

Regular Session Minutes

November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 8:30 A.M.

The Board of Woodson County Commissioners convened for its regular session on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 with Chairman Justin Clark, Vice-Chairman Kevin Stuber, Member Jerry Sedlacek, County Counselor Bret Heim and County Clerk Amanda DeWitt present.

Kevin Stuber moved to approve the agenda with two executive sessions added. Jerry Sedlacek 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

Kevin Stuber moved to approve the minutes for October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Jerry Sedlacek 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

Jerry Sedlacek moved to recess into an executive session for attorney client privilege to discuss legal liability with the commissioners and counselor present until 8:40 a.m. Kevin Stuber 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

Dina Morrison with the 31<sup>st</sup> Judicial District requested an update on the elevator issue. She stated that if it was going to be down for an extended period of time then arrangements would need to be made to move court proceedings until the elevator could be fixed. She shared that to set up a mobile location would cost approximately \$10,000 and suggested either the ambulance meeting room or the Bressner building. The commissioners agree the ambulance meeting room would be the best option and would consult with Cari Cavender to confirm its availability.

Jarrold McVey brought in two quotes for parts needed to repair the elevator. One part is required and the second one is optional but the repair company highly recommended replacing it while the elevator is already being repaired to save money in the future due to the part likely needing replaced in the next few years. The total cost for both parts is \$154,160 with a 12 to 14 week wait. The cost would come out of the courthouse equipment reserve fund.

Jarrold McVey shared he is working on getting new Christmas lights on the courthouse.

Kevin Stuber moved to approve the amount of \$154,160 to come out of courthouse equipment reserve fund to replace all the internal elements of the elevator which is currently inoperable. Jerry Sedlacek 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

Kevin Stuber moved to recess into executive session for legal liability with the clerk, treasurer, counselor, and commissioners until 9:25 a.m. Jerry Sedlacek 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

Student Council representatives came to request assistance in purchasing a chili and cheese dispenser for the high school concession stand. They were requesting the county to cover half of the total cost of \$679 since the city already approved covering the other half.

Justin Clark moved to pay \$340 out of the commissioner's budget for the nacho cheese and chili dispenser to be used at athletic events. Kevin Stuber 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed 2 – 1 with Jerry Sedlacek voting against.

Jerry Sedlacek requested a break until 9:50 a.m.

Phil Jarred and Emily Franks of Jarred, Gilmore, and Phillips came to discuss the rural fire and EMS budgets for 2025 due to some high estimations that have caused concerns. Phil Jarred said in the future we will need to be more conservative with the estimates.

Jerry Sedlacek moved to renew the current BCBS plan for 2025. Kevin Stuber 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

Justin Clark moved to recess into executive session to protect employee confidentiality until 10:40 a.m. with the commissioners and the clerk. Kevin Stuber 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

Jerry Sedlacek moved to approve the wage sheets for deputy election clerk Elizabeth Cullison and deputy clerk Kathi Vining with the typical wage increase. Kevin Stuber 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

Justin Clark moved to recess into executive session to protect employee confidentiality until 10:55 a.m. with the commissioners, the clerk, and Gary Ward. Jerry Sedlacek 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

The commissioners took a break until 11:00 a.m.

Justin Clark moved to approve the wage sheet for Daniel Waggoner for the road and bridge department. Jerry Sedlacek 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

Gary Ward is wanting to change the boot policy for employees to include the ability for the supervisor to approve new boots at their discretion. The commissioners tabled to discussion to the next meeting.

Justin Clark moved to sign vouchers in the amount of \$108,707.96. Kevin Stuber 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

James Kuron with Solid Waste came to speak. He is requesting to hire a part time employee. Concerns were shared regarding the budget but James Kuron stated that since Chris Kuron left, they are one man short. He also asked about the supervisor position and it was suggested if he is interested in the position, he would need to fill out an application. Jerry Sedlacek recommended making James Kuron the interim supervisor until an official supervisor can be hired.

Justin Clark moved to recess into executive session until 11:50 a.m. with James Kuron and the commissioners to protect employee confidentiality. Kevin Stuber 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

Kevin Stuber moved to make James Kuron the interim solid waste supervisor with the \$2.00 per hour raise until there is a full-time permanent supervisor hired. Justin Clark 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

Jerry Sedlacek moved to recess into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel to discuss employee performance to protect employee confidentiality until 12:10 p.m. Kevin Stuber 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

Jerry Sedlacek moved to recess into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel to discuss employee performance to protect employee confidentiality until 12:20 p.m. Justin Clark 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

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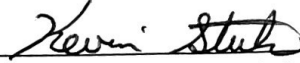
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There will not be a meeting on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> to allow the commissioners and clerk to attend a conference.

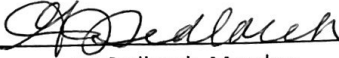
Kevin Stuber moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 p.m. Justin Clark 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.



Justin Clark, Chairman



Kevin Stuber, Vice-Chairman



Jerry Sedlacek, Member

Attest:



Amanda DeWitt, County Clerk