

The Board of Woodson County Commissioners met in a regular business session on May 25th, 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 made the motion to approve the agenda for May 25th, 2021 as amended. Faulkner second it, with Barnett making it unanimous.

Faulkner made the motion to approve the May 18th minutes. Clark second it, with Barnett making it unanimous.

Faulkner made the motion to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to protect employee confidentiality; to discuss employee performance for 5 minutes with the Commissioners, County Clerk, County Attorney and Undersheriff starting at 8:35 a.m. to 8:40 a.m. Clark second it, with Barnett making it unanimous.

Cortney Bartley informed the Board he has resigned from the position of Emergency Management Director.

Undersheriff Paasch presented Weekly Activity Stats and informed the Board that Godfreys Paint from Topeka is aiming to start painting the jail next week a calming pastel color. Barnett asked the undersheriff to be more conscientious on how they are spending their budget. Paasch explained how the schedule for the 8 Sheriff employees works. Overtime accrued during the Click it or Ticket time period is paid back by the state. Faulkner states there are a lot things that would be nice to have but being a small county, we cannot afford.

Schlotterbeck found a resolution stating that Cortney Bartley is the interim Emergency Director. A resolution needs to be passed appointing a new Emergency Management Director.

Public Works Supervisor Dane Onnen tells the Board that dust control will be applied in the next two weeks. There are 2 vehicles out of order and at Merle Kelly Ford to be maintenance. The fence by the new bridge must be completed by June 1st. Onnen ordered \$15,000 dollars' worth of dumpsters out of Solid Waste funds. A citizen can rent a roll off container for 30 days then they must re-buy it. The old roll off containers that are rusted out the bottom are sold as scrap iron.

Noxious Weed Director Jarrod McVey presented to the Board bids for a cement pad on the east end of his Noxious Weed Barn. McVey was asked by the board to get a more detailed bid. Tabled. Weeds have been sprayed at all the county buildings in town and the senior centers.

Jason Rincker works with Cherokee County Clerk's Office as their IT Department. His company, Stronghold Data is based out of Joplin Missouri. They have been in the IT business for 30 years. Most of their service is remote. Jason does have two data centers; one serves as a backup. Jason educated the board stating there are two sides to IT, maintenance and security. Kansas leads the nation as number 1 in data breach incidents. Stronghold data uses dual factor authentication to keep the network secure. An assessment project would discover our weak spots. Monthly monitoring fee is \$60 dollars per computer. Contract is based on a three-year engagement with an estimated cost of \$30,000 a year that may be able to be paid out of the ARPA funds being received from the federal government. If we go with Stronghold, we would receive a discount on new business version dell computers.

Faulkner recessed to take a break 10:35 a.m. to 10:40 a.m. Clark second it, with Barnett making it unanimous.

Becky Johnson the Administrator of the health department presented her yearly funding request. Clark made the motion to approve the SEK Multi-County Health Department 2022 funding for \$31,000. Faulkner second it, Barnett making it unanimous.

Faulkner moved to approve the proposal of \$1,115.80 for the electric heater from Dale Sheet Metal for the Neosho Falls Senior Center. Clark second it, with Barnett making it unanimous.

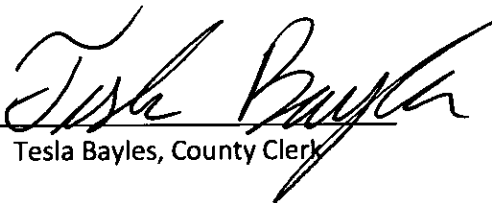
Lisa Page came to the board to explain District Court's budget request.

Faulkner made the motion to approve the 2022 budget for District Court for \$112,387.00 and allowed the Chairman to sign it. Clark second it, with Barnett making it unanimous.


Faulkner made the motion to pay vouchers in the amount of \$95,665.96. Clark second it, with Barnett making it unanimous.

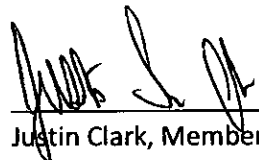
Faulkner moved to adjourn at 11:38 a.m., Clark second it. With Barnett making it unanimous.

Attest:


Tesla Bayles, County Clerk


Monty Barnett, Chairman


Wayne Faulkner, Vice-Chairman


Justin Clark, Member.