. Approved by the Mayor on this 14th day of April, 2025.

Eric Latta, Mayor

ATTEST:
(SEAL)

Tiffany M. Cooperrider,
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/Philip W. Unruh

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ORDINANCE NO. G-443

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE, AMENDING SECTION 6-76 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF HARPER, KANSAS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HARPER:

SECTION 1: That Section 6-76 of the City Code of the City of Harper, Kansas be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6-76 – Running at large prohibited; fine.

(a) It shall be unlawful for the owner or harborer of any dog to permit such dog to run at large within the city at any time.

(b) Any dog running at large within the city shall be impounded as set out in division 3 of this article.

(c) The owner of any dog running at large without the tag required by section 6-105 shall pay a fine of \$100, and upon second offense of such violation occurring within one year \$200, and upon third offense of such violation occurring within one year \$300, plus court costs and the cost for board billed.

(d) For the first offense of an animal running at large with a tag as required by section 6-105, the owner or harborer claiming any animal, shall, in addition to presenting a registration receipt, pay the cost of the board bill. For a second