Kinnie elected chairman of commissioner board

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Joe Kinnie was elected chairman for 2013 for the Phillips County Board of Commissioners.

Newly-elected commissioners Harlan Stern and Don Lock have jumped in to their roles on the board following their swearing-in ceremony in January to continue county business as usual. Stern and Lock will serve as co-chairs of the board in Kinnie's absence.

At their meeting Wednesday, Jan. 30, commissioners explained a safety issue in the county when landowners string electric wire across trail roads, which are not heavily used, to fence off pasture corn stalks in the winter.

The commissioners asked landowners to contact the road foremen when a situation like this comes up so the trail roads can be barricaded and marked as temporarily closed for the safety of the traveling public.

Road foreman for Phillips County Dist. 1 (Amherst area) is Evan Consalvos, 854-4173; Dist. 2 (Holyoke area) Kevin Scott, 854-3529; and Dist. 3 (Haxtun area) Mike Salyards, 774-7422.

In the month of January, the county secured the title to the 1975 mobile home, previously owned by Robert Carrick, on the property recently purchased by the county just east of the courthouse. The trailer was removed and county forces have completed a general cleanup of the outside areas on the property.

Commissioners approved Michael Davis as a Haxtun Fire representative and John Ayoub as a Holyoke EMT representative for terms on the Phillips County Communications Board.

Also at their meeting, the board reported that the county received approval of a state highway access permit, allowing the widening of the access to County Road 26 immediately west of Paoli.

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