

The Board of Woodson County Commissioner's met in a regular business session on May 18th, 2021 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.

Clark moved to approve the agenda for May 18th, 2021 as amended. Faulkner second it, with Barnett making it unanimous.

Faulkner moved to approve the minutes from May 11th as written. Clark second it, with Barnett making it unanimous.

Attorney Schlotterbeck discussed ambulance liability. Faulkner added that other counties our size run their ambulance department the same way Woodson County does. Schlotterbeck informed the board that House Bill 2313 and Senate Bill 273 does not appear to apply to us. Resolution 21-07 will be amended next week.

Faulkner moved to recess into executive session for Attorney Client privileges to discuss legal liability for 10 minutes with the Commissioners and the County Attorney starting at 8:44 a.m. and reconvened at 8:54 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room. Clark second it, with Barnett making it unanimous.

Sheriff McCullough presented to the board his weekly activity stats. All the showers have been removed from the jail. There is a lot of scrap in the bull pen that needs hauled off. Faulkner moved to allow the Sheriff's Office to allow Dane Onnen to haul the scrapped showers to Tim Sicka's Metal Shop and the proceeds will go to the jail because the property has no further use for the county. Clark second it, with Barnett making it unanimous. The plumbing is done except concrete needs poured back over the pipes.

EMS Director Cari Cavender presented to the board her Weekly Ambulance Run Log. Faulkner informed Cavender he believes that Cari the Ambulance Barn is operating correctly.

Public Works Supervisor Dane Onnen spoke about the LED sign that is being placed by the Rural Fire Barn. There is no permit from the state to install the sign. Onnen is going to go speak with Kyle Day to be sure everyone is on the same page. Foreman Jason Smith does not agree that he needs a CDL licenses within a year as stated in his new Foreman Contract. The purpose for this is incase he needs to drive any other Road and Bridge Equipment. Barnett informed the Foreman that only county officers have the authority to hire and fire according to state law. Jason agreed. The new contract for Jason Smith as Road and Bridge Forman was signed. The bridge up North's banisters were poured, and the fence is half completed. Barnett received an incredibly positive thank you phone call for their work on 180th and Rock to the county line. Onnen is getting permits to do the chip and seal for Nighthawk Rd. that will begin in July. Foreman Smith informed the commissioners he is glad they received a thank you, but he is not satisfied with 180th and Rock. Jason says the county is losing the road and has soft spots due to not putting more than 6 inches of rock down. Signs have been placed on Rock Rd informing drivers the road is under construction.

Faulkner moved to recess into a 5-minute break 9:23 a.m. to 9:28 a.m. Clark second it, with Barnett making it unanimous.

Brad Scheidmier the Coffey County IT Director came to speak to the board about what an IT director job duty entail. Coffey County has over 200 computers and 20 servers. Brad does all the updates on every

computer. He is in charge of purchasing all computers. Coffey County has had an IT Department for 20 years. The main difference between hiring an in-house IT Technician and hiring a company is the personal aspect of it. His professional opinion is it is preferable to hire a full time inhouse IT Director. They use Kaspersky for security on their computers. Brad's salary is 1/3 of the budget for the IT.

Carl Lee the Emergency Management Director came to introduce himself and will be Woodson Counties point of contact until further notice.

Steve from Advantage Computers in Iola introduced himself he is one of the owners. Advantage has 30 employees that service a large part of Kansas. His services are more when needed. They can assist with almost any hardware except copiers. They use Trend Micro in almost all their environments. They build their own computers they do not buy other companies' computers. They have a complete approach on how to defend from outside networks. The benefit of signing a contract with Advantage is a decreased labor charge from \$75 dollars per hour to \$60 per hour. Tabled for a later date.

Barnett moved to take a 5-minute break from 10:27 a.m. to 10:32 a.m.

Chamber of Commerce Director Marlana Smith asked to extend the beer garden from the square to the bull bash. Clark moved to extend the beer garden from the square to the bull bash. Faulkner second it, with Barnett making it unanimous.

J.J. Edwards said the American Rescue Plan is releasing money and ask to administrate or help administrate the funds. Another option is to have a member of revitalization board to be on the board to disperse the funds. Mrs. Myklka helps and follows regulations for CARES act, she has written and or assisted with over 1 million grants. Mrs. Myklka is offering to contribute her expertise to help disperse the funds that is most beneficial for our community. Woodson County Revitalize received a \$5,000 dollar grant to help fund other activities to obtain higher level grants. Saturday they will be cleaning up around the square.


Diane Ludwig requested to omit the first line of her contractual employee contract stating she has to work 2 days a week. Clark made the motion to give Jerry Mentzer the authority to amend Diane Ludwig's contract for 2021. Faulkner second it, with Barnett making it unanimous.

Stephanie Bedell joined the board to discuss the zoning board resolution. The building permits in question have not been paid. The neighbors of the Stillwater Retreat have not protested the Still Water Resort Business. If another issue arises where the owners violate the zoning regulations it may turn result in a criminal matter. Faulkner moved to approve resolution 21-10 a resolution concerning approval of a conditional use permit on certain property in the unincorporated portion of Woodson County, Kansas. Clark second it, and Justin voted no and motion passed.

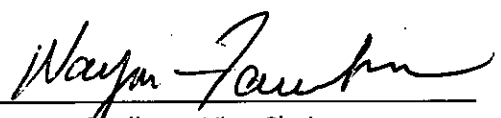
The Board has been informed the owners of Still Water Retreat has not paid the newspaper for the public hearing ad so the resolution will not take effect until it is published resulting in no conditional use permit.


The bids from Mike Fitzgerald for Neosho Valley Senior Center were tabled until a later date.

Faulkner moved to adjourn at 12:19 p.m. Clark second it, with Barnett making it unanimous.

Attest: 
Tesla Bayles, County Clerk


Monty Barnett, Chairman


Wayne Faulkner, Vice-Chairman


Justin Clark, Member