

The Woodson County Board of Commissioners convened for its regular session on February 13th, 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.

Sedlacek motioned to approve the agenda for the day, seconded by Stuber, and unanimously supported by Clark.

Motion to approve the amended minutes from February 6th was made by Stuber, seconded by Sedlacek, and unanimously approved by Clark.

Schlotterbeck had nothing to report.

The motion was made by Sedlacek to approve Resolution 24-03 **A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON COMMERCIAL RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF WOODSON COUNTY, KANSAS; DIRECTING CERTAIN REVISIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE WOODSON COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS.** It was seconded by Stuber, and unanimously supported by Clark.

Road and Bridge Supervisor, Timothy Dimick presented a road report. All graders and employees are out working on roads and a bridge at 90th and Prairie. MaryAnn Howell will be transferring from the Road and Bridge Department to the Clerk's Office.

Sheriff Jeff McCullough expressed the need from GN Bank for a motion to be made by the commissioners to allow Undersheriff Jared Helkenberg to be a signer on the sheriff's account. The motion was made by Stuber, seconded by Sedlacek, with Clark making it unanimous. McCullough discussed plumbing issues in the jail. He is waiting on a quote from Spellman's. Sheriff McCullough gave copies of the most current version of the contract agreed upon by Yates Center Police Chief Mike Strode, Head Dispatcher Annette Benteman, and Sheriff McCullough. More discussion on the Dispatch contract followed. Right-of-way parking was discussed.

The motion was made to reschedule the special meeting between the county and the city set for February 20th to be changed to February 26th at 6:00 p.m. at the Fire Barn. This special meeting will only involve discussion on the Dispatch Contract with the City of Yates Center.

Jared McVey, Noxious Weed Director presented a quote regarding the courthouse boiler. Discussion followed. McVey will make copies for the commissioners to look over. The courthouse is needing repairs to some of the guttering and some masonry work is also needed. McVey will get quotes from companies regarding these repairs. Sedlacek asked McVey if he would be willing to do general grant writing for the county. McVey agreed to help. McVey told the commissioners that his Noxious Weed Department had received an extensive inspection and was successful.

Jacob Schwartz came to the board to discuss concerns about his road and newly installed culvert. Stephanie Bedell, County Zoning Administrator came to the board to discuss the 12-month moratorium and all that this would involve. There will be a meeting with the commissioners and the Zoning Board. Michelle Zimmerman, WOCO Treasurer, asked for a copy of the Zoning Regulations to be put online. Commissioners will check to see exactly what the county's regulations are for first- and second-time

culvert recipients. It was mentioned to have in writing the name of the land-owner and all necessary information. Roads were also discussed.

Tracy Parks, Solid Waste Supervisor discussed the continuing need for a roll-off truck. Commissioners considered his budget and how to make changes. Some resolutions involving solid waste may need clarification. Zimmerman will present these to the board for approval. Commissioners advised Parks to schedule a meeting to address these issues. The board suggested approaching GN Bank for financing information and interest rates for the roll-off truck. Zimmerman will have information from GN Bank in a few weeks. The subject of grants was again introduced. Revision of the shingle policy was mentioned.

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 only beginning at 10:30 a.m. to reconvene in the commission room at 10:40 a.m. Stuber seconded it; Clark making it unanimous.

Troy Birk, Mark Griser & John Weseloh from the Fair Board came to discuss a Memorandum of Understanding from KS State University. They are hesitant to sign the letter being the buildings and property are county-owned. Fair board members and commissioners declined signing the Memorandum.

Motion was made by Clark to allow the chair to sign and approve the NRP agreement for Dirk and Clara Sorenson. It was seconded by Stuber, with Sedlacek making it unanimous.

Motion was made by Stuber to approve wage sheets for MaryAnn Howell and Kaisha Melendez, seconded by Clark, made unanimous by Sedlacek.

It was mentioned that KDOT has scheduled a project on US-75 in Woodson County this summer. This project is a Mill and HMA Overlay from the North City Limits of Yates Center, North to the Coffey County Line. It is a 40-working day project with 10-cleanup days.

Treasurer, Michelle Zimmerman discussed the Tax Sale & the possibility of using a company to help with the Tax Sale to lighten the burden from the Treasurer's Office, County Attorney's Office and expedite the process. Zimmerman will bring more information in a few weeks. Zimmerman presented the revised Employee Handbook. Clark made the motion to approve the changes; was seconded by Stuber and made unanimous by Sedlacek.

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 only beginning at 11:35 a.m. to reconvene in the commission room at 11:45 a.m. Stuber seconded it; Clark making it unanimous.

The meeting briefly adjourned for a 5-minute break.

Clark motioned to pay vouchers in the amount of \$89,146.21. Stuber seconded it, with Sedlacek making it unanimous. 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 only beginning at 12:00 p.m. to reconvene in the commission room at 12:10 p.m. Stuber seconded it; Clark making it unanimous.

Clark declared adjournment at 12:12 p.m.

Attest: _____
Tesla Bayles, Woodson Certified County Clerk

Justin Clark, Chairman

Kevin Stuber, Vice-Chairman

Jerry Sedlacek, Member