

The Board of Woodson County Commissioners met in a regular business session on May 11, 2021 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.

Clark moved to approve the May 11, 2021 agenda as written. Faulkner second it, with Barnett making it unanimous.

Faulkner moved to approve the minutes for May 4th, 2021. Clark second it, with Barnett making it unanimous.

Attorney Schlotterbeck presented resolution 21-07 informing county citizens the stance of the county commissioners on gun rights in Woodson County. Faulkner made the motion to approve resolution 21-07 to preserve and defend the United States Constitution. Clark second, with Barnett making it unanimous. Woodson County is now applying for federal covid relief funds to receive half this year and half next year. The state senate has passed a tax rebate bill that forces counties to pay back business's taxes that were shut down due to covid.

Sheriff Jeff McCullough presented his weekly activity stats. A deputy has graduated from the academy and is eligible for a .50 cent increase. Faulkner made the motion to approve the wage sheet for Christopher Bowman for full time deputy. Clark second it, with Barnett making it unanimous. A deputy is on deployment until June 30, 2021 CPost was notified, he will not be able to complete his 40 hours of mandatory training due to him being deployed since June of 2020. It was never reported in 2020 that he was deployed. This is the second time that a notice has been sent from CPost due to change in status not being reported in 2020. McCullough is requesting an amendment for the dispatch contractual and personnel services budget to compensate for the newly acquired cost from EMD training and raises being given in 2020 to the dispatchers that was not budgeted for. McCullough states that dispatch contractual needs to be raised \$11,000 and personnel services needs to be raised. Chairman Monty Barnett decided to keep a close eye on personnel services for Dispatch before amending it. Treasurer Zimmerman suggest amending the budget when the auditor is here to set next year's budget in July. Faulkner made the motion to pay the EMD bill for \$10,678 out of courthouse general. Clark second it, with Barnett making it unanimous. McCullough is going to start the process to sell all vehicles in the impound lot.

Faulkner moved to take a 5-minute recess break. Clark second, with Barnett making it unanimous.

Ambulance Director Cari Cavender presented Weekly Ambulance Run Log. It was discussed that the county should have a second crew, and the possibility of an employee being added in order to make this happen. A lengthy discussion ensued about options to have a second crew and if more employees will need to be hired. The idea of using a second crew to transport in order to gain revenue was also kicked around. When two accidents happen, another county must respond to assist with transports. A plan is going to be formed to create a second crew including deciding the exact cost for personnel, commodities and contractual expenses. Tabled until next week's meeting.

Public Works Administrator Dane Onnen presented a job description for the foreman position. A few revisions will be made and presented next week. Between Grouse and Hereford needs rock and ditched. A Road and Bridge grader operator is running a bush hog around the cemeteries.

Treasurer Michelle Zimmerman informed the commissioners the point of contact at the Department of Education to assist with the to change the school district map. There have been some questions why expenses the commissioners make a motion to approve on gets paid out of Courthouse General. Emily the auditor explained Courthouse General is our holding fund for our general money. Everything that the commissioners have control over must be spent out of Courthouse. The board can create a budgeted line item for building and custodial maintenance to separate what is being spent for the courthouse building and what is being spent for everything else. Custodial maintenance will entail personnel services for custodian, toilet paper, soap, etc. The board is planning to have a department head meeting concerning setting the budgets a date will be set soon. Zimmerman discussed options for having an IT service at Woodson County in order to not have to pay Advantage Computers for every small issue each office has. Coffey County IT director is going to come to our next week's meeting to point us in the right direction on who/how to hire an IT director. Clerk Bayles is going to get an estimate on how much our IT cost has been for the last 3 years. Tabled until next week. Treasurer Zimmerman is assigned as the point of contact for the covid relief money.

Emergency Preparedness Director Courtney Bartley is getting consoles for the Sheriff's Office, but the desks need repaired and new carpet needs installed in the dispatcher's area this is to be paid out of pre-911 fund. Bartley is going to bring three bids for the installation of the carpet because it does not fall under the pre-911 fund stipulations.

Barnett made the motion to take a 5-minute break. Faulkner second it, with Clark making it unanimous.

The board came to an agreement that the custodian no longer needs a county phone because he is no longer managing tenants at Heritage Hills Apartments. It will not be renewed.

Faulkner presented a list of all the things the commissioners have accomplished the last four months.

Member Clark shared what amount is being paid to our Multi-County Health Department from all the counties involved. He warned that at some point these prices will go up. Two board members have resigned from the MCHD board, a provider and a consumer will need to be assigned to the board.

Clark made the motion to accept the resignation of Charyl Stewart and Suzanne Shafer from the SEK Multi-County Health Department. Faulkner second, with Barnett making it unanimous.

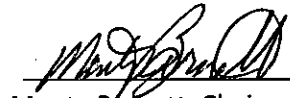
Faulkner moved to sign vouchers in the amount of \$67,861.18. Clark second it, Barnett making it unanimous.

Faulkner made the motion to adjourn at 1:05 p.m. Clark second it, with Barnett making it unanimous.

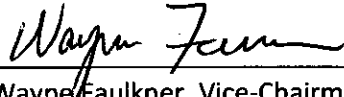
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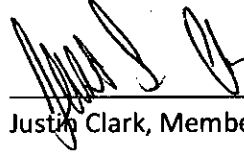
Tesla Bayles, County Clerk



Monty Barnett, Chairman



Wayne Faulkner, Vice-Chairman



Justin Clark, Member