

The Board of Woodson County Commissioners met in a regular business session on November 24th, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Courtroom, with Chairman Forsyth, Vice Chairman Yoho, Member Barnett, County Attorney Schlotterbeck, and County Clerk Porter.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Forsyth, Yoho, Barnett, Schlotterbeck and Porter.

Yoho moved to approve the agenda as amended. Barnett seconded the motion with Forsyth making it unanimous.

Barnett moved to approve the November 17th minutes as printed. Yoho seconded the motion with Forsyth making it unanimous.

The Board called Rebecca Johnson the SEKS Regional Health Department Director, to gather information regarding the Governor's mask mandate executive order 2068. Attorney Schlotterbeck discussed with the Board the recommendations of the Governor with the masks and distancing with the Covid-19. Yoho made the motion to opt out executive order 2068 from the Governor with Resolution #20-16. Barnett seconded the order with Forsyth making it unanimous.

The Board discussed they will continue to support the Woodson County Emergency Medical Service and the County Attorney Schlotterbeck will be drawing up a resolution stating that in the future, should consideration of relocating EMS services be brought to the table, it must be made known to the public, by vote. County Attorney will draw up resolution for the Board to sign.

Treasurer Zimmerman presented monthly reports. Yoho made the motion to accept the October monthly reports for the Board and Clerk to sign. Barnett seconded the motion with Forsyth making it unanimous. Zimmerman also discussed the up-date on the SPARK grant, distributing the money and deadlines.

Public Works Supervisor Onnen presented his weekly reports and reported on the county bridges.

Barnett moves we recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to protect employee confidentiality; to discuss employee performance for 15 minutes with Commissioners, County Attorney, County Clerk and Public Works Administrator Onnen at 9:15 a.m.; reconvene at 9:30 a.m. in the County Courtroom. Yoho seconded the motion with Forsyth making it unanimous.

EMS Director Cavender discussed the billing and budgetary for the department. Barnett made the motion for EMS Director Cavender to hire a new employee, Tine Everson as PRN. Yoho seconded the motion with Forsyth making it unanimous.

Emergency Preparedness Director Bartley discussed the tower situation with the Board. Yoho made the motion for Emergency Preparedness Director Bartley to proceed with the radio tower up-grade with At&t for \$1,000.00 a month which will be split three ways with Rural Fire, Sheriff's Department, and Toronto Fire Department. Barnett seconded the motion with Forsyth making it unanimous.

Rural Fire Chief Barney presented bids on purchasing a Polaris or Honda. Yoho made the motion for Barney to purchase a Polaris (and a skid and pump unit/plus nozzles) which all will be taken out of the Special Equipment account, no more than \$25,000.00. Barnett seconded the motion with Forsyth making it unanimous.

Sheriff Campbell presented a letter from the inmates to the Board (Commissioners). Sheriff also wanted to make it known, the Sheriffs Department will be providing assistance to the ambulance EMS service, body cams will be used, and there will not be any purchasing of vehicles as long as he is Sheriff. One of his deputies was tested for the Covid-19 and the test was negative.

Barnett made the motion for the Chairman to sign the audit contract for 2020 with Jarred Gilmore and Phillips. Yoho seconded the motion with Forsyth making it unanimous.

Yoho did give the Mason Organization the authority to put the Christmas decorations on the Courthouse lawn.


Barnett made the motion to have the bill from Design Mechanic for the amount of \$4069.11 paid in full. Yoho seconded the motion with Forsyth making it unanimous.

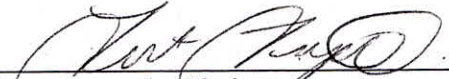
Yoho made the motion for the County to pay \$1,000.00 to the Veterans Honor Flight. Barnett seconded the motion with Forsyth making it unanimous.

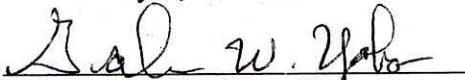
Clerk Porter addressed the status of the tax levy and values have been sent to the State, and waiting on a reply to approve the submission before tax statements can be sent out.

Barnett made the motion to pay vouchers for a total of \$161,354.80. Yoho seconded the motion with Forsyth making it unanimous.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Attest: 
Tammy R. Porter, County Clerk


Trent Forsyth, Chairman


Galen W. Yoho, Vice-Chairman


Monty Barnett, Member