

The Board of Woodson County Commissioners met in a regular business session on November 14th, 2023 with Chairman Jerry Sedlacek, Vice-Chairman Justin Clark, Member Kevin Stuber, Attorney Zelda Schlotterbeck and Certified County Clerk Tesla Bayles.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Sedlacek made the motion to approve the agenda. Clark seconded it, with Stuber making it unanimous.

Stuber made the motion to approve the November 7, 2023 minutes. Clark seconded it, Sedlacek making it unanimous.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Timothy Dimick discussed the termination of the shale contract with the board. Tabled for further discussion. A bridge is being replaced at 110th and Yarrow and will be reopening today. A Road and Bridge progress report was given. Grant writing for Road and Bridge Department was discussed. Tabled. Board discussed possible purchase of chip and seal equipment. Dimick was directed to look into cost.

Sedlacek motioned to recess into executive session to discuss personnel matters for the purpose of protecting the confidentiality of the employee to discuss employee job performance with Commissioners for 13 minutes. Meeting to reconvene in the Commission room at 9:10 am. Clark seconded it, with Stuber making it unanimous.

Clark reported to Dimick that a sign was placed in a culvert many years ago and it is exposed. Dimick will fix it as soon as possible. That process of placing signs in culverts is no longer used.

Sheriff Jeff McCullough came to the board and informed the board he has put out advertisements for two Dispatchers and two Deputies. The Sheriff's Office reported that they sent an employee to the academy for training. That training was completed, but the employee resigned. The Sheriff's Office was reimbursed for 85% of the training cost. The City of Yates Center contract is still being negotiated.

Sedlacek motioned to recess into executive session to discuss personnel matters for the purpose of protecting the confidentiality of the employee to discuss employee job performance with Commissioners and Sheriff McCullough for 3 minutes. Meeting to reconvene in the Commission room at 9:31 am. Clark seconded it, with Stuber making it unanimous.

Noxious Weed and Maintenance Director Jarrod McVey presented a quote for maintenance on the masonry work on the Courthouse. McVey will get a second quote.

Sedlacek stated that he gave Casey Diver permission outside of the Commission Meeting to call Ace Refrigeration to fix the heater in the 4-H Building.

Solid Waste Supervisor Tracy Parks gave a progress report. The garage door has been repaired. The cost of a used roll off truck was discussed. Clark suggested to get quotes on pre-admissions roll off truck and the truck be older than 2008. Automatic versus standard cost was discussed. The shingle resolution was discussed and tabled. Price to pick up tires has increased.

Chamber of Commerce Director Chari Bauman presented tourism request. Clark made the motion to approve \$200 for the Basketball Reunion and \$250 for the Festival of Lights. Stuber seconded it, Sedlacek making it unanimous.

Fire Chief Nick Barney came to the board to discuss purchasing a truck. Clark made the motion to increase his spending authority to \$45,000. Stuber seconded it, Sedlacek making it unanimous.

The board agreed to stay with the grandfathered Blue cross Blue Shield policy for 2024.

Sedlacek motioned to recess into executive session to discuss personnel matters for the purpose of protecting the confidentiality of the employee to discuss employee job performance with Commissioners, Road and Bridge Supervisor and Certified County Clerk for 10 minutes. Meeting to reconvene in the Commission room at 10:30 am. Clark seconded it, with Stuber making it unanimous.

Sedlacek made the motion to recess for a 5-minute break. Clark seconded it, with Stuber making it unanimous.

Clark made the motion to pass resolution 23-10 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF WOODSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN RURAL OPPORTUNITY ZONE STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM CALENDAR YEAR 2024. Stuber seconded it, Sedlacek making it unanimous.

Sedlacek made the motion to pay November 9th withholdings. Stuber seconded it, with Clark making it unanimous.

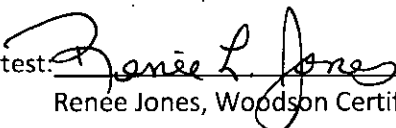
Sedlacek made the motion to approve the November 10th payroll that was paid on November 9th for \$115,370.54. Stuber seconded it, with Clark making it unanimous.

Sedlacek made the motion to approve the vouchers for \$17,513.73. Clark seconded it, with Stuber making it unanimous.

Clark made the motion to recess into executive session to discuss personnel matters relating to HR for the purpose of protecting the confidentiality of the employee to discuss employee performance for 33 minutes with Commissioners and County Clerk starting at 11:12 a.m. and reconvene at 11:45 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room. Stuber seconded it, with Sedlacek making it unanimous.

Clark made the motion to recess into executive session to discuss personnel matters relating to HR for the purpose of protecting the confidentiality of the employee to discuss employee performance for 14 minutes with Commissioners and County Clerk starting at 11:46 a.m. and reconvene at 12:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room. Stuber seconded it, with Sedlacek making it unanimous.

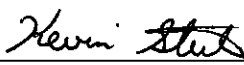
Sedlacek declared adjournment at 12:54 p.m.

Attest: 
Renee Jones, Woodson Certified Deputy Clerk

Jerry Sedlacek, Chairman



Justin Clark, Vice-Chairman



Kevin Stuber, Member