

Regular Session Minutes

October 22nd, 2024 at 8:30 A.M.

The Board of Woodson County Commissioners convened for its regular session on October 22nd, 2024 with Vice-Chairman Kevin Stuber, Member Jerry Sedlacek, County Counselor Bret Heim and County Clerk Amanda DeWitt present. Chairman Justin Clark arrived at 8:38 a.m.

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

Jerry Sedlacek moved to approve the minutes for October 15th, 2024. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed.

Bret Heim provided a draft for the water gap issue. He is looking into Kansas regulations regarding attaching anything to bridges. Adjustments were made to the draft and will be emailed to Gary Ward, Road and Bridge Supervisor.

Jerry Sedlacek moved to recess into executive session for attorney client privilege to discuss legal liability until 8:45 a.m. with the commissioners, clerk, and Cari Cavender, EMS Director. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed.

Jerry Sedlacek moved to recess into executive session for attorney client privilege to discuss legal liability until 8:50 a.m. with the commissioners, clerk, Cari Cavender, and Jared Helkenberg, undersheriff. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed.

Cari Cavender, EMS director, needs to replace the firewall on her computers. She provided an estimate from Advantage Computers for \$634.00, which would be paid out of her special equipment fund.

Kevin Stuber moved to approve giving Cari Cavender the ability to have Advantage Computers install new firewalls on the computers. Justin Clark 2nd, motion passed.

Cari Cavender will be offering CPR classes for county employees on November 19th, 20th, and 21st.

Gary Ward mentioned that Piqua does not have an AED and wanted to know if Cari Cavender was planning on having one placed there. The matter was tabled to a future meeting.

Jerry Sedlacek moved to recess into executive session for attorney client privilege with the commissioners and counselor until 9:10 a.m.

Bret Heim left the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

Chris Kuron, solid waste supervisor, submitted a letter of resignation. His last day will be November 1st, 2024.

Justin Clark moved to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to protect confidentiality to discuss employee performance until 9:30 a.m. with the commissioners and Chris Kuron. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed.

Justin Clark asked Chris Kuron to type out procedures as much as possible for the solid waste department over the next few weeks.

Steve Thompson, county appraiser, came with Bruce Hardesty from SAM Companies to present on a web-based GIS. This would replace the work being done by Diane Ludwig who has retired. The annual cost is \$8,800.00 and requires a \$4,000.00 set-up fee.

Kevin Stuber moved to sign the contract with SAM companies with \$4,000.00 being paid out of general for the set-up fee and \$8,800.00 for the annual fee being paid out of the appraiser's department for the service to begin January 1st, 2025 to take the place of retiring employee Diane Ludwig. Jerry Sedlacek 2nd, motion passed.

Justin Clark called for a 10-minute recess.

John Atkin, emergency management, received the letter about flood plain mapping. In order to remain part of the nation flood insurance program the county will need to adopt the new survey and pass a new resolution. The requirements listed on the sample resolution provided to him were extensive. He will forward the information to the commissioners for further review.

Gary Ward, road and bridge supervisor, discussed his personnel budget and has around \$100,000 left. He requested to take off the Wednesday before and the Monday after Thanksgiving. Todd Green will be here and available should anyone need anything.

Gary Ward discussed the dip in the road near Toronto that he plans to correct using asphalt but until then a sign as been placed to warn drivers of the bump.

Gary Ward expressed that he has been hearing that the road and bridge department is wasting a lot of money. He does not think the money is being wasted because the roads are better and the employees want to do a good job.

Gary Ward is wanting to purchase an oil distributor after the 1st of the year. He has spoken with the city to see if they would consider sharing the cost of the purchase and sharing the equipment. Jerry Sedlacek stated that he was made aware the city does not have the funding for that. Gary Ward stated that his department will also need a roller so they can take care of the paved county roads.

Jerry Sedlacek requested a 5-minute break.

Jared Helkenberg, undersheriff, requested an executive session.

Justin Clark moved to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel until 11:40 a.m. with commissioners and Jared Helkenberg. Jerry Sedlacek 2nd, motion passed.

Jared Helkenberg said the sheriff's department is currently short-handed. They have offered positions to two people who are planning to start November 4th, 2024.

Jerry Sedlacek stated that consolidating city and county emergency departments cannot be done due to the size of the population.

Jerry Sedlacek stated that Robert Schornick is willing to join the zoning board.

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Justin Clark moved to approved the neighborhood revitalization plan application for Mr. and Mrs. Jay Weseloh. Jerry Sedlacek 2nd, motion passed.

Amanda DeWitt, county clerk, let the commissioners know that BCBS would be attending next week's meeting.

Amanda DeWitt requested to cancel the November 5th, 2024 meeting due to the election. The commissioners agreed to not have a meeting that day.

Kevin Stuber moved to recess into executive session to discuss employee performance to protect confidentiality until 12:05 p.m. with the commissioners and clerk. Jerry Sedlacek 2nd, motion passed.

Justin Clark moved to sign vouchers in the amount of \$18,904.02. Jerry Sedlacek 2nd, motion passed.

Kevin Stuber moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:17 p.m. Justin Clark 2nd, motion passed.

Attest: 
Amanda DeWitt, County Clerk


Justin Clark, Chairman


Kevin Stuber, Vice-Chairman

Jerry Sedlacek, Member