

May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The Board of Woodson County Commissioners convened for its regular session on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 with Chairman Justin Clark, Vice-Chairman Kevin Stuber, Member Jerry Sedlacek, County Attorney Zelda Schlotterbeck and Deputy Election Clerk Teresa McCullough.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Stuber motioned to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Sedlacek and unanimously approved by Justin Clark.

Sedlacek then motioned to approve the amended minutes from April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, with Stuber seconding the motion with Clark making it unanimous.

Sedlacek motioned to recess into executive session for Attorney Client privileges for legal guidance regarding liability with the Commissioners and County Attorney to reconvene at 8:45 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room. Stuber seconded it, with Clark making it unanimous.

Sedlacek motioned to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss employee performance with Commissioners, County Attorney and County Sheriff to reconvene at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room. Stuber seconded the motion with Clark making it unanimous.

Ambulance Director Cari Cavender came to the board to discuss PTO. It was discussed by the Board. A motion was made by Sedlacek to approve the new Ambulance rates. Stuber seconded it, with Clark making it unanimous.

Solid Waste Supervisor Tracy Parks reported to the Board that he was taking the old back-up trash truck to get the transmission fixed in Joplin. He will be borrowing the R & B truck and trailer to do so. The new Roll-off truck should be in this week.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Gary Ward brought 2 bids to present to the Board for water and sewer installation in the Mechanics Shop. The bid includes stubbing up sewer and water and a concrete, sloped floor with toilet and sink. The room will be 20' x 14'. The room includes an office with a raised floor for cleaning purposes. This bid also includes 2 outside hydrants. The employees will do the finishing work. Stuber made the motion to accept the bid from Shepard Farm and Construction for \$5,695.00 to be paid out of the Courthouse account. Sedlacek seconded with Clark making it unanimous. The Commissioners and Ward discussed the pros and cons of John Deere vs. Caterpillar. Ward reported that a service contract for a grader was expired and that it saves the county in the long run to have such contract. Clark made the motion to sign the service contract for 5,000 hours at \$5.52 per hour. Stuber seconded the motion with Sedlacek making it unanimous.

Chari Bauman came to the Board with a request for funds for Birdies & Bluegrass. The requested amount would be used to help with the cost of a sound system for the Annual Birdies & Bluegrass Celebration. Stuber made the motion to allow the spending of \$500.00 to help with the cost of the sound system for the celebration.

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Clark made the motion to recess for a 10-minute break. Seconded by Sedlacek with Stuber making it unanimous.

Stuber wanted to thank all the volunteer firemen for protecting everyone last night. They took personal time away from their families to storm watch as the storms rolled through our county. It was greatly appreciated.

Annette Benteman handed out a list of protocols that Dispatch uses for all emergencies. All departments were to have their own ideas for improvement presented to her before this meeting to be included in this information. Benteman reported that she only heard from County Fire Chief, Nick Barney and Ambulance Director, Cari Cavender. The Commissioners and all emergency response personnel that were present read over the protocols. Since Benteman had only heard from 2 departments, the Commissioners gave another deadline of May 14<sup>th</sup>. If no contact has been made by this date, Benteman will go ahead with what she has been given. Another meeting will be held during Commission Meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup> when Dispatch will present the finished protocol list.

Sedlacek motioned to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to protect employee performance with the Commissioners, County Attorney and Ambulance Director Cari Cavender to reconvene at 11:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Room.

Stuber motioned to approve vouchers for \$85,453.43, with Clark seconding the motion and Sedlacek making it unanimous.

Clark moves to appoint Scott Carson, Principal of Iola High School to again serve as the Education representative on the 31<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Community and Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board. Stuber seconded the motion with Sedlacek making it unanimous.

Sedlacek made the motion to recess into executive session for Attorney Client privileges for contract liability with the Commissioners and County Attorney and Cari Cavender to reconvene at 11:45 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room. Stuber seconded it, with Clark making it unanimous.

Stuber made the motion to adjourn at 11:36 a.m. Sedlacek seconded the motion with Clark making it unanimous.

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Justin Clark, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa McCullough, Deputy Election Clerk

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Kevin Stuber, Vice-Chairman

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Jerry Sedlacek, Member