

## **Minutes of the Regular Business Session**

The Board of Woodson County Commissioners met in a regular business session beginning at 8:30 a.m. on January 16th, 2024 with Chairman Jerry Sedlacek, Vice-Chairman Justin Clark, Member Kevin Stuber, Attorney Zelda Schlotterbeck, and Certified County Clerk Tesla Bayles present.

**Meeting Commencement:** The session commenced with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Meeting Agenda:**

#### **1. Opening Session:**

- Pledge of Allegiance

#### **2. Board Alignment and Appointments:**

- Sedlacek motioned to maintain the current board alignment; motion failed due to lack of second.
- Stuber then motioned to appoint Justin Clark as Chair, seconded by Clark; Passed 2 – 1.
- Clark motioned to appoint Stuber as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Stuber; unanimously approved by Sedlacek.

#### **3. Executive Session - Commissioners:**

- Sedlacek 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 beginning at 8:45 a.m. to reconvene in the commission room at 8:55 a.m. Stuber seconded it; motion passed.

#### **4. Approval of Minutes:**

- Clark motioned to approve the minutes from December 26th, 2023, and the Special Meeting on January 11th, 2024; Stuber seconded it, with Sedlacek making it unanimous.

#### **5. Discussion on Cost-of-Living Raises:**

- No decision; Sedlacek declined his pay increase.

#### **6. Noxious Weed and Maintenance Report - Jarrod McVey:**

- McVey discussed sidewalk maintenance and the consideration of maintaining/replacing pipes in the boiler.
- Mentioned exploring a back-up boiler option and a visit to Anderson County for insights into a two-pipe boiler system.

#### **7. Sheriff's Report - Jeff McCullough:**

- Reported on the financial contributions of the jail over the last 3 years.
- Discussed plumbing issues, suspecting tree roots, and the need for future addressing.

- Advocacy for counties to choose their own coroner mentioned.

**8. EMS Director's Report - Cari Cavender:**

- Presented the weekly ambulance run log.
- Mentioned successful completion of the Paramedic national license exam by Brook Kuron.
- Proposed rate increases for hauling patients in the ambulance and ALS/BLS emergencies; tabled for further industry research.
- Presented quotes for converting lights from fluorescent to LED and addressing a wiring issue.
- Shared a wage study comparing her employees' pay with other county employees, considering the home-based nature of their work.
- Budgeted for a raise for all employees, discussion tabled for two weeks.

**9. Attorney-Client Sessions:**

- Sedlacek made the motion to recess into executive session for Attorney Client privileges to discuss legal liability for 10 minutes with the Commissioners, EMS Director, and County Attorney starting at 9:45 a.m. and reconvening at 9:55 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room. Clark seconded it, with Stuber making it unanimous.
- Sedlacek made the motion to recess into executive session for Attorney Client privileges to discuss legal liability for 17 minutes with the Commissioners, Sheriff, Undersheriff, County Clerk and County Attorney starting at 11:18 a.m. and reconvening at 11:35 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room. Clark seconded it, with Stuber making it unanimous.
- Sedlacek made the motion to recess into executive session for Attorney Client privileges to discuss legal liability for 10 minutes with the Commissioners, Sheriff, Undersheriff, County Clerk and County Attorney starting at 11:35 a.m. and reconvening at 11:45 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room. Clark seconded it, with Stuber making it unanimous.
- Sedlacek made the motion to recess into executive session for Attorney Client privileges to discuss legal liability for 18 minutes with the Commissioners, Sheriff, Undersheriff, County Clerk and County Attorney starting at 11:47 a.m. and reconvening at 12:05 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room. Clark seconded it, with Stuber making it unanimous.

**10. Solid Waste Supervisor's Report - Tracy Parks:**

- Discussed issues with the trash truck due to extreme cold.
- Proposed purchasing a roll-off truck; instructed to continue searching for a more affordable option.

- Requested to carry over the PPE remaining balance, and the board agreed.
- Granted authority to Parks to decide when not to send out the trash truck, with a courtesy call to commissioners.

**11. Community Building Cleanup and Authorization - John Weseloh:**

- Discussed cleaning out the basement at the Community Building.
- Granted authority to Weseloh to decide what should be kept and what should be disposed of.
- Clark motioned to allow the fair board to go through storage items in the Community Building, seconded by Stuber; unanimously approved by Sedlacek.

**12. Wind Energy Discussion - Shilo Eggers:**

- Raised concerns about a wind energy company's practice.
- Requested a moratorium on wind turbines until legislative actions in 2024 or open forum meetings to discuss wind turbines in Woodson County.
- Suggested a greater setback than 1000 feet; discussion tabled.

**13. Break Session:**

- Sedlacek motioned for a 5-minute break, seconded by Clark; unanimously approved by Stuber.

**14. Additional Executive Sessions:**

- 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, Road and Bridge Supervisor and Certified County Clerk Tesla Bayles beginning at 12:53 p.m. to reconvene in the commission room at 1:10 p.m. Stuber seconded it; motion passed.
- Sedlacek motioned to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to protect employee confidentiality; to discuss employee job performance for 5 minutes with the Commissioners, Road and Bridge Supervisor and Certified County Clerk Tesla Bayles beginning at 1:21 p.m. to reconvene in the commission room at 1:26 p.m. Stuber seconded it; motion passed.

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**15. Road and Bridge Supervisor's Report - Timothy Dimick:**

- The board shared compliments, complaints, and concerns to Dimick.

**16. Payment Approval:**

- Clark motioned to pay vouchers for \$13,900.80, seconded by Stuber; unanimously approved by Sedlacek.

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

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Justin Clark, Chairman

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Kevin Stuber, Vice-Chairman

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Jerry Sedlacek, Member