

Regular Session Minutes

September 17th, 2024 at 8:30 A.M.

The Board of Woodson County Commissioners convened for its regular session on September 17th, 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.

Kevin Stuber moved to approve the minutes for September 3rd, 2024. Jerry Sedlacek 2nd, motion passed.

Bret Heim brought the updated CDL policy regarding county payment of the CDL course. He asked to approve the policy change and the acknowledgement form.

Jerry Sedlacek moved to approve and amend the handbook to include the policy in regards the county paying for employees to receive CDL training. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed.

Jerry Sedlacek moved to recess into an executive session for attorney client privilege to discuss legal liability to reconvene at 8:45a.m. with the commissioners, clerk, and counselor. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed.

Bret Heim left at 8:46a.m.

Gary Ward presented a wage sheet for a new hire. Gary Ward said this will make the Road and Bridge department fully staffed. Kevin Stuber moved to approve the wage sheet for Douglas Eckroat as operator/laborer. Jerry Sedlacek 2nd, motion passed.

Gary Ward said that the low water bridge on 65th road was approved for a new bridge. The state will pay up to \$1,000,000 towards the project. The county will be responsible for paying for project engineering, geologist survey, right of way acquisition, and utility movement, all of which should be less than \$100,000. The state must receive the project request by October 4th, 2024.

Justin Clark moved for Woodson County to enter the project programming request for bridge 225 at 65th Rd and Big Sandy Creek. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed.

Gary Ward brought in a request for revision of functional classification system from KDOT. The revision is to check for anything that may increase traffic on any roads which would require more functionality of the roads.

Gary Ward shared that the county will be receiving a reimbursement of \$39,000 for rock placed on the roads in 2023. He thinks they will also be able to get a reimbursement for 2024.

Chris Kuron, Solid Waste supervisor, came to check in. He currently has a full staff but would like to hire a part-time or RPN person to fill in since he has one employee attending CDL training. He was advised to make sure it was within his budget. Chris Kuron was also given the lead abatement survey and asked to look into getting it filled out for the transfer station.

John Atkin IV attended the Kansas Association of Emergency Management conference in Manhattan. He felt it was really beneficial with a lot of networking and training available. John Atkin IV said the ID printer owned by the county had some water damage which has caused it to not work. A new one would cost around \$5,000. However, he has spoken with Neosho County's Emergency Manager and they have a new unit that they are willing to transfer to Woodson County at no cost once they complete some required paperwork with Homeland Security.

John Atkin IV spoke on behalf of Revitalize YC regarding the Housing Assessment Tool. The HAT survey is the key to getting housing grant money. They have been working to get a group together to complete the survey but they do not have the capacity. They have found a group that will do the survey for them. They charge \$1,000 down and \$100 per hour up to \$5,000. The city has agreed to cover up to \$3,000 and he would like to request the county cover part of it.

Kevin moved to pay up to the amount of \$3,000 to come out of the general fund for the housing assessment tool so our community can qualify for grants to improve new business and housing opportunities. The total cost will be split between the city and the county 50/50. Jerry Sedlacek 2nd, motion passed.

Travis Clinesmith, John Deere representative, brought the official paperwork to be signed for the new excavator that was delivered last week.

Justin Clark moved to recess to reconvene at 10:35. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed.

Gary Ward let the commissioners know that the welder he was approved to purchase was out of stock and he received permission from Kevin Stuber to purchase a different welder that was \$100 more with no rebate.

Michelle Zimmerman brought up the attorney letter for the tax sale and asked the commissioners had a chance to review it. Kevin Stuber liked that it would not cost the county money. All costs would be charged to the landowner for each parcel. Currently, there is a tax sale approximately every five years. The option of working with this attorney would allow tax sales to occur on an annual basis.

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Michelle Zimmerman brought in an amendment for the trespass policy. She added "designated" in two spaces on the original policy.

Kevin Stuber moved to accept the policy change concerning the ability of employees to request someone to not be allowed on designated county property. Jerry Sedlacek 2nd, motion passed.

Michelle Zimmerman brought forms we would like to use to request or donate shared leave.

Justin Clark moved to approve the shared leave forms. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed.

Michelle Zimmerman brought a change to resolution 24-15 which states a family member is a member of the household but the handbook states parent, child, spouse, grandparent, or grandchild. The wording was added from the handbook to the resolution in resolution 24-15A.

Kevin Stuber moved to approve resolution 24-15A amending resolution 24-15. Jerry Sedlacek 2nd, motion passed.

Amanda DeWitt presented the Rural Opportunity Zone resolution.


Justin Clark moved to pass resolution 24-16 for the Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program. Jerry Sedlacek 2nd, motion passed.

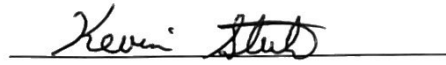
Just Clark moved to pay vouchers in the amount of \$43,126.02. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed.

Kevin Stuber moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:54a.m. Jerry Sedlacek 2nd, motion passed.

Attest:


Amanda DeWitt, County Clerk


Justin Clark, Chairman


Kevin Stuber, Vice-Chairman


Jerry Sedlacek, Member