

The Board of Woodson County Commissioners met in a regular business session on April 6th, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. with Chairman Monty Barnett, Vice-Chairman Wayne Faulkner, Member Justin Clark, County Attorney Zelda and County Clerk Tesla Bayles.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Clark moved to approve the agenda for April 6th, 2021 as amended. Faulkner second it, with Barnett making it unanimous.

Clark made the motion to approve the minutes from March 30th, 2021. Barnett second it, with Faulkner making it unanimous.

Attorney Schlotterbeck discussed new legislation that requires the county to pay taxes back to businesses if the county had a mandatory shut down. This would not apply to Woodson County. The cares act grant will be received soon the total amount will be \$608,000 to be paid out between the period of two years. Barnett is preparing a report on how to begin implementing the neighborhood revitalization project and will be bringing it to the table later. A department head meeting will need to take place in order to distribute new duties pertaining to the revitalization plan. Commissioners discussed making all of Woodson County a U.S.D. 366 School District and removing all other school districts to create more revenue.

Sheriff Jeff McCullough discussed EMD training bills for CPR in the amount of \$200 and questioned what budget these expenses come out of. Faulkner advised to contact EMD and see what other expenses we will incur from them. McCullough explained that Dispatch budget may be over because the dispatchers were given a raise last year and the budget was not increased.

Public Works Supervisor Dane Onnen presented lowered bids from Bob Bergkamp and Circle C for a stabilization and chip and seal project on Nighthawk Road. Money can be transferred from special highway fund to his Road and Bridge Fund to help pay for this project. Clark moved to use \$100,000 out of the special highway fund and to approve the Bob Bergkamp bid and Circle C bid for \$184,053. Faulkner second it, with Barnett making it unanimous. Onnen is going to begin doing dust control service soon, charging \$1.25 a foot.

Faulkner asked Ambulance Director Cari Cavender to come to the weekly meeting to give a report on the weekly activities of the Ambulance Department. Cavender is working with Emergency Preparedness Director Courtney Bartley to become a certified CPR instructor. Cari Cavender has started renting the Ambulance meeting room and Zimmerman needs to know where to deposit the rent. Clark made the motion to allow the ambulance rent money to be deposited into the ambulance fund. Faulkner second it, with Barnett making it unanimous. Faulkner stated the ambulance needs a Lucas 3 device which preforms CPR. The product cost \$16,000 and Treasurer Zimmerman suggest using money out of General Funds to purchase the equipment because it is beneficial to all the tax payers due to the increased risks from the Covid Pandemic. Faulkner made the motion to allow Cari Cavender to order a Lucas 3 chest compression system and accessories not to excide 20,000 dollars to be paid out of the general fund. Clark second the motion, with Barnett making it unanimous. The commissioners specifically found that the Lucas 3 device was necessary due to the increased risks associated with COVID.

Emergency Preparedness Director Cortney Bartley discussed CPR certifying Courthouse employees and certifying Cavender as a CPR instructor. Bartley will be getting estimates for the cost of consumables for the CPR classes. Bartley will be working with Fire Chief Barney to create permanent burn permit cards.

Barnett 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, County Treasurer and County Sherriff starting at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened, in the Courtroom at 10:25 a.m. Clark second it , with Faulkner making it unanimous.

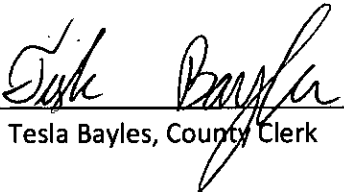
President of the Neosho Falls Senior Center Mike Fitzgerald came to the board to ask who is responsible for paying the Insurance for Neosho Falls Senior Center. It was decided that Neosho Falls Senior Center is responsible for paying the premium out of the quarterly allocations sent to them from Woodson County. There is a building behind the senior center that needs added to the Neosho Falls Senior Center insurance bill. Fitzgerald is going to bring a bid to improve the heating and cooling systems at the Neosho Falls Senior Center. Fitzgerald pointed out Willow Rd needs attention. Onnen explained Willow Road will be repaired temporarily until it can be repaired properly.

Faulkner discussed that Woodson County is a zoned county and if anyone wants to transform agriculture land into conditional use land, they need to abide by the zoning laws and protocols. A zoning board hearing will be April 28th, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. at the Ambulance Barn for the matter of Still Waters Lake. Faulkner moved to appoint John Weseloh to the zoning Board. Clark second it, with Barnett making it unanimous.

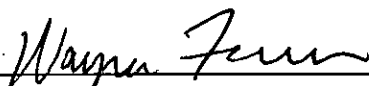
The board discussed creating a line item in the county budget for \$25,000 for building cleanup. The County Clerk needs it in writing to put this in the July budget abstract. Barnett is going to contact Attorney Brian Duncan about the property abatement issue near Toronto.

Clark moved to approve the ESRI quote for \$1,990.25 and allow Appraiser Jerry Mentzer to sign the contract. Faulkner second it, with Barnett making it unanimous.

Clark moved to adjourn. Faulkner seconded it, with Barnett making it unanimous. Meeting was adjourned at 11:47.

Attest: 
Tesla Bayles, County Clerk


Monty Barnett, Chairman


Wayne Faulkner, Vice-Chairman


Justin Clark, Member