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Regular Session Minutes

November 19th, 2024 at 8:30 A.M.

The Board of Woodson County Commissioners convened for its regular session on November 19th, 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 2nd, motion passed.

Terry Laul, local citizen, came to share concerns he had regarding road and bridge not calling Dig Safe prior to pulling trees near Rose which meant there were no markings of the utility lines. He also shared concerns about a large brush pile being left near his property with the intent of the county burning the pile. Due to the proximity to his property, he would like the brush pile to be moved and not burnt where it is currently located. He would like to see the county really enforcing safety protocols.

Gary Ward, road and bridge supervisor, requested an executive session.

Kevin Stuber moved to recess into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel employee performance to protect confidentiality until 8:50 a.m. with the commissioners, county counselor, county clerk, and Gary Ward. Jerry Sedlacek 2nd, motion passed.

Gary Ward discussed the situation at Rose stating that the employee was only picking up brush and not digging or pulling trees near the gas line that was hit. He will be sure to call Dig Safe in the future.

Gary Ward brought up the change in the current boot policy but was willing to discuss it at the next meeting.

Dina Morrison wanted to update the commissioners on the court plans while the elevator is down. They plan to start court in the ambulance meeting room on Monday, November 25, 2024 if things go according to plan. They are working to get everything set up and the sheriff is willing to provide security.

Bret Heim, county counselor, left at 9:10 a.m.

John Idoux, a representative of Bright Speed out of Kansas City, came to discuss a few opportunities for Woodson County for fiber internet deployment through the BEAD program.

Justin Clark moved to recess until 9:40 a.m. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed.

Jerry Sedlacek moved to approve the minutes for November 12th, 2024 as amended. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed.

Jared McVey came to share that the part for the elevator has been ordered and the first payment has been received by the company. Once the part comes in it will be an additional three weeks for installation.

Jared McVey discussed dates for the employee Christmas party. It was decided to tentatively schedule it for the evening of December 15th.

Justin Clark moved to sign vouchers in the amount of \$37,055.36. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed.

Jerry Sedlacek moved to recess into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel to protect confidentiality to discuss employee performance with the commissioners until 10:30 a.m. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed.

Justin Clark moved to approve and sign the September department reports. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed.

Michelle Zimmerman wanted to know what date the commissioners would like have scheduled as the year end date for financial reporting. It was agreed to have that day be Tuesday, December 31st and the commissioner's meeting would be moved the Monday, December 30th at 9:00 a.m. The commissioners also decided to cancel the December 24th meeting due to that day being Christmas Eve.

Michelle Zimmerman discussed the 2025 holiday schedule and would like to give up Juneteenth as a holiday off in order to have the Friday after Christmas off since Christmas falls on a Thursday. The commissioners agreed.

Michelle Zimmerman led a department head meeting reminding them that BCBS open enrollment forms will be coming out this week and need to be returned by the December 5th. She also let them know that employee evaluations are due to the clerk by noon on Monday, December 30th. She covered several budgetary topics including end of year budget transfers and provided budget status paperwork to everyone with plans to meet individually with department heads and the clerk prior to transfers taking place.

Jana Goebel with the appraiser's office discussed their need for two new computers which would cost approximately \$3,200.00.

Justin Clark moved to allow the appraiser's office to spend up to \$3,200.00 to purchase two new computers. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed.

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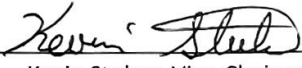
James Kuron, solid waste, came to discuss the holiday schedule for his department. The commissioners decided to keep the current schedule and the transfer station be closed Thursday through Sunday for Thanksgiving.

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

Justin Clark moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:57 a.m. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed.

Attest: 
Amanda DeWitt, County Clerk

Justin Clark, Chairman


Kevin Stuber, Vice-Chairman


Jerry Sedlacek, Member