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The Board of Woodson County Commissioners met in a regular business session on January 24, 2023 with Chairman Wayne Faulkner, Vice-Chairman Jerry Sedlacek, Member Justin Clark, Attorney Zelda Schlotterbeck and County Clerk Tesla Bayles.

The Pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

Clark made the motion to approve the minutes from January 17th, 2023. Sedlacek seconded it, with Faulkner making it unanimous.

Sedlacek made the motion to recess into executive session for Attorney Client privileges to discuss legal liability for 5 minutes with the Commissioners and County Attorney starting at 8:33 a.m. and reconvened at 8:37 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room. Clark seconded it, with Faulkner making it unanimous.

Sedlacek informed the board that the city council agreed to split the carpet cleaning bill three ways with the County, City and School. Sedlacek stated that it is not acceptable for department heads to split a bill up to be less than \$500. Any non-elected department head needs to ask the board for approval for any purchase over \$500. The Clerk will send out a memo to clarify not to split out purchases.

Road and Bridge Supervisor/ Emergency Preparedness Director Timothy Dimick presented to the board the weekly road log. Rock prices have not increased since 2022. Ditch work has been postponed due to muddy conditions. Nighthawk road is being graveled. National Weather service stated that snow will start this evening until tomorrow morning and we will receive 2-4 inches. Thursday the 26th will be the first responder meeting. Allen County has a resolution that states any tower in their county must allow them free access to it for emergency response radios. Dimick will obtain a copy.

Sheriff Jeff McCullough reported in 2021 the revenue for the jail was \$26,330.04 and in 2022 the revenue was \$58,577.00 The meals cost \$9.00 a day per person.

John Atkins came to the board to discuss radios. John requested the board to sign two letters. One authorizes his company Bison Aviation to work on Woodson County Radios and Equipment. It does not obligate the county to use his company. The Sheriff stated he will not allow other agencies in the county have access to his 800-radio channel. Attorney Schlotterbeck suggested that the board get an opinion from the Attorney Generals Office to see if the County or Sheriff's Office owns the license to the 800 radios. Clark made the motion to allow the Chairman to sign the letter of authorization for Bison LLC. Sedlacek seconded it, with Faulkner making it unanimous. Atkins informed McCullough he believes it is in the best interest of all first responders of Woodson County to be allowed to hear and transmit on the 800-radio channel. McCullough expressed the concern that the 800-radio channel will become overloaded. Atkins stated he is not asking for a change in protocol he is requesting everyone have access to the 800-radio channel. EMS Director Cari Cavender explained that it is a safety issue that they can not always hear what is happening on Woodson Law 800 radio. It was decided for first responders to iron this out at the first responder meeting Thursday 8:30 a.m. at the fire barn and Sedlacek will be attending.

Faulkner made motion to recess for 5-minutes. Sedlacek seconded it, with Clark making it unanimous.

Noxious Weed, Solid Waste and Maintenance Supervisor Jarrod McVey presented a quote to fix the dump truck. Clark made the motion to accept the quote from Weis to repair Fork Lift for \$2,500 to be taken out of the Solid Waste fund. Sedlacek seconded it, with Faulkner making it unanimous. McVey explained that we have an \$800 credit with Kone to do repairs on the elevator. Sedlacek made the motion to sign the maintenance contract with Kone to pay \$182. Clark seconded it, with Faulkner making it unanimous.

EMS Director Cari Cavender presented to the board the weekly ambulance run log. Cavender replaced all of the pads in the AED machines. Faulkner requested the times of run be listed on the weekly ambulance run log. Cavender agreed to put the times of the runs on the log. The board asked Cavender to put the office hours on the door. Cavender agreed to put the hours on the door.

Faulkner made the motion to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to protect employee confidentiality; to discuss employee performance for 15 minutes with the Commissioners, County Attorney, County Clerk and EMS Director starting at 10:21 a.m. and reconvened at 10:36 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room. Clark seconded it, with Sedlacek making it unanimous.

Cavender stated she will charge \$25 for blood draws.

Treasurer Michelle Zimmerman presented the November and December Department Reports. Clark made the motion to approve the November and December Department Report. Sedlacek seconded it, Faulkner making it unanimous. Clark made the motion to approve the annual department reports. Sedlacek seconded it, with Faulkner making it unanimous. Zimmerman informed the board that she has purchased new vehicle decal printers. Clark made the motion to approve the transfer of funds from the MV Operating fund to the general fund. Sedlacek seconded it, with Faulkner making it unanimous. The rate for the CDs at the bank is not matching the states rate. Clark made the motion to approve the transfer of funds from interest to general. Sedlacek seconded it, with Faulkner making it unanimous. Clark made the motion to transfer ARPA funds to Road and Bridge Reimbursement Expense. Sedlacek seconded it, with Faulkner making it unanimous. Zimmerman presented an ARPA Expenditure list.

Clark made the motion to recess into executive session for proprietary reasons for 15 minutes with the Commissioners and County Clerk, starting at 11:54 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. to protect confidential data trade secrets exception; Sedlacek seconded it, with Faulkner making it unanimous.

Clark made the motion to recess for lunch at 12:30 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m. Sedlacek seconded it, with Faulkner making it unanimous.

Clerk Bayles informed the board the NeoGov Human Resources System is online and ready to be used. Clerk Bayles showed the Board how to evaluate employees on the system.

Clark made the motion to recess for a 5-minute break. Faulkner seconded it, with Sedlacek 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 22 minutes with the Commissioners and County Clerk starting at 1:08 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room. Clark seconded it, with Sedlacek 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 30 minutes with the Commissioners and County Clerk starting at 1:30 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room. Clark seconded it, with Sedlacek making it unanimous.


Sedlacek made the motion to pay vouchers for \$13,756.37. Clark seconded it, with Faulkner making it unanimous.

Faulkner declared adjournment at 2:08 p.m.

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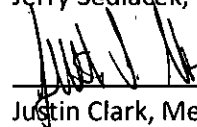
Tesla Bayles, County Clerk



Wayne Faulkner, Chairman



Jerry Sedlacek, Vice-Chairman



Justin Clark, Member