

The Board of Woodson County Commissioners met in a regular business session on December 20th, 2022 with Chairman Justin Clark, Vice-Chairman Wayne Faulkner, Member Monty Barnett, County Attorney Zelda Schlotterbeck and County Clerk Tesla Bayles.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Faulkner made the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Barnett seconded it, with Clark making it unanimous.

Faulkner made the motion to approve the minutes from December 12th, 2022. Barnett seconded it, with Clark making it unanimous.

Faulkner made the motion to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to protect employee confidentiality; to discuss employee contract for 10 minutes with the Commissioners, County Clerk, and County Attorney starting at 8:40 a.m. and reconvened at 8:50 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room. Barnett seconded it, with Clark making it unanimous.

Road and Bridge Director Timothy Dimick informed the board the Road and Bridge crew is preparing for a winter storm. Dimick asked permission to buy steel toe boots for every Road and Bridge employee that is not office staff. Faulkner moved to allow Dimick to purchase boots for all Road and Bridge employees not to exceed \$250 per employee every two years. Clark seconded it, with Barnett making it unanimous. Dimick informed the board that Thursday night wind chills will be -25 degrees. Dimick discussed the dangers of electric space heaters and electricity black outs. The county does have buildings available to create a shelter if a black out occurs. Dimick presented a rough estimate for the cost of material and labor for new shop. Barnett made the motion to allow Dimick to begin construction on the West shop not to exceed \$35,000 to be taken out of Road and Bridge Capital Outlay. Clark seconded it, with Faulkner making it unanimous.

Sheriff Jeff McCullough presented the weekly activity stats. Currently the jail is housing 9 inmates. Ralph with Secure-Tech came to the board with Sheriff McCullough to discuss security measures and panic buttons in the courthouse. The panic button that Secure-Tech has will send out a text message and email to all employees if the button is pushed. It will also send a message out over the Sheriff's radio when the button is pushed. No decision was made.

Clark made motion to take a 5-minute recess. Faulkner seconded it, with Barnett making it unanimous.

Wayne Blackburn with Black Stone came to the board to discuss the benefits of Black Stone. Mr. Blackburn asked if the board would be interested in designating him as the County Engineer. He would write infrastructure grants and be a representative at the state level for Woodson County. The hourly rate is \$130 an hour. He is asking roughly \$1650 a month. No decision was made.

Treasurer Michelle Zimmerman presented invoices to be taken out of ARPA. Clark made the motion to pay \$52,517.00 for the new construction in the District Court office. Faulkner seconded it; discussion took place. Lisa Page came to the meeting and stated that the district court office will pay \$5,000 to help cover the cost. The custodian will be assisting with painting and some finishing work that was not covered by advantage. Barnett made it unanimous, motion passed. Faulkner made the motion to pay Fire-X \$15,110 for the fire alarm system. To be paid out of ARPA. Clark seconded it, with Barnett making it unanimous. Zimmerman presented the bid from Wacey Douglas for the Rural Water Improvements.

Clark made the motion to approve Rural Water District #9 improvements for \$43,405 to be paid out of ARPA. Faulkner seconded it, with Barnett making it unanimous.

EMS Director Cari Cavender checked the 6 AEDs in the courthouse. The 3 in the Courthouse and the 3 in the out buildings all need the pads replaced. The board instructed Cavender to order the pads and pay them out of Courthouse Budget. Cavender presented the weekly ambulance run log. Cavender informed the board that all employees who are not exempt are certified in CPR. The board decided that all employees need to keep their certification throughout employment.

Noxious Weed, Solid Waste and Maintenance Supervisors informed the board that the custodian is working on the District Court office and the upstairs bathroom. One employee in the Solid Waste Department is resigning.

Faulkner moved to take a 5-minute break. Clark seconded it, with Barnett making it unanimous.

Faulkner made the motion to allow the Chair to sign the cereal malt beverage license for Country Junction, Silverado's and The Salty Heifer. Barnett seconded it, with Clark making it unanimous.

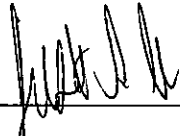
Clerk Bayles will get quotes for a laptop for the County Commissioners to use for the HR Evaluation Program.

Faulkner made the motion to allow the Chairman to sign the Ambulance Director agreement. Barnett seconded it, with Clark making it unanimous.

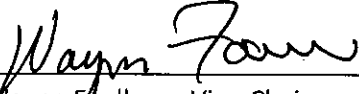
Clark made the motion to pay vouchers for \$52,960.46. Faulkner seconded it, with Barnett making it unanimous.

Clark declared adjournment at 12:36 p.m.

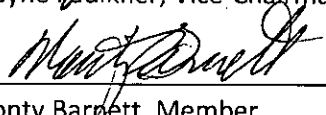
Attest: _____
Tesla Bayles, County Clerk



Justin Clark, Chairman



Wayne Faulkner, Vice-Chairman



Monty Barnett, Member