

The Board of Woodson County Commissioners met in a regular business session on December 13th, 2022 with Chairman Justin Clark, Vice-Chairman Wayne Faulkner, Attorney Zeldia Schlotterbeck and County Clerk Tesla Bayles.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Faulkner made the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Clark seconded it. The motion passed.

Clark made the motion to approve December 6th, 2022 minutes. Faulkner seconded it. The motion passed.

The board declared a new policy stating that when the board goes into executive session all attendees of the meeting must take all belongings out in the hall.

Faulkner made the motion to recess into executive session for Attorney Client privileges to discuss legal liability for 15 minutes with the Commissioners, and County Attorney starting at 8:35 a.m. and reconvened at 8:50 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room. Clark seconded it. The motion passed.

Road and Bridge Supervisor timothy Dimick presented rock quotes to the board. No motion was made. 110th and Kanza was rocked and graded. The asphalt area was maintenance as well. The board informed Dimick that his department needs another road grader operator due to the resignation of an employee. American Tower Corporation is going to provide a quote to move a radio. The cost of moving the Road and Bridge Barn was discussed but no set amount was given. Dimick will continue to get bids and quotes for the price of outfitting the parking garage into the new Road and Bridge Shop.

Undersheriff Andrew Paasch presented the weekly activity statistics. Paasch informed the board that on 12/12/22 a bomb threat was called into the high school during a basketball game. All kinds and attendees were evacuated and sheltered at the Presbyterian church. All close neighbors to the school where also evacuated. Paasch stated that communication between different departments where effective during the evacuation and throughout the entire process. Emergency Preparedness Director Timothy Dimick gave a positive report on how the threat was handled. A complaint was received about the officers entering the school with long rifles. Paasch clarified that the threat they received stated that there was an individual with a bomb in a specific classroom. The board offered to assist in cleaning fees to the Presbyterian church.

EMS Director Cari Cavender came to the board to discuss the generator being purchased for the ambulance barn. Cavender explained that the generator needs to be paid in full before it can be installed. Faulkner made the motion to pay \$6,879 for the generator which includes delivery, setup and registration to be paid out of ARPA. Clark seconded it. Cavender stated that mutual aid cannot be used for the first out. Mutual aid can be used for the second out.

A representative from the Rural Water Department came to the board to request ARPA funds. Total amount requested was \$43,405 to replace valves and other measures to improve the rural water system. The board requested a typed quote to be emailed to Treasurer Zimmerman. The board stated that all work paid for must be done in Woodson County.

Clark recessed for a 5-minute break. Faulkner seconded it. The motion passed.

A representative from Mayer came to the board to discuss the Piqua sewer project. There were 33 pipes inspected at 100 percent of the pipe. He reported the pipes are in very good shape. Mayer will put together a list of pipes he suggests needs fixed he does not think it will be any significant repairs. 15 manhole covers need to be raised to be at grade. Some are above grade; some lids are not sealed or are cracked. He estimated the cost for repairs will be between \$25,000 and \$50,000. Clark made the motion to pay Mayer \$26,095.08 for the maintenance and repairs to the Piqua Sewer to be paid out of ARPA. Faulkner seconded it. The motion passed.

John Weseloh informed the board that only two lights are working in the extension office. Dale is retiring from the extension office. The board decided that the office secretary or anyone who works at the extension office can report to the Clerk or Commissioners any repairs that need to be made to the county owned buildings.

Noxious Weed, Solid Waste and Maintenance Supervisor presented to the board a scope of work from H&H to fix the flat roof. Faulkner moved to allow H&H to repair the flat roof for \$7,000 to be paid out of ARPA. Clark seconded it. The elevator and boiler passed inspection. Faulkner made the motion to all McVey to order 8 tires for the trash trucks. Clark seconded it. Faulkner made the motion to allow the Solid Waste Department to be closed New Years Eve Eve December 31st, 2022. Clark seconded it. The motion passed.

Appraiser Jerry Mentzer asked the board to exempt two employees for medical reasons from the CPR Training class. The board approved.

Took a 5-minute break.

Clark made the motion to resend the motion to close the courthouse on January 3rd for year end closing and to close the courthouse on December 30th for year end closing. Faulkner seconded it. The motion passed.

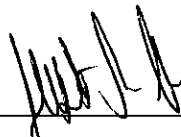
Faulkner made the motion to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to protect employee confidentiality; to discuss employee contract for 15 minutes with the Commissioners, County Clerk, and County Attorney starting at 11:46 a.m. and reconvened at 12:06 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room. Clark seconded it. The motion passed.


Faulkner made the motion to pay vouchers for \$95,236.73 Clark seconded it. The motion passed.

Clark made the motion to send the revised contract to Cari Cavender. The contract is due and to be turned into the County Clerk's Office by Monday December 19th, 2022. Faulkner seconded it. The motion passed.

Clark declared adjournment at 12:42 p.m.

Attest: _____
Tesla Bayles, County Clerk



Justin Clark, Chairman


Wayne Faulkner, Vice-Chairman