

Regular Session Minutes

October 29th, 2024 at 8:50 A.M.

The Board of Woodson County Commissioners convened for its regular session on October 22nd, 2024 with Chairman Justin Clark, Vice-Chairman Kevin Stuber, County Counselor Bret Heim and County Clerk Amanda DeWitt present. Member Jerry Sedlacek was absent.

Kevin Stuber moved to approve the agenda. Justin Clark 2nd, motion passed.

Kevin Stuber moved to approve the minutes for October 22nd, 2024. Justin Clark 2nd, motion passed.

Bret Heim provided an updated legal letter draft for the water gap issue for Gary Ward.

Michelle Zimmerman, treasurer, requested an executive session for legal liability.

Kevin Stuber moved to recess into executive session for legal liability with the commissioners, clerk, treasurer, and county counselor for nine minutes until 9:15 a.m. Justin Clark 2nd, motion passed.

Bret Heim left at 9:16 a.m.

Annette Benteman, dispatch supervisor, wanted to discuss the transition of the commissioners taking over the dispatch department. She wanted to be sure the commissioners were aware the it is a lengthy process and not something that will be able to be done overnight. She expressed that dispatch helps the sheriff's department and they share a lot of expenses. She is concerned that dispatch's budget cannot support itself. She wanted to know how serious the discussion was. The commissioners let her know that they are aware it would be a process but the goal would be to take some of the pressure off of the sheriff's department and to make dispatch capable of supporting itself.

Nick Elder with Blue Cross Blue Shield brought in the insurance renewal options. The current grandfathered plan would see an increase of approximately 19% from the current rates. He provided two other options with a lower rate increase for the county but it would change several aspects of the employee's insurance and the county would not be able to return to the grandfathered plan if they were to change plans. He would like a response on which plan is selected by mid-November. The commissioners tabled the decision until Jerry Sedlacek was back at the next meeting.

Michelle Zimmerman, treasurer, brought in the idle investment report for the third quarter. She shared that the auditor will be here at the November 12th meeting.

Justin Clark moved to accept the idle investment report. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed.

Gary Ward, road and bridge supervisor, said there was a tree down on Fawn Rd and his team went out and got it cleared. They were checking more roads for downed trees due to the weather. He let the commissioners know that his employees are now working Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Justin Clark moved to sign vouchers in the amount of \$30,235.67. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed.

Michelle Zimmerman let the commissioners know they have had several issues with the elevator and a repairman is working to fix it.

Kevin Stuber moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. Justin Clark 2nd, motion passed.

Attest: 
Amanda DeWitt, County Clerk


Justin Clark, Chairman


Kevin Stuber, Vice-Chairman


Jerry Sedlacek, Member