

February 27th, 2024

The Board of Woodson County Commissioners convened for their regular session on February 27th, 2024 with Chairman Justin Clark, Vice-Chairman Kevin Stuber, Member Jerry Sedlacek, County Attorney Zelda Schlotterbeck and Deputy Election Clerk Teresa McCullough in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Jerry Sedlacek motioned to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Kevin Stuber and unanimously approved by Justin Clark.

Clark then motioned to approve the amended minutes from February 20th, 2024, with Stuber seconding the motion and Sedlacek making it unanimous.

Sedlacek motioned to recess into executive session for Attorney-Client privileges to discuss contractual negotiations with the Commissioners, County Attorney, Sheriff and Undersheriff for 20 minutes, reconvening at 9:10 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room. Clark seconded it; Stuber making it unanimous.

County Attorney Zelda Schlotterbeck expressed her belief that employees from the Road and Bridge Department and Dispatch need to be encouraged, not criticized, as they are doing their best.

Sheriff Jeff McCullough reported that there is no new information on the plumbing situation in the jail. There was discussion about Senate Bill 381, which allows County Commissioners to appoint their own coroner at their own discretion and expense. This bill passed the Senate 40-0 and will now move to the House for approval.

Emergency Management Director Tim Dimick warned of extreme winds for the county and announced a burn ban in effect until further notice.

Solid Waste Supervisor Tracy Parks presented financial information regarding the purchase of a new roll-off truck for Solid Waste. Clark motioned to approve the purchase of the new roll-off truck in the form of a lease purchase for \$235,000.00 total cost, including an extended warranty during the life of the lease. Stuber seconded; the motion passed with Sedlacek voting no.

Ambulance Director Cari Cavender sought clarification on what information should be sent to dispatch concerning protocols or procedures for dispatching emergency services. Clark motioned to give Cavender permission for the purchase of IO needles. Stuber seconded it; Sedlacek making it unanimous. Employee raises for non-elected personnel were discussed but tabled for future discussion.

Clark motioned to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to protect employee performance for 15 minutes with the Commissioners and Ted Milner, starting at 9:55 a.m. and reconvening at 10:10 a.m.

Woodson County Chamber of Commerce Director Amanda DeWitt came to the board requesting \$3,000.00 to be used to continue providing the Annual Bull Bash entertainment during Yates Center Days. The admission price for the Bash is \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for kids. Clark motioned to approve the \$3,000.00 fund request for the Bull Bash, it was seconded by Stuber; Sedlacek making it

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unanimous. DeWitt asked permission from the board to be able to place the inflatables on the courthouse lawn as well as tables and chairs. Permission granted.

Clark motioned to take a 5-minute break. Stuber seconded it with Sedlacek making it unanimous.

Sedlacek motioned to recess into executive session to interview a possible candidate for Road and Bridge Supervisor for 20 minutes with Todd Green and Commissioners, starting at 10:20 a.m. and reconvening at 10:40 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room. Stuber seconded the motion with Clark making it unanimous.

Clark motioned to recess into executive session to interview a possible candidate for Road and Bridge Supervisor for 20 minutes with Tony Howell and Commissioners, starting at 10:41 a.m. and reconvening at 11:01 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room. Stuber seconded the motion, with Sedlacek making it unanimous.

Sedlacek motioned to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss possible new hire for 20 minutes with Commissioners only, starting at 11:05 a.m. and reconvening at 11:25 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room. Stuber seconded the motion, with Clark making it unanimous.

Sedlacek motioned to recess into executive session for Attorney-Client privileges to discuss legal liability concerning possible new hires for 10 minutes with County Attorney and Commissioners starting at 11:25 a.m. and reconvening at 11:35 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room. Stuber seconded the motion, with Clark making it unanimous.

Sedlacek motioned to recess into executive session for Attorney-Client privileges to discuss legal liability concerning possible new hires for 13 minutes with County Attorney and Commissioners, starting at 11:37 a.m. and reconvening at 11:50 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room. Stuber seconded the motion, with Clark making it unanimous.

There will be a special Commissioners Meeting held this coming Thursday, February 29th, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room.

Sedlacek motioned to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to interview applicant for possible Road and Bridge Supervisor with Gary Ward and Commissioners for 10 minutes, starting at 12:01 p.m. and reconvening at 12:11 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room. Stuber seconded the motion, with Clark making it unanimous.

Sedlacek motioned to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to interview applicant for possible Road and Bridge Supervisor with Tony Howell and Commissioners for 10 minutes, starting at 12:13 p.m. and reconvening at 12:23 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room. Stuber seconded the motion, with Clark making it unanimous.

Clark motioned to approve vouchers for \$19,751.96, with Sedlacek seconding the motion and Stuber making it unanimous.

Stuber motioned to take a 5-minute break. Sedlacek seconded it, with Clark making it unanimous.

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Clark motioned to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss potential new hire with Tim Dimick, County Attorney and Commissioners for 5 minutes, starting at 12:50 p.m. and reconvening at 12:55 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room.

Clark motioned to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss possible new hire with County Attorney and Commissioners for 20 minutes, starting at 1:00 p.m. and reconvening at 1:20 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room. Stuber seconded the motion, with Sedlacek making it unanimous.

Stuber agreed to look into another company to maintain the courthouse elevator due to cost increases.

Clark motioned to approve the 2023 Inventory Book. It was seconded by Sedlacek, with Stuber making it unanimous.

Clark will not be able to attend the Commissioners meeting next Tuesday. Sedlacek made a motion to have a special meeting at noon on Thursday to discuss the Road and Bridge Supervisor position. Stuber seconded it, with Clark making it unanimous.

Clark made a motion to adjourn at 1:34 p.m. Stuber seconded it, with Sedlacek making it unanimous.

Justin Clark, Chairman

Attest: _____
Tesla Bayles, Certified County Clerk

Kevin Stuber, Vice-Chairman

Jerry Sedlacek, Member