

Regular Session Minutes

August 27th, 2024 at 8:30 A.M.

The Board of Woodson County Commissioners convened for its regular session on August 27th, 2024 with Chairman Justin Clark, Vice-Chairman Kevin Stuber, Member Jerry Sedlacek, County Counselor Bret Heim, and County Clerk Amanda DeWitt.

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

Jerry Sedlacek moved to approve the minutes for the August 20th meeting. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed.

Bret Heim prepared a draft of a resolution for the water gap issue for discussion and review. After discussing a few options, it was decided to table the issue and seek input from the public and other counties of similar size.

Bret Heim also brought a draft for the CDL training contract that was requested by Gary Ward. A few edits were requested by Gary Ward and final approval will wait until the edits are made and a policy is added to the new handbook and policy manual.

Kevin Stuber moved to recess into executive session for attorney/client privilege with the commissioners, county counselor, and county clerk for 5 minutes. Jerry Sedlacek 2nd, motion passed.

Cari Cavender provided run logs for several weeks. She let the commissioners know that there were issues during the election with the air conditioner being turned down to far and freezing up. ACE came to repair it.

Cari Cavender requested wage increases for four AEMTs. They are required to work 48 hours per week and do not receive overtime. She proposed the new rates to take effect for three of the employees on 9/1/2024 with the fourth receiving the increase after returning from medical leave. Jerry Sedlacek moved to approve the increase from \$13.25 to \$14.00 for John Martin, Hannah Vining, Vincent Baker, and Sheri DeWitt. Justin Clark 2nd, motion passed.

Jerry Sedlacek moved to recess into executive session to protect employee confidentiality to discuss employee performance until 9:15a.m. with the commissioners, county counselor, and county clerk. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed.

Gary Ward discussed the purchase of a new excavator. CAT was able to provide a trade in price on the Komatsu, it is now included on the quote received prior. Gary Ward was able to test the CAT 320 that Allen County has which uses a tilt bucket. Commissioners postponed the decision to a later date.

Justin Clark moved to recess into an executive session for attorney/client privilege with Forrest Rhodes, Bret Heim, county counselor, and the commissioners to reconvene at 9:58 a.m. Jerry Sedlacek 2nd, motion passed.

At 10:07a.m. Justin Clark opened the county RNR hearing to a large crowd for a question-and-answer session. Several community members expressed their concerns about the increases in tax valuations, county spending, and the 2025 budget. Michelle Zimmerman, county treasurer, and Jana Goebel with the appraiser's office assisted in answering questions.

At 11:46a.m. Justin Clark opened the RNR hearing for the Rural Fire District. There were no comments.

At 11:57a.m. Justin Clark opened the budget hearing for the county. There were no comments.

At 12:08p.m. Justin Clark opened the budget hearing for the Rural Fire District. There were no comments.

Jerry Sedlacek moved to approve the 2025 Woodson County and Rural Fire District budgets as presented. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed unanimously.

Kayla Westerman and Jamie Matile with GNBANK came to discuss the banking option ICS CDARS with Intrafi. Michelle Zimmerman has expressed concerns during the 8/20/2024 meeting. Kayla spoke on how the program works by spreading the risks throughout several banks with FDIC. The program also receives better interest rates. Investors in this program are not locked in and are able to change or quit the program at any time. The County would only deal with GNBANK if the decision was made to use the program. The commissioners expressed interest in the program and will make a decision soon.

Michelle Zimmerman brought in the updated ARPA fund expenditure report. Jerry Sedlacek moved to accept the ARPA/LATCF report as of 8/27/2024. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed.

Further discussion for the Rural Fire request for ARPA funds was tabled to the next meeting.

The boundary issue was tabled until the next meeting when Bret Heim was present.

Justin Clark moved to approve vouchers in the amount \$822.49. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed.

Kevin Stuber moved to approve additional vouchers in the amount of \$24,522.10. Justin Clark 2nd, motion passed.

Kevin Stuber moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:03p.m. Jerry Sedlacek 2nd, motion passed.

Attest: 
Amanda DeWitt, County Clerk

Justin Clark, Chairman



Kevin Stuber, Vice-Chairman



Jerry Sedlacek, Member