

HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES/COUNTY COMMISSIONERS JOINT MEETING
January 26, 2022

Trustees Present: Tom Smith, Carl Tharman, Jason Taylor, Vernie Coy, Russell Karn

Trustee Absent: Kenneth Huss

Others Present: HCC President Deborah Fox; Randy Willy, HCC VP of Finance; Eric Ingmire, HCC VP of Student Services; Sharon Kibbe, Dean of Academic Affairs; Lucas Hunziger, Dean of Technical Education; Heather Mejia, Administrative Assistant to President/HR/Marketing; Eileen Gronniger, Director of HR; Peggy Franken, Doniphan County Clerk; Doniphan County Commissioners Tim Collins and Bobby Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Thomas Smith at 5:50 p.m. in the Lower Level Stadium Center on the HCC Highland Campus.

President Fox provided copies of her PowerPoint presentation on Institutional updates. She discussed the Mission and Vision statements of the College and explained specific subject points within the Master Plan and Strategic Plan. President Fox went over challenges that the College has been faced with and the steps that the Administration plans to take to address those challenges. Amongst those challenges was the shortage of available housing options in Doniphan County as well as childcare, which makes it difficult when hiring new instructors or staff members who are needing those options.

There was discussion about what could be done to help support the financial costs that the College endures without it drastically effecting the Doniphan County tax rates. Concerns about the County being able to contribute additional ambulances and EMT staff to the service area was discussed. A conversation was held about what the College could do to make more technical courses available on the Highland Campus for local students with the possibility that they might reside and work in Doniphan County after completion of their education. Lucas Hunziger, Dean of Technical Education, was present and able to give the Commissioners an update on the current Technical programs at the HCC Technical Center in Atchison, KS as well as a brief explanation of the challenges as to why it has been difficult to keep local EMT students in Doniphan County after they graduate.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Thomas Smith
Chairperson

Date

Carl Tharman
Secretary/Treasurer