Commissioner Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Kevin Stuber, Jerry Sedlacek, Amanda DeWitt, and Bret Heim. Justin Clark arrived at 9:25 a.m.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

- Kevin Stuber moved to approve the agenda. Jerry Sedlacek 2nd, motion passed.
- Jerry Sedlacek moved to approve the minutes from the August 19th meeting. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed.

Executive Session - Attorney Client Privilege

- Bret Heim requested a 5-minute executive session.
- Jerry Sedlacek moved to recess into executive session for attorney client privilege with Commissioners, Counselor, and Clerk until 9:10 a.m. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed.

Sheriff's Department

- Jacob Morrison, Sheriff, reported he is still waiting on quotes from ESU for new vehicles.
- The custom sheriff's office door cannot be returned, but Jason Shepard is willing to purchase it from the county.
- Jarrod Helkenberg, Undersheriff, is waiting on final pictures to send out notices regarding properties encroaching on county right-of-ways.

Solid Waste

- David Waddell, Solid Waste Supervisor, reported the backhoe is back and the county shop will attempt repairs.
- Executive Session: Jerry Sedlacek moved to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to protect confidentiality to discuss employee performance with Commissioners, Counselor, Clerk, and David Waddell until 9:25 a.m. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed.
- Jerry Sedlacek moved to approve the wage sheet for Jamie Ener for completing probation and John Hale for obtaining a CDL. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed.
- Solid Waste fees were discussed; current billing will not cover the budget. David will bring this to the upcoming Solid Waste meeting.

Road & Bridge

- Gary Ward, Road & Bridge Supervisor, reported:
 - Three bridges need inspected. He has a bid from Cook, Flatt, and Strobel for \$500 per bridge; last year the fee was \$98 per bridge due to lower state requirements.
 - Received forms from the Civil Rights Committee and will coordinate with the Clerk and Treasurer.
 - Some roads need rock but conditions are currently too wet.
- Justin Clark moved to approve the bid for the bridge inspections from Cook, Flatt, and Strobel for \$1500. Jerry Sedlacek 2nd, motion passed.
- Executive Session: Jerry Sedlacek moved to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to protect confidentiality to discuss employee performance until 9:55 a.m. with Commissioners, Clerk, Counselor, Todd Green, and Gary Ward. Justin Clark 2nd, motion passed.
- Public Comment: Darin Tidd requested Ursine Road be maintained (currently low maintenance with no rock and weeds) and asked for a longer culvert on 80th Road north of Violet Road.

Bret Heim left at 10:09 a.m.

Tourism

- Kevin Stuber presented tourism board requests.
- Kevin Stuber moved to approve:
 - \$1000 for Neosho Falls Ol' Settlers Days
 - \$4000 for Toronto Days
 - o \$500 for Bulls, Broncs, and Barrels
 - o \$1000 for Historical Society
 - Jerry Sedlacek 2nd, motion passed.

Executive Session

 Kevin Stuber moved to recess into executive session for trade secrets with Commissioners until 10:25 a.m. Jerry Sedlacek 2nd, motion passed.

Noxious Weed

- Jarrod McVey presented his spray map; Commissioners requested regular updates.
- The elevator "up" button near the north door is not working. KONE will repair it today.
- Courthouse will be open for the Sesquicentennial on Saturday, 12:00–3:00 p.m. Michelle Zimmerman will
 monitor the building, and Sheriff Morrison will have a deputy present.

EMS/EM

John Atkin, EM/EMS Director, presented his contract.

- Kevin Stuber moved to accept the combined Emergency Management and EMS Director agreement including appendices A & B between Woodson County and John Atkin. Jerry Sedlacek 2nd, motion passed.
- Michelle Zimmerman, treasurer, reported that the Nixle system is billed in December and expires in February 2026. A decision will be required 90 days prior if changes are to be made.
- Justin Clark moved to gradually transition from Nixle to Genesis, partnering with the city for the cost of the public notification system. Jerry Sedlacek 2nd, motion passed.

Vouchers

Justin Clark moved to pay vouchers in the amount of \$4,616.36. Kevin Stuber 2nd, motion passed.

Adjournment

Kevin Stuber moved to adjourn at 11:19 a.m. Jerry Sedlacek 2nd, motion passed,

Justin Clark, Chairman

Kevin Stuber, Vice-Chairman

Attest:

Amanda DeWitt, County Clerk

Jerry Sedlacek, Member