The Board of Woodson County Commissioner met in a regular business session on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 with Chairman Justin Clark, Vice-Chairman Wayne Faulkner, Member Monty Barnett, and County Clerk Tesla Bayles.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Faulkner made the motion to approve the agenda for January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. Barnett seconded it, with Clark making it unanimous.

Faulkner made the motion to approve the minutes from December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Barnett seconded it, with Clark making it unanimous.

Faulkner made the motion to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to protect employee confidentiality; to discuss employee performance for 5 minutes with the Commissioners and County Clerk, starting at 8:35 a.m. and reconvened at 8:40 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room. Barnett seconded it, with Clark making it unanimous.

Road and Bridge Supervisor/Emergency Management Director Timothy Dimick informed the board that Woodson County received an inch and a half of rain in some places. The crew will be hauling rock today. The board instructed Dimick to consult with the attorney to review the tower contract. Clark discussed paying the Harshman Contract outright instead of over the next 3 years in order to obtain a savings. Dimick will check with Harshman.

Clark recessed into a 5-minute break. Faulkner seconded it, with Barnett making it unanimous.

Sheriff Jeff McCullough presented the weekly activity statistics. The jail is at maximum capacity. McCullough will be working with Cavender and Annette Benteman to write a grant to obtain AEDs to place in the police cruisers. A fire extinguisher exploded in a police car and resulted in a minor injury. Fire-X inspected the fire extinguisher last month and will be contacted about the incident. Faulkner requested more bids from other vendors for wireless panic button. The board declared they would like the panic buttons to be presented to the school board before making a decision on the purchase.

Noxious Weed, Solid Waste and Maintenance Supervisor Jarrod McVey came to the board to discuss the Kone elevator contract. An employee resigned from the transfer station.

Faulkner made the motion to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to protect employee confidentiality; to discuss employee performance for 7 minutes with the Commissioners, County Clerk, and Noxious Weed Supervisor starting at 9:58 a.m. and reconvened at 10:05 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room. Barnett seconded it, with Clark making it unanimous.

Clark made the motion to appoint Steve Adams as the Toronto Township Clerk. Faulkner seconded it, with Barnett making it unanimous.

Clark made the motion to thank Monty Barnett for his service. Faulkner seconded it. Motion passed.

Dimick returned to the meeting and stated that Harshman will not give a discount for paying off the contract early.

Clark made the motion to pay vouchers for \$23,433.06 Faulkner seconded it, with Barnett making it unanimous.

Barnett made the motion to adjourn at 11:39 a.m. Faulkner seconded it, with Clark making it unanimous.

Justin Clark, Chairman

Tesla Bayles, County Jerk

Wayne Faulkner, Vice-Chairman

Monty Barnett, Member