

Commissioner Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, January 7th, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Call to Order: Chairman Justin Clark called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Justin Clark, Kevin Stuber, Jerry Sedlacek, Amanda DeWitt

Approval of Agenda

- Kevin Stuber moved to approve the agenda as presented.
- Jerry Sedlacek seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Jerry Sedlacek moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.
- Kevin Stuber seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Executive Session

- Jerry Sedlacek moved to recess into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel matters to protect employee confidentiality until 9:20 a.m. with the commissioners.
- Kevin Stuber seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Sheriff's Office Update

- Sheriff's office reported no issues in the jail as they currently do not have prisoners.
- The generator at the sheriff's office requires some maintenance.

Technology Update

- Michelle provided an update on the server. The server has been fixed, and space was freed up.
- Kevin Stuber suggested shopping around for better server solutions and companies offering related services.

150th Celebration Planning - Yates Center

- Nancy Kelly and Kathe Hamman attended the meeting to discuss the upcoming 150th celebration of Yates Center, scheduled for Labor Day weekend
- The Historical Society is planning the event and is requesting use of the square and courthouse lawn.
- The commissioners agreed to allow them to use the property.

Aiden Yoho – Tire Bales Request

- Aiden Yoho requested that the commissioners sign off on the tire bales on his family's property to facilitate their release from the state.

Executive Session

- Justin Clark moved to recess into executive session until 10:00 a.m. for attorney-client privilege to discuss legal liability with the commissioners and county counselor.
- Kevin Stuber seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Break

- Justin Clark moved to take a 5-minute recess.
- Kevin Stuber seconded the motion. Motion passed.

EMS Update

- Cari Cavender presented the weekly EMS run log.
- The commissioners discussed renewing the Ambulance Director contract.

Approval of Ambulance Director Agreement

- Justin Clark moved to approve the Ambulance Director agreement reflecting a 3.5% salary increase for 2025 from the 2024 salary.
- Kevin Stuber seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Executive Session

- Justin Clark moved to recess into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel matters, specifically employee performance, until 10:30 a.m.
- Kevin Stuber seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Road and Bridge Department Update

- Gary Ward, Road and Bridge Supervisor, reported the hiring of two new employees: David Waddell and Frank Gaines.
- The department is continuing to work on applying for a grant.
- Employees were off work yesterday due to weather. They were on call for emergencies. They are now checking for downed trees on county roads.

Approval of New Hires – Road and Bridge

- Kevin Stuber moved to approve the wage sheet for David Waddell as a new hire for Road and Bridge.
- Jerry Sedlacek seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Jerry Sedlacek moved to approve the wage sheet for Frank Gaines as a new hire for Road and Bridge.
- Kevin Stuber seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Update on Ice Storm

- John Atkin provided an update on the ice storm situation.
- He is working on situation for the east tower. It would cost approximately \$10,000 to acquire it due to necessary repairs and insurance.
- He requested a 10-minute executive session to discuss security matters.

Executive Session

- Jerry Sedlacek moved to recess into executive session until 11:25 a.m. to discuss security measures with the commissioners and John Atkin.
- Kevin Stuber seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Resolution for Employee Wage Increases

- Amanda DeWitt presented the resolution for wage increases for all Woodson County employees.
- Kevin Stuber moved to approve Resolution 25-01, granting a 3.5% cost-of-living wage increase to all county employees.
- Jerry Sedlacek seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Year-End Financial Update

- Michelle reported that the year-end financials are complete, but some issues remain due to CIC updates.

Executive Session

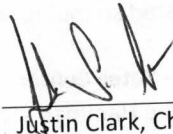
- Kevin Stuber moved to recess into an executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel matters and protect employee confidentiality with the commissioners and the county clerk until 12:10 p.m.
- Justin Clark seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Adjournment

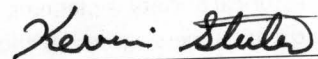
- Kevin Stuber moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:11 p.m.
- Justin Clark seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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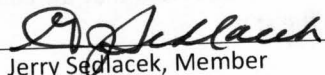
Amanda DeWitt, County Clerk



Justin Clark, Chairman



Kevin Stuber, Vice-Chairman



Jerry Sedlacek, Member