

April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The Board of Woodson County Commissioners met in a regular business session on April 9th, with Chairman Justin Clark, Vice-Chairman Kevin Stuber, Member Jerry Sedlacek, County Attorney Zelda Schlotterbeck and County Clerk Tesla Bayles. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Sedlacek made a motion to approve the 4-16-24 agenda with the changes previously stated. Stuber seconded it, with Clark making it unanimous. Stuber motioned to recess into executive session for Attorney-Client privileges to discuss legal liability for 14 minutes with the Commissioners, Clerk, EMS,

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and County Attorney, starting at 8:36 a.m. and reconvening at 8:50 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room. Clark seconded it, with Sedlacek making it unanimous.

Sedlacek motioned to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to protect employee confidentiality; to discuss employee job performance for 14 minutes with the Commissioners, Clerk, EMS Director, and County Attorney beginning at 8:51 a.m. to reconvene in the commission room at 9:05 a.m. Stuber seconded it, with Clark making it unanimous. Stuber made the motion for a 5-minute recess. Clark seconded it, with Sedlacek making it unanimous.

Sedlacek motioned to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to protect employee confidentiality; to discuss employee job performance for 7 minutes with the Commissioners, Clerk, and County Attorney beginning at 9:08 a.m. to reconvene in the commission room at 9:25 a.m. Stuber seconded it; Clark making it unanimous. Stuber asked Jarrod Helkenberg if he has fire extinguishers in the vehicle. He stated that the extinguishers got old and they are being replaced.

Rita Crumrine came to the board to ask when the grader is going to grade Apache. The board stated that they are working on improving the roads with additional staff and more training. Solid Waste Supervisor Tracy Parks informed the board the Solid Waste Department passed the state inspection. Schlotterbeck stated that tires have been littered on her dad's property. They were used as building material for a bridge. The board agreed they need to be cleaned up but did not decide who was responsible. Sedlacek stated that the UTV needs to be used. Parks stated it is in use now.

Sedlacek motioned to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to protect employee confidentiality; to discuss employee job performance for 30 minutes with the Commissioners, Clerk, EMS Director, and County Attorney beginning at 9:25 a.m. to reconvene in the commission room at 9:55 a.m. Stuber seconded it; Clark making it unanimous. Road and Bridge Director Gary Ward presented a wage sheet. April 25th will be the 17-county meeting in Coffey County and he will be attending. KCHA will have a conference in May he would like to attend as well. The board agreed he will go. KCHA 2024 dues need to be paid and the board agreed to it.

Sedlacek made the motion to promote Vickie German from Office Clerk to Office Manager. Stuber seconded it, with Clark making it unanimous. Clark requested a job description be made for her position.

The board agreed to put all 3 commissioners that were in office at the time of the bridge project on a commemorative plaque. Clark made the motion to approve the wage sheet for Andrew Robinson as a full-time Road and Bridge Operator. Sedlacek seconded. Sedlacek made the motion to rescind his motion to pay \$25 permit fee for a sign at the fairground. Stuber seconded it, with Clark making it unanimous. The board agreed to pour the base for that sign.

Hope Unlimited came to ask Woodson County to bring awareness to child abuse and sexual assault. The board made the motion to proclaim April as Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Awareness month. Stuber seconded it, with Clark making it unanimous. Jarrod McVey stated that there was a drainage issue with the new ice machine and it was fixed. Sedlacek stated that there has been a social media event involving a Woodson County Employee we have addressed it and taken appropriate action.

Clark made the motion to approve last week's minutes. Sedlacek seconded it, Stuber making it unanimous. Clark made the motion to pay a settlement amount of \$5,472.68 to be taken out of general

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for the unpaid wages. Stuber seconded it, with Sedlacek making it unanimous. Clerk Bayles stated that we will not receive a refund check this year from Blue Cross Blue Shield due to high drug prices.

Clark motioned to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to protect employee confidentiality; to discuss employee job performance for 15 minutes with the Commissioners, County Clerk, Road and Bridge Director, and County Attorney beginning at 10:45 a.m. to reconvene in the commission room at 11:00 a.m. Stuber seconded it; Sedlacek making it unanimous. Clark motioned to

recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to protect employee confidentiality; to discuss employee job performance for 10 minutes with the Commissioners, County Clerk, Road and Bridge Director, and County Attorney beginning at 11:00 a.m. to reconvene in the commission room at 11:10 a.m. Stuber seconded it; Sedlacek making it unanimous.

Sedlacek made a motion to advise road and bridge supervisor to fire a road and bridge employee for the best interest for the county because of inappropriate actions. Stuber seconded it. Sedlacek motioned to recess into executive session for Attorney-Client privileges to discuss legal liability for 13 minutes with the Commissioners, Clerk, and County Attorney, starting at 11:27 a.m. and reconvening at 11:40 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room. The motion was seconded by Stuber, with Clark making it unanimous. Clark motioned to recess into executive session for Attorney-Client privileges to discuss legal liability for 10 minutes with the Commissioners, Clerk, Sheriff, and County Attorney, starting at 11:40 a.m. and reconvening at 11:50 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room. The motion was seconded by Stuber, with Sedlacek making it unanimous.

Sedlacek motioned to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to protect employee confidentiality; to discuss employee job performance for 17 minutes with the Commissioners, County Clerk, Sheriff, Emergency Preparedness Director, and County Attorney beginning at 11:53 a.m. to reconvene in the commission room at 12:10 p.m. Stuber seconded it; Clark making it unanimous. Sedlacek motioned to recess into executive session for Attorney-Client privileges to discuss legal liability for 9 minutes with the Commissioners, Clerk, and County Attorney, starting at 12:11 p.m. and reconvening at 12:20 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room. The motion was seconded by Stuber, with Clark making it unanimous.

Sedlacek motioned to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to protect employee confidentiality; to discuss employee job performance for 13 minutes with the Commissioners, County Clerk, Deputy Clerk, and County Attorney beginning at 12:35 p.m. to reconvene in the commission room at 12:10 p.m. Stuber seconded it; Clark making it unanimous.

Due to a temporary security issue 4 doors will be locked and the North door will have a deputy letting citizens in.

Sedlacek motioned to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to protect employee confidentiality; to discuss employee job performance for 18 minutes with the Commissioners, County Clerk, Sheriff, and County Attorney beginning at 12:52 p.m. to reconvene in the commission room at 1:10 p.m. Stuber seconded it; Clark making it unanimous.

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Clark made the motion to pay vouchers for \$49,466.74 Stuber seconded it, with Sedlacek making it unanimous.

Stuber made the motion to put the Emergency Management Director on administrative leave to determine if there were inappropriate actions until the investigation is complete. Sedlacek seconded it, with Clark making it unanimous

Sedlacek motioned to recess into executive session for Attorney-Client privileges to discuss legal liability for 5 minutes with the Commissioners, Clerk and County Attorney, starting at 1:26 p.m. and reconvening at 1:31 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room. The motion was seconded by Stuber, with Clark making it unanimous.

Stuber made the motion to adjourn at 1:31 p.m. Sedlacek seconded it, with Clark making it unanimous.

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Justin Clark, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Tesla Bayles, Woodson Certified County Clerk

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Kevin Stuber, Vice-Chairman

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Jerry Sedlacek, Member