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The Board of Woodson County Commissioners met in a regular business session on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. with Chairman Monty Barnett, Vice-Chairman Wayne Faulkner, Member Justin Clark, County Attorney Zelda Schlotterbeck and County Clerk Tesla Bayles.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Barnett made the motion to approve the agenda. Faulkner second it, with Clark making it unanimous.

Clark made the motion to approve February 23, 2021 minutes as written. Faulkner second it with Barnett making it unanimous.

Sheriff McCullough shared with the Board that he had received a refund check for the amount of \$36,600 to deposit into his Next Gen account. McCullough will be attending Sheriff School next week.

Public Works Supervisor Dane Onnen gave updates on his progress constructing a bridge on Deer Rd. The Road and Bridge Department removed trees for the Yates Center Senior Center. Onnen will be taking bids for stump removals. Three trucks are out of service due to needing a re-gen machine. Onnen gave a positive review on his new Forman Jason Smith.

Treasurer Michelle Zimmerman presented Revenue and Expenditure reports for Heritage Hills Apartments. The reports show Heritage Hills is not producing enough revenue to cover expenses and is costing the county tax dollars each month. Faulkner moved to approve the 2020 Annual Reports and Monthly Reports for January 2021. Clark second the motion with Barnett making it unanimous. Zimmerman informed the Board Allen County Treasurer stopped processing commercial tags causing a large influx of customers in her office.

Faulkner moved to allow Chairman Barnett to sign Southeast Kansas Public Works Agreement. Clark second it with Barnett making it unanimous.

Clark moved to allow Dane Onnen to purchase a re-gen tool for the amount of \$7,995. Faulkner second the motion with Barnett making it unanimous.

Maintenance Supervisor Murray discussed drinking water options in the courthouse. Faulkner moves to remove the water fountain due to mold concerns on the first floor. Clark second it with Barnett making it unanimous.

Clark moved to approve heater repair costs for Neosho Falls Senior Center. Faulkner second it with Barnett making it unanimous.

The Board of Commissioners signed wage increase forms for county employees with the exception of Commissioners, Sheriff's Department, Dispatch and Ambulance who did not receive raises.

Fire Chief Nick Barney presented a Circle D quote for transforming a Westar Truck into a Fire Truck. Barney and McCullough requested to use the old Noxious Weed building for Sheriff storage. The board agreed. Clark moved to accept the bid from Weis Fire for the amount of \$14,750 to purchase a skid unit, and the bid from Circle D for the amount of \$1,310 to transform a Westar truck into a fire truck. Faulkner second the motion with Barnett making it unanimous. Nick Barney is offering to donate a fire side by side from the Rural Fire Department to the Toronto Fire Department.

Clark made the motion to enter executive session for non-elected personnel to protect employee confidentiality; to discuss employee performance for 10 minutes with the Board, County Attorney, County Clerk starting at 11:17 a.m. and reconvened, in the courtroom at 11:27 a.m. with no binding action taken. Faulkner second it, with Barnett making it unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Monty Barnett, Chairman

Tesla Bayles, County Clerk

Wayne Faulkner, Vice-Chairma

Justin Clark, Member