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The Woodson County Board of Commissioners convened for a regular business session on June 25, 2024, with Vice-Chairman Kevin Stuber, Member Jerry Sedlacek, and County Clerk Tesla Bayles present. The meeting commenced with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Justin Clark entered the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Sedlacek motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Stuber, and the motion passed unanimously.

The board discussed the roles of Attorney/County Counselor and agreed to pursue options for legal counsel.

Gary Ward, Road and Bridge Director, requested approval to purchase a Cool Boss fan for the shop due to extreme heat and lack of air conditioning. Stuber motioned to approve the purchase for \$2,225, seconded by Sedlacek, and the motion passed. Ward also proposed leasing a loader and a mower tractor next spring, with no decision made at this time. Sedlacek motioned to authorize Ward to spend \$4,000 on truck improvements, including an air compressor from Napa in Yates Center. Stuber seconded the motion, and Clark supported it unanimously.

Nathan Fawson from SEK Mental Health Center presented their budget request for 2025, with no motion made by the board.

Jarrold McVey, Noxious Weed and Maintenance Director, delivered a progress report on noxious weed activities, noting completion of the new fiber optic line installation by AT&T.

Chris Kuron requested permission to start trash services at 5am, except Fridays, to avoid heat, and to commence bagged trash pickup after 6am. The board approved this request. Kuron also proposed working on holidays, though the board declined paying double time for holiday work.

Sedlacek motioned to recess into executive session for 21 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel matters related to employee job performance, protecting confidentiality. The session included the Commissioners, Noxious Weed Director, and County Clerk, starting at 9:54 a.m. and reconvening in the commission room at 10:15 a.m. Stuber seconded the motion, which was unanimously supported by Clark.

The creation of a comp time policy was discussed with no decision reached.

Sedlacek motioned to approve the minutes from the previous week, seconded by Stuber, and unanimously supported by Clark.

The Transfer Station will be closed on the Saturday following the 4th of July.

Adam Wilson, Anderson County Appraiser, requested part-time work as Appraiser for Woodson County, with no decision made by the board.

John Atkin, Emergency Management, provided an update and requested use of the electrical board and courtyard for October Fest, which the board approved.

Sedlacek motioned to enter into a 10-minute executive session to discuss security measures protecting energy, water, or communication services systems, facilities, or equipment. The session included the Commissioners and Emergency Preparedness Director, starting at 11:00 a.m. and reconvening in the Commission Room at 11:15 a.m. Stuber seconded the motion, unanimously supported by Clark.

Sedlacek also discussed repairs to the 4-H building.

At 11:30 a.m. Certified County Clerk Tesla Bayles was replaced by Deputy Election Clerk Teresa McCullough.

Sedlacek moved to approve the revised Resolution 24-09 which states: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WOODSON COUNTY, KANSAS, THAT STEVE THOMPSON BE APPOINTED INTERIM COUNTY APPRAISER OF WOODSON COUNTY, KANSAS, FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS FROM AND AFTER THE DATE OF APPROVAL BY THE DIRECTOR OF PROPERTY VALUATION AS SET FORTH BELOW. DATED THIS 25<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2024. The motion was seconded by Clark. Motion passed.

Sedlacek moved to approve the revised Resolution 24-10 which states: BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WOODSON COUNTY, KANSAS: THAT THE FOLLOWING BE APPOINTED AS WOODSON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR, EFFECTIVE JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2024.

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THIS RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON THE 25<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2024. The motion was seconded by Stuber.

Michelle Zimmerman came to the board stating that the air conditioning unit is going out in the Appraiser's Office. The board gave their permission for a new unit to be purchased.

Stuber made the motion to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel for employer negotiations with the commissioners for 15 minutes to reconvene at 12:00 p.m. Clark seconded, and the motion passed.

Michelle Zimmerman, County Treasurer, brought to the board a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan request from Jody Ford. The structure will be a 30' x 60' Barndominium on 1728 Violet Rd, Neosho Falls,

KS 66758. Motion was made by Clark to allow the chair to sign the approval of the NRP. Sedlacek seconded the motion, motion passed.

Clark moved to approve vouchers for \$113,717.05. Sedlacek seconded, motion passed.

Clark made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m. Stuber seconded, motion passed.



Justin Clark, Chairman



Kevin Stuber, Vice-Chairman



Jerry Sedlacek, Member

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tesla Bayles, Woodson Certified County Clerk