The Board of Woodson County Commissioners met in a regular business session on May 16th, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. with Chairman Wayne Faulkner, Vice Chairman Jerry Sedlacek, Member Justin Clark, County Attorney Zelda Schlotterbeck and Deputy Election Clerk Teresa McCullough.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Sedlacek made the motion to approve the agenda. Clark seconded; with Faulkner making it unanimous.

Sedlacek made the motion to approve the amended minutes from May 9th<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Clark seconded; with Faulkner making it unanimous.

Road and Bridge Supervisor/Emergency Management Director Timothy Dimick came advising the board that the excavator will be needing repairs soon. Dimick and the board agreed that because of expense, the repairs can wait. KDOT Bridge was discussed. There was discussion of putting rock on 120<sup>th</sup> Road so the Post Office can get mail to a newly built home.

Sheriff McCullough brought to the board his Weekly Activity Stats. Parking was discussed for the judge.

EMS Director Cari Cavender came to the board to discuss her budget. This discussion will continue next week.

Nathan Fawson, Executive Director of Kansas Mental Health Center came to familiarize the board with his program and the services offered. The requested funding would support their mission to provide, advocate and coordinate quality mental health care for Woodson County citizens regardless of their ability to pay. SEK Mental Health is requesting \$39,580.00 for their budget in 2024. Faulkner moved to appoint Katy Rogers to the Board of SEK Mental Health. Seconded by Clark; with Sedlacek making it unanimous.

Kathy Brennon, Executive Director of SEK Area on Aging along with her associate director came to inform the board of the needs and services of their organization. They provide meals and in home support for qualifying individuals and respite care for their caregivers along with many other services. They are asking for an increase of \$500.00 from last years budget. Faulkner moved to allow chair to sign the Woodson County Proclamation proclaiming May 2023 as Older American Month. Clark seconded; with Sedlacek making it unanimous.

Jerry Mentzer, Woodson County Appraiser came to the board to discuss a raise for Diane Ludwig. He will bring a wage increase sheet to the board next week.

Faulkner made the motion to pay vouchers for \$32,832.46. Clark seconded; with Faulkner making it unanimous.

The commissioners met with EMS Director Cari Cavender at the Ambulance building to look over some fixture and building concerns and to discuss the most beneficial placement of the mini-split for cooling in the Ambulance Bay.

Faulkner made the motion to adjourn at 11:16 a.m.

Attest: W. C. Houd.

Teresa McCullough, Deputy Election Clerk

Wayne Faulkner, Chairman

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Jerry Sedlacek, Vice-Chairman

Justin Clark, Member