

The Board of Woodson County Commissioners met in a regular business session on March 23rd, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. with Chairman Monty Barnett, Vice-Chairman Wayne Faulkner, Member Justin Clark, County Attorney Zelda Schlotterbeck, and County Clerk Tesla Bayles.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Faulkner made the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Clark seconded the motion, with Barnett making it unanimous.

Clark made the motion to approve the minutes from March 16th, 2021 as printed. Faulkner seconded the motion, with Barnett making it unanimous.

Contract for Heritage Hills was discussed.

Clark made the motion to appoint Wayne Faulkner over the courthouse to make decisions related to weather closure and building issues. Faulkner seconded the motion, with Barnett making it unanimous.

Undersheriff Andrew Paasch presented weekly activity log. Paasch reported that one Deputy is in training.

Clark made the motion to approve a water crossing at Split Rock Rd and West Rd Drive. Faulkner second it, with Barnett making it unanimous.

Faulkner made the motion to approve the Purchase Agreement for Heritage Hills to Shane Lamb owner of Rural Redevelopment Group, LLC. Clark second it, with Barnett making it unanimous.

Ambulance Director Cari Cavender asked the board to allow her to make two full time positions available within her department. Faulkner stated he is going to see how many full-time positions the employee benefits budget can handle. Discussion was tabled to a later date. An incident from the week of March 22nd, 2021 was brought to the board's attention. Cavender did not have enough employees available to help with an ambulance run and had to pull over on the side of the road to preform life saving measures. Cavender explained she called the Sheriffs office for help to come drive the ambulance to Burlington while they performed CPR but there was only one Deputy on duty and he was in the middle of booking in an inmate. Cavender will be organizing a first responders meeting containing the Sheriff's Department, Fire Department, Ambulance Department, and City Police Department to make a protocol incase this situation ever arises again.

The Board recessed for a 10-minute break at 9:31 a.m. and reconvened at 9:41 in the courtroom.

Dale Stapleforth asked the Board who is in charge of the Road and Bridge Department. Justin Clark explained that Jason Smith is the foreman over all Road and Bridge employees and Dane Onnen is over all employees and Jason.

Hope Unlimited presented a proclamation to make April Child Abuse awareness month. Clark made the motion to sign the proclamation to declare April as Child Abuse Awareness Month. Faulkner second it, with Barnett making it unanimous.

Clark moved to allow the Chamber of Commerce to use the Courthouse Lawn for an Easter egg hunt on April 3rd. Faulkner second it, with Barnett making it unanimous.

Clark made the motion to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to protect employee confidentiality; to discuss employee performance for 10 minutes with the Board, County Attorney and County Clerk starting at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened, in the Courtroom at 10:25 a.m. Faulkner second it with Barnett making it unanimous.

Clark made the motion to recess into Attorney Client privileges to discuss legal liability for 5 minutes with the Commissioners and the County Attorney starting at 10:28 a.m. and reconvened at 10:33 a.m., in the Courtroom. Faulkner second it, with Barnett making it unanimous

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Clark welcomes citizen comments but it will be limited to 5 minutes at the end of the meeting. A spot will be added to the agenda for citizen comments.

Faulkner moves to allow Clerk Bayles to purchase a Culligan Water System out of the Courthouse Fund and place it in her Office for all employees to access. Clark second it, with Barnett making it unanimous.

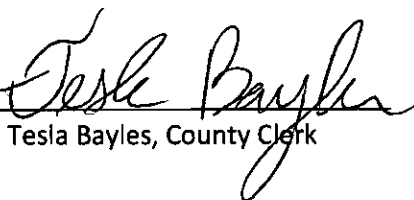
The Board decided to place the District Court Drop Box by the Sheriff's Office.

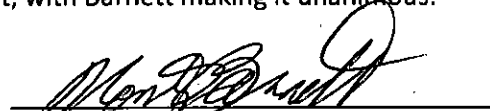
Faulkner made the motion to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to protect employee confidentiality; to discuss employee performance for 10 minutes with the Board, County Attorney, County Clerk and Public Works Supervisor Dane Onnen starting at 11:06 a.m. and reconvened at 11:16 a.m., in the Courtroom.


Faulkner made the motion to allow Fire Chief Nick Barney to purchase an Airgas Welder & accessories not to exceed \$2,000. Barney asked who is responsible for paying a towing bill when the Road and Bridge Department put in an ill-fitting air filter causing a fire vehicle to break down on the side of the road. Barney will contact the insurance company to see if the towing cost may be covered.

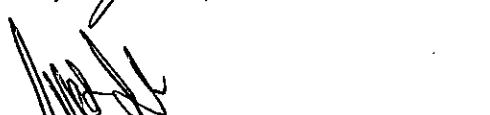
Faulkner moved to approve vouchers for the amount of \$86,366.32. Clark second it, with Barnett making it unanimous.

Faulkner moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:45. Clark second it, with Barnett making it unanimous.

Attest: 
Tesla Bayles, County Clerk


Monty Barnett, Chairman


Wayne Faulkner, Vice-Chairman


Justin Clark, Member