

## Commissioner Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

**Call to Order:** Chairman Justin Clark called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Present:** Justin Clark, Kevin Stuber, Jerry Sedlacek, Bret Heim, Amanda DeWitt

### Organizational Motions:

- Kevin Stuber moved for commissioners to remain in their current positions.
  - Jerry Sedlacek seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Jerry Sedlacek moved for the *Yates Center NEWS* to remain the official publication for the county.
  - Kevin Stuber seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### Approval of Agenda:

- Kevin Stuber moved to approve the agenda.
  - Jerry Sedlacek seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

- Jerry Sedlacek moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.
  - Kevin Stuber seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### Public Business:

- Aiden Yoho was contacted and referred to speak with Stephanie in the appraiser's office before the commissioners make a decision on signing his paperwork.

### Executive Session:

- Jerry Sedlacek moved to recess into executive session to discuss legal liability with the clerk, counselor, and commissioners until 9:15 a.m.
  - Kevin Stuber seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### Sheriff's Office Update:

- Jacob Morrison provided information about purchasing a surplus vehicle from the Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP). The vehicle is a Ford truck with low mileage that will need updates with lights.
- Kevin Stuber moved to allow the sheriff to spend \$34,250 to purchase the vehicle using sheriff capital outlay funds.
  - Jerry Sedlacek seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### Road & Bridge Update:

- Gary Ward informed the commissioners that Frank Gaines resigned.
- Justin Clark moved to sign the new hire sheet for Jasper Davis.
  - Kevin Stuber seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- The Department of Commerce will partially cover CDL training costs for two employees, with the county covering the remainder. Two other employees' training will be fully funded by the department.
- Gary Ward reported the purchase of 30 grader tires from SEK COOP at \$637 per tire, the lowest of three quotes.
- Road & Bridge (R&B) department is down two road graders, with one scheduled for repair today.

### Executive Session:

- Justin Clark moved to recess into executive session to discuss employee performance with the clerk, counselor, and commissioners until 9:55 a.m.
  - Kevin Stuber seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### Executive Session:

- Justin Clark moved to recess into executive session to continue discussing employee performance until 10:05 a.m.
  - Kevin Stuber seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### Executive Session:

- Jerry Sedlacek moved to recess into executive session for attorney-client privilege with the county counselor and commissioners until 10:15 a.m.
  - Kevin Stuber seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### Noxious Weed/Building Update:

- Jarrod McVey reported that elevator parts are expected by the 1st or 2nd week of February.
- Jerry spoke with Jarrod about ensuring accounts are paid before chemicals are disbursed.
- Snow removal efforts were discussed, with R&B employees assisting when needed.
- A new advertisement for a maintenance/custodian position was presented.

### Executive Session:

- Justin Clark moved to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel discussions with Jarrod McVey until 10:40 a.m.
  - Kevin Stuber seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### Noxious Weed/Building Update:

- Christmas lights are scheduled to come down Friday, and quotes are being gathered for new lights for next year.
- The roof of the extension office is leaking and requires repair.

**Solid Waste Department:**

- Justin Clark moved to approve the wage sheet for part-time employee Robert Doeden, with no benefits and a maximum of 999 hours annually.
  - Kevin Stuber seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Photos of rusted containers were reviewed, and James Kuron was advised to obtain repair quotes.
- The trash truck is back from the shop, though the actual cost exceeded the quote received.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Michelle Zimmerman presented the November department reports.  
Kevin Stuber moved to accept the November department reports.
  - Jerry Sedlacek seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Acknowledgements:**

- The commissioners officially recognize Jacob Morrison as Woodson County Sheriff and Jared Helkenberg as Undersheriff.

**Vouchers:**

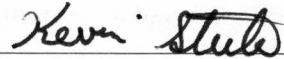
- Kevin Stuber moved to sign vouchers for the last two weeks totaling \$199,279.42.
  - Jerry Sedlacek seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Adjournment:**

- Kevin Stuber moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:27 a.m.
  - Jerry Sedlacek seconded the motion. Motion passed.



Justin Clark, Chairman



Kevin Stuber, Vice-Chairman



Jerry Sedlacek, Member

Attest:

  
Amanda DeWitt, County Clerk