

The Board of Woodson County Commissioners met in a regular business session on April 4th, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. 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.

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

Sedlacek proposed to table approval of the minutes until the end of meeting, Faulkner agreed.

Attorney Zelda Schlotterbeck informed the board that she is giving her Paralegal Brandy Slater a raise from \$16.75 to \$21.00 an hour. Schlotterbeck stated she has the funds in her budget but it will be tight.

Faulkner stated when an elected official requests an employee raise and they have the money they can do it, we don't have a say so they don't even need to bring a wage sheet to us. Faulkner stated it should be in the minutes that the attorney is giving her Paralegal a \$4.25 an hour raise. Schlotterbeck asked if we are still going to use a wage increase form? Faulkner stated that a form still needs to be filled out and come down to the meeting for the record.

Faulkner stated that if it is an employee in a department they have authority over, will go through the process of signing wage sheets. Faulkner stated Elected Officials sign the wage sheets for their employees and Commissioners will sign for theirs. Schlotterbeck asked so we are changing the policy? Faulkner replied yes, we are. Sedlacek stated that they have not changed the process on how elected officials give raises they have just irradiated a mere formality.

See attached employee wage sheet.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Timothy Dimick gave an update on the tree trimming that was done on the courthouse lawn. Dimick discussed the recent wind storm and gave a current weather update. Dimick informed the board that he would like to purchase a 2016 grader. Clark motioned to approve the purchase of a 2016 cat grader for \$99,000 and the 2-year warranty for \$18,640. Sedlacek seconded with the agreement of negotiating the tires, with Faulkner making it unanimous.

Sheriff Jeff McCullough presented the weekly activity log and wage increase sheets for Sheriff's Office and Dispatch. Dispatchers Johanna Beets from \$15.25 to \$17.00 per hr., Annette Bentemen \$17.25 to \$19.00 per hr., Deanna Johnson from \$15.25 to \$17.00 per hr., Laura Martinez from \$15.25 to \$17.00 per hr., Jacquelyn Turner from \$15.25 to \$17.00 per hr. Under Sheriff Andrew Paasch will increase annual salary from \$46,026.50 to \$50,001.90, Detective Davin West will increase annual salary from \$44,026.58 to \$48,000.16, Deputy Scott Hockman from \$17.00 to \$20.65 per hr. and Deputy Don King from \$17.75 to \$17.31 per hr. The board discussed the Jail reimbursement fund clarifying to make sure and place money in the correct accounts.

Clerk Bayles presented the Clerk's Quarterly Claim Report. Clark made the motion to approve the Clerk's Publication Report for the first quarter. Sedlacek seconded it, with Faulkner making it unanimous. Bayles informed the board that both her employees are being promoted. Teresa McCullough Clerk 1 is being promoted to Deputy Election Clerk with a wage increase from \$15.25 to \$17.00 per hr. and Renee Jones Deputy Clerk has completed 120 hours of training and is being promoted to Certified Deputy Clerk with a wage increase from \$16.25 to \$18.00 per hr.

Fire Chief Nick Barney gave an update about a truck that needs maintenance. Clark made the motion to approve Rural Fire to purchase a transmission for \$3,755. Sedlacek seconded it, with Faulkner making it unanimous. Burning of the Bressner pasture was discussed.

Chamber of Commerce Director Chari Bauman came to the board to discuss a sign that will be placed next to Dollar General and also brought Tourism Requests. Clark made the motion to approve the tourism request for the Woodson County 4-H Spring Livestock Show for \$300, Friends of Cross Timbers Concert Series for \$1,600 and Toronto Booster Fireworks for \$2,500. Sedlacek seconded it, with Faulkner making it unanimous.

Director of the Southwind Extension District Crystal Harding came to the board to introduce herself and her team. Maintenance at the Extension Office was discussed.

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

Sedlacek made the motion to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to protect employee confidentiality; to discuss employee performance for 10 minutes beginning at 10:20 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m. with the Commissioners and McVey. Clark seconded it, with Faulkner making it unanimous.

The board discussed bids for the cameras in the Ambulance Meeting room. Clark made the motion to accept the bid for Advantage Computers to install cameras in the Ambulance Meeting room for \$2,554 to be taken out of Courthouse General. Sedlacek seconded it, with Faulkner making it unanimous.

Sedlacek made the motion to accept Robert Links bid for mowing and weed-eating the Courthouse lawn for \$150 per mowing. Clark seconded it, with Faulkner making it unanimous.

Clark made the motion to recess into executive session for Attorney Client privileges to discuss legal liability for 10 minutes with the Commissioners, and County Attorney starting at 11:15 a.m. and reconvened at 11:25 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room. Sedlacek seconded it, with Faulkner making it unanimous.

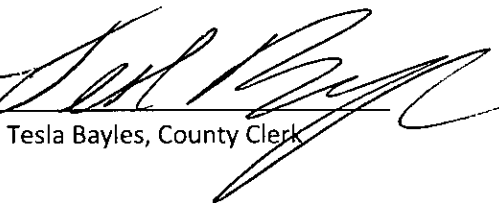
Faulkner stated to change K-WORK to K-WORC and remove the last paragraph from the March 28th minutes and that will suffice.

Sedlacek made the motion to approve the March 28th minutes as amended. Clark seconded it, with Faulkner making it unanimous.

Sedlacek made the motion to pay vouchers for \$93,723.73. Clark seconded it with Faulkner making it unanimous.

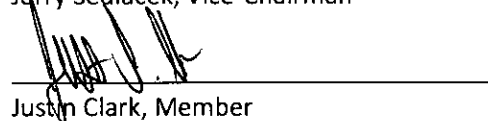
Faulkner made the motion to adjourn at 12:24 p.m. Clark seconded it, with Sedlacek making it unanimous.

Attest:


Tesla Bayles, County Clerk


Wayne Faulkner, Chairman


Jerry Sedlacek, Vice-Chairman


Justin Clark, Member