

The Woodson County Board of Commissioners convened for its regular session on February 6th, 2024, with Chairman Justin Clark, Vice-Chairman Kevin Stuber, Member Jerry Sedlacek, County Attorney Zelda Schlotterbeck, and Certified County Clerk Tesla Bayles in attendance.

The meeting commenced with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion to approve the minutes from January 30th was made by Stuber, seconded by Sedlacek, and unanimously approved by Clark.

Schlotterbeck introduced a resolution regarding a wind/solar moratorium. It was decided that the zoning board would review the resolution before final passage. The board scheduled a vote on the resolution for one week later and decided to engage an attorney to draft appropriate zoning laws. Stuber expressed concerns based on feedback from other counties regretting the introduction of wind turbines. Sedlacek motioned to table resolution 24-03 for review and voting at the next meeting, seconded by Stuber, and unanimously supported by Clark.

Sedlacek motioned to recess into executive session for Attorney-Client privileges to discuss legal liability for 10 minutes with the Commissioners and County Attorney, starting at 8:47 a.m. and reconvening at 8:57 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room. The motion was seconded by Stuber, with Clark making it unanimous.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Timothy Dimick presented a road report, highlighting challenges posed by recent weather conditions. Stuber urged patience from the public due to the extensive road network. Sedlacek raised concerns about county employees' conduct during breaks, suggesting disciplinary action. The board discussed various public complaints.

Stuber motioned to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to protect employee confidentiality; to discuss employee job performance for 20 minutes with the Commissioners, Attorney, Road and Bridge Supervisor and Clerk beginning at 9:17 a.m. to reconvene in the commission room at 9:37 a.m. Sedlacek seconded it; Clark making it unanimous.

Sedlacek requested Dimick to formulate a policy for inclement weather or downtime activities. Stuber and Sedlacek received positive feedback on road maintenance efforts. Dimick addressed immediate road repair needs.

Sheriff Jeff McCullough reported a drainage issue in the jail, opting for temporary routing until permanent repairs could be budgeted.

Solid Waste Supervisor Tracy Parks proposed a roll-off truck replacement, with ongoing search efforts discussed. Clark suggested continuing with the current waste management service until a suitable truck is found, considering lease-purchase options.

The meeting briefly adjourned for a 5-minute break.

EMS Director Cari Cavender presented the ambulance run log, with a new hire for consideration. Clark made the motion to approve the new hire for Jordon Drybread as a PRN paramedic. Stuber seconded it,

Sedlacek making it unanimous. Cavender discussed a request for wage increases and a potential deputy coroner appointment.

Sedlacek motioned to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to protect employee confidentiality; to discuss employee job performance for 11 minutes with the Commissioners, Ambulance Director, Attorney and Clerk beginning at 10:36 a.m. to reconvene in the commission room at 10:45 a.m. Stuber seconded it; Clark making it unanimous.

Public comments regarding road concerns were heard.

Clark proposed a resolution 24-02 **WHEREAS** the County of Woodson, Kansas, has determined that the financial statements and financial reports for the year ended 2023 to be prepared in conformity with the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) are not relevant to the requirements of the cash basis and budget laws of this state and are of no significant value to the Board of Woodson County Commissioners or the members of the general public of the County of Woodson to utilize generally accepted practices instead of statutory requirements for financial statements, seconded by Stuber with Sedlacek making it unanimous.

Sedlacek made the motion to accept the NRP for Nick Barney. Stuber seconded it; Clark making it unanimous.

Sedlacek raised the issue of enforcing parking regulations in the right-of-way.

The commissioners accepted Dimick's resignation as Road and Bridge Director.

Clark 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, Road and Bridge Supervisor and Clerk beginning at 11:50 a.m. to reconvene in the commission room at 12:00 p.m. Stuber seconded it; Sedlacek making it unanimous.

Clark 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, Road and Bridge Supervisor and Clerk beginning at 12:00 p.m. to reconvene in the commission room at 12:10 p.m. Stuber seconded it; Sedlacek making it unanimous.

Another 5-minute recess was taken.

Clark made the motion to sign payroll February 2nd, 2024 for \$130,839.78. Stuber seconded it, with Sedlacek making it unanimous.

Treasurer Michelle Zimmerman presented an updated quote from Mayer Specialties. Clark motioned to accept the bid in the amount of \$67,665 minus the \$11,565 from Improvement District #2, with the remained allocated from LATCF. Motion was seconded by Stuber, and unanimously supported by Sedlacek.

Motion to amend resolutions 20-11 and 24-04 regarding longevity bonuses was made by Clark, seconded by Stuber, and unanimously supported by Sedlacek.

Stuber motioned to pay vouchers in the amount of \$76,298.86. Clark seconded it, with Sedlacek making it unanimous.

Clark 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 Clerk beginning at 1:13 p.m. to reconvene in the commission room at 1:30 p.m. Stuber seconded it; Sedlacek making it unanimous.

Clark declared adjournment at 1:42 p.m.

Justin Clark, Chairman

Attest: _____
Tesla Bayles, Woodson Certified County Clerk

Kevin Stuber, Vice-Chairman

Jerry Sedlacek, Member