

Regular Session Minutes

October 1st, 2024 at 8:30 A.M.

The Board of Woodson County Commissioners convened for its regular session on October 1st, 2024 with Chairman Justin Clark, Vice-Chairman Kevin Stuber, Member Jerry Sedlacek, and County Clerk Amanda DeWitt. County Counselor Bret Heim arrived at 9:10a.m.

Jerry Sedlacek moved to approve the agenda. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed.

Kevin Stuber moved to approve the minutes for September 24th, 2024. Jerry Sedlacek 2nd, motion passed.

Kevin Stuber said that H&H is scheduled to start the repairs to the community building roof on Thursday.

Jared Helkenburg, undersheriff, said that they have increased their presence in Toronto due to thefts and squatters.

Michelle Zimmerman provided the August department reports.

Justin Clark moved to accept the August department reports for receipts, disbursements, and balances. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed.

Michelle Zimmerman has spoken with the tax sale attorney. The county is on their list and they are prepared to moved forward with the next steps. She needs a motion to proceed with the tax sale and the commissioners will need to designate a title company.

Justin Clark moved to approve moving forward with the 3-years for homestead and 2-years for non-homestead properties for an annual tax sale. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed.

Jerry Sedlacek moved to designate Joel Porter with Woodson County Title for the annual tax sale. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed.

Michelle Zimmerman let the commissioners know that the Yates Center News will be used as the official paper for the tax sale due to it being the official county paper.

Michelle Zimmerman plans to talk to Brandy Slater regarding the fees for the tax sale so that the fees can be established at the next meeting.

Jarrold McVey said the gutter work on the courthouse is complete. The air compressor on the A/C unit for the courtroom went out and a repair company is here working on it. The extension office had a roof leak in one of the offices and material has been ordered to repair the leak. He recently replaced the U.S. Flag at the top of the courthouse.

Jarrold McVey is working with Robert Link on the plans to seed the courthouse lawn now that we have had some rain.

Jarrold McVey has continued spraying and respraying where they have mowed. He plans to switch over to the bare ground spraying in the winter.

Jarrold McVey let the commissioners know that he is now able to accept credit cards for chemical purchases.

Molly Shaughnessy with Hope Unlimited came with a proclamation to make October Domestic Violence Awareness month.

Jerry Sedlacek moved to proclaim October Domestic Violence Awareness month. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed.

Jerry Sedlacek moved to recess into an executive session for attorney client privilege to discuss legal liability with the commissioners, county counselor, and county clerk until 9:49 a.m. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed.

Kevin Stuber moved to recess into an executive session for attorney client privilege to discuss legal liability with the commissioners, county counselor, and county clerk until 10:02 a.m. Jerry Sedlacek 2nd, motion passed.

Amanda DeWitt, county clerk, provided an overtime report by department for the commissioners to review.

Justin Clark moved to recesses into an executive session for attorney client privilege to discuss legal liability until 10:30 a.m. with the commissioners, Cari Cavender, county clerk, and county counselor. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed.

Justin Clark made the decision to take a break until 10:37 a.m.

Cari Cavender, EMS Director, brought up her concerns regarding the proposed PTO policy change. She is concerned the proposed change would negatively affect her budget. Jerry Sedlacek stated that any changes to the current policy would cost the county more money and he does not want to do that. Cari Cavender feels like the 24 hours per month for employees over 15 years is too much. Justin Clark stated that he was not comfortable making a decision today and tabled the matter.

Jerry Sedlacek moved to recess into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for employee performance to protect confidentiality with the county counselor, commissioners, county clerk, and Gary Ward until 11:10 a.m. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed.

Gary Ward provided photos of a water gap near Neosho Falls. The chains used to hold the water gap in place are causing damage to the bridge. Bret Heim will draft a letter to the property owner to remove the structure within 30 days.

Gary Ward let the commissioners know he has discussed a trade with Joe Greer. The trade would consist of four old trailers and an old truck belonging to the county being traded for a used 2016 skid steer with rubber tracks with 3900 hours on it. The skid steer would be used for cleaning out under bridges. The commissioners tabled the discussion until next week.

Gary Ward brought in the Kansas handbook for traffic control guidance for low-volume rural roads. According to the handbook the signs on 110th and Jay Rd were out of compliance prior to the change that was made. The signs are now in compliance.

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Judie Laws came in to find out how the commissioners determine who they hire for county business. They let her know that there is a requirement to get a bid for anything over \$250,000. She wanted to encourage the commissioners to give local businesses an opportunity to work with county even if they choose to hire a different person they should allow locals the opportunity.

Kevin Stuber made a motion to pay vouchers in the amount of \$35,484.83. Jerry Sedlacek 2nd, motion passed.

Kevin Stuber made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:12 p.m. Jerry Sedlacek 2nd, motion passed.

Justin Clark, Chairman



Kevin Stuber, Vice-Chairman



Jerry Sedlacek, Member

Attest: _____

Amanda DeWitt, County Clerk