

The Board of Woodson County Commissioners met in a regular business session on August 24th, 2021 with Chairman Monty Barnett, Vice-Chairman Wayne Faulkner, Member Justin Clark and County Clerk Tesla Bayles.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Monty Barnett discussed sticking tighter to Roberts' Rules and if someone wants to speak, they need to be recognized by the board.

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

Barnett made the motion to August 17th, 2021 minutes. Clark seconded it, with Faulkner making it unanimous.

Jess from K-Work presented to the board how workers compensation insurance works. Harvey from K-Camp presented to the board how their insurance works and it covers automobile, liability and many other forms of insurance. The board said they are willing to accept bids from K-Work and K-Camp.

EMS Director Cari Cavender presented to the board the weekly activity stats. Cavender presented her completion of the American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) Instructor Program.

Faulkner made the motion to enter executive session for non-elected personnel to protect employee confidentiality; to discuss employee performance for 10 minutes with the Commissioner, County Clerk, and EMS Director Cari Cavender starting at 9:09 a.m. and reconvened at 9:19 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room. Clark seconded it, with Barnett making it unanimous.

Dane Onnen Public Works Supervisor gave an update about putting in a road crossing. Clark made the motion to allow Wacy Douglas to put a water line across the road at 150th and Jay Rd. Faulkner seconded it, with Barnett making it unanimous. The board discussed the nation-wide labor shortage and how it is affecting the Road and Bridge Department. The Commissioners want the public to know if they have a road repair request, they need to call the Road and Bridge Secretary and file their request. Dane Onnen announced that he retiring and his retirement date is 9/16/2021.

Sheriff Jeff McCullough presented to the board his weekly activity stats. He shared that Deputy Schomaker graduated from the Academy and did very well. Faulkner made the motion to sign the wage form for Martin Schomaker for full time deputy. Clark second it, with Barnett making it unanimous. The Sheriff Departments is going to be purchasing chirpers and install a video phone because in person visits will no longer be possible due to Covid-19.

Phil Jarred the County's Auditor came to the Board to assist with the Woodson County Budget and Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing. Commissioner Barnett officially opened the public hearing for the Revenue Neutral Rate at 10:00 a.m.

Clark made the motion to accept resolution 21-16 on property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate for Woodson County. Faulkner seconded it, with Barnett making it unanimous.

Clark made the motion to accept resolution 21-17 on property tax rate exceeding the Revenue neutral Rate for the Rural Fire Department. Faulkner seconded it, with Barnett making it unanimous.

Barnett opened the budget hearing to public comment for the Woodson County and Rural Fire Budget at 10:16 a.m.

Faulkner made the motion to approve the 2022 Woodson County Budget at a levy rate of 101.097. Clark seconded it, with Barnett making it unanimous.

Faulkner made the motion to approve the 2022 Budget for Rural Fire Department at a levy rate of 4.637. Clark seconded it, with Barnett making it unanimous.

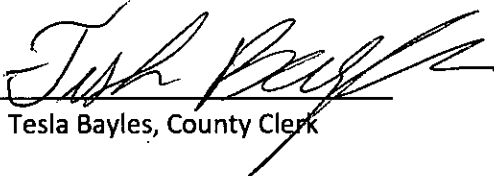
Clark made the motion to enter into executive session at 10:34 for 10 minutes.

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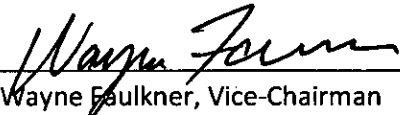
Barnett made a motion to help sponsor the walk for Friends for Life for the amount of \$150. Faulkner seconded it, with Clark making it unanimous.

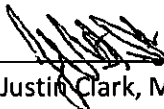
Faulkner made the motion to approve the vouchers for \$106,657.71. Clark seconded it, with Barnett making it unanimous.

Clark made the motion to adjourn at 12:53 p.m. Faulkner seconded it, with Barnett making it unanimous.

Attest: 
Tesla Bayles, County Clerk


Monty Barnett, Chairman


Wayne Faulkner, Vice-Chairman


Justin Clark, Member