

April 2nd, 2024

The Board of Woodson County Commissioners convened in a regular business session on April 2nd, 2024, with Vice-Chairman Kevin Stuber, Member Jerry Sedlacek, Attorney Zelda Schlotterbeck, and Certified County Clerk Tesla Bayles present.

The meeting began with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sedlacek moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Stuber. The motion passed unanimously.

Sedlacek then motioned for an attorney-client session from 8:34 to 8:45 with the attorney, board members, sheriff, and clerk. Stuber seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Minutes from the March 26th, 2024 meeting were presented for approval. Sedlacek moved to approve them, seconded by Stuber. The motion passed without objection.

Sheriff Jeff McCullough presented invoices from Everbridge and Nixle, seeking clarification on which departments should cover the bills. After discussion, it was agreed that Everbridge would be paid out of the general fund, while Nixle's bill would be covered by Dispatch. Sedlacek moved to fund Everbridge from the general fund, which was seconded by Stuber and passed unanimously. Additionally, Sedlacek moved to allocate the payment for Nixle from Dispatch, which was seconded by Stuber and also passed unanimously. McCullough informed the board of the limitations regarding the transfer of responsibilities between departments.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Gary Ward's presentation was deferred for a later time.

Cavender brought up a discrepancy regarding the payment amount for EMS staff serving as second-out ambulance responders. The Clerk informed the board that she did not have a motion or wage sheets approving \$60. After discussion, Sedlacek moved to increase the payment from \$50 to \$60, effective February 6th. Stuber seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Stuber emphasized the importance of adhering to legal protocols.

Sedlacek then motioned to recess into executive session for attorney-client privilege to discuss legal liability with the Commissioners, County Attorney, and EMS Director, starting at 9:12 a.m. and reconvening at 9:20 a.m. The motion was seconded by Stuber and passed unanimously.

Upon reconvening, Ward presented a bid and the Road and Bridge Report. Sedlacek moved to accept the bid from Murphy Tractor for a backhoe attachment, with funding from the special bridge fund. A discussion regarding a bridge plaque was tabled. Sedlacek further moved to authorize the acting chair to sign Gary Ward's position description, which was seconded by Stuber and passed unanimously. It was noted that a permit would be required from the city for a sign at the fairgrounds, and the board agreed to cover the associated fee.

A subsequent executive session was called to discuss non-elected personnel matters, including employee job performance. Sedlacek motioned to recess into executive session to protect employee confidentiality and discuss job performance for 7 minutes, with the Commissioners, County Attorney,

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and County Clerk Tesla Bayles, beginning at 9:43 a.m. The session reconvened in the commission room at 9:50 a.m., with Stuber seconding the motion, which passed unanimously.

Noxious Weed Director Jarrod McVey provided updates and proposals related to the management plan and eradication report for 2024. Several motions were made and unanimously approved by the board.

A brief break was taken. Sedlacek motioned to recess into executive session to protect employee confidentiality and discuss job performance for 12 minutes, with the Commissioners, Clerk, and Noxious Weed Director, beginning at 10:18 a.m.

After discussion, Sedlacek moved to retract the previous executive session motion, which was seconded by Stuber and passed unanimously.

Various updates and administrative matters were discussed, including courthouse lawn maintenance, the installation of an ice machine, and clarification regarding coolers at an upcoming event.

Stuber motioned to approve vouchers totaling \$24,504.96, seconded by Sedlacek, and unanimously passed.

The meeting was adjourned by Stuber at 11:03 a.m.

Justin Clark, Chairman

Attest: _____

Tesla Bayles, Woodson Certified County Clerk

Kevin Stuber, Vice-Chairman

Jerry Sedlacek, Member