



Regular Session

August 13th, 2024 at 8:30 A.M.

Minutes

The Board of Woodson County Commissioners convened for its regular session on August 13th, 2024 with Vice-Chairman Kevin Stuber, Member Jerry Sedlacek, County Counselor Bret Heim, and County Clerk Amanda DeWitt. County Counselor Bret Heim was absent.

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

The minutes from the July 30th meeting needed the word "part" added in front of Carlisle Rd.

Gary Ward hired Kim Leckrone and said she is working hard running equipment. Jerry Sedlacek moved to approve the wage sheet for Kim Leckrone. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed.

Chairman Justin Clark arrived at 8:34 a.m.

Gary Ward stated that John Hale has been approved to go to CDL training in September and the \$3,000 fee will be paid for by Kansas Works. He said Kim Leckrone should also be able to go and qualify for the Kansas Works program. There are three other county employees wanting to attend the training. The county would need to cover the cost for these employees but Gary Ward thinks a contract requiring them to maintain employment with Woodson County for three years would be a good idea and if they were to leave, they would be required to pay back a portion of the fees depending on the length of time it has been since completing the training. Gary Ward was not sure the length of time the CDL program requires but it is between five and eight weeks starting either September 23rd or 26th. He said he can get by without these employees during the time required to complete the program.

Gary Ward stated that a diesel pump went out on one of the tanks and it will cost \$1,000 to replace it. Gary Ward presented information on the price to purchase an excavator. A used one is \$255,000 and new would cost \$380,000. A lease payment would be about \$40,000. Jerry Sedlacek wanted to know how much was left in the equipment budget. Gary Ward would have to verify that information with Michelle Zimmerman. The decision was made to table the discussion to the next meeting when the information was available.

John Atkin IV has been working on printing burn permits. The printer he is using was acquired under a grant so he has had trouble accessing the necessary software to connect to the computer. John Atkin IV also has some information on another recovery program the county may be entitled to due to the April Storm. John Atkin IV is also working on getting ID cards for county employees.

Jerry Sedlacek moved to recess into an executive session for 18 minutes with the commissioners and the appraiser Steve Thompson to discuss trade secrets.

Stephanie Bedell brought in plans for a new subdivision near Toronto and is requesting approval of the preliminary. The subdivision is located at Arapaho and Carlisle and will create ten new lots. The plan consisted of a paved through road at the request of the zoning. Stephanie Bedell said the owner has been very cooperative with their requests. Jerry Sedlacek moved to approve the preliminary plat of the Mayer addition at Arapaho and Carlisle. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed.

Charly Cummings with Vaughn-Roth Land Brokers is selling 400 acres on Oriole Rd. He requesting to advertise that the county is willing to vacate a small portion of paved road that runs through the property. Jerry Sedlacek expressed that he would like to look at that section before making a decision. After further discussion it was agreed that if all parties involved in purchasing the property are willing, then the commissioners would consider vacating.

Jared McVey said the drain spouts are 95% complete. He needed the quote signed by the commissioners. Jared McVey also shared an email he received from the new owners of the pest control company that stated there would be a 4% rate increase. Jared McVey said so far everyone seems happy with their service. Jared McVey expressed concerns regarding a chunk of concrete that is displaced on the north curb that he thinks should be repaired because it keeps falling.

Justin Clark declared a 5-minute recess.

Justin Clark moved to donate a load of rock to the Lakeside Golf Course. Jerry Sedlacek 2nd, motion passed.

Jerry Sedlacek moved to approve the minutes for the July 30th meeting. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed.

Jerry Sedlacek moved to recess into an executive session for 15-minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with Amanda DeWitt, county clerk and the commissioners to reconvene at 11:15 a.m. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed.

Jerry Sedlacek moved to recess into an executive session for 10-minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with Amanda DeWitt, county clerk and the commissioners to reconvene at 11:25 a.m. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed.

Jerry Sedlacek moved to sign the new hire wage sheets for Cathy Ward, Kathi Vining, and Elizabeth Cullison. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed.

Amanda DeWitt stated she will be traveling to the CIC training on August 21st and 22nd. She will also attend a new user training for the election software on August 26th and 27th.


Steve Thompson, county appraiser, requested to have Kathe Hamman take photos of the homes of Yates Center on a part-time basis. The commissioners would be willing to sign a wage sheet for her at the next meeting.

Justin Clark moved to sign vouchers in the amount of \$94,929.84. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed.

Kevin Stuber moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:59 a.m. Justin Clark 2nd, motion passed.

Attest: 
Amanda DeWitt, County Clerk

Justin Clark, Chairman


Kevin Stuber, Vice-Chairman


Jerry Sedlacek, Member