

The Board of Woodson County Commissioners met in a regular business session on May 2nd, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. with Chairman Wayne Faulkner, Vice Chairman Jerry Sedlacek, Member Justin Clark, County Attorney Zelda Schlotterbeck and Deputy Election Clerk Teresa McCullough.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Sedlacek made the motion to approve the minutes from April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Clark seconded; with Faulkner 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 with the Commissioners and County Attorney starting at 8:25 a.m. and reconvening at 8:35 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room. Clark seconded; with Faulkner making it unanimous.

Road and Bridge Supervisor/Emergency Management Director Timothy Dimick came to the board to discuss the bridge replacement project. The county attorney will review the documents and the commissioners will discuss next week. Dimick stated that the quote from Murphy Tractor & Equipment for a 72" Side Rotary Mower that was approved last week in the amount of \$117,400.00 was for an economy grade mower. The commissioners agreed that they would need a better quality, longer-lasting machine for county use. Sedlacek made the motion to rescind the former motion stating that the previous mower was an economy grade and was insufficient for the county's needs and to accept the new bid of \$152,400.00 to come out of Special Machinery. Clark seconded; with Faulkner making it unanimous. Dimick advised that the pump on the well was replaced on the city square.

Jarrold McVey, Solid Waste, Noxious Weed and Maintenance Supervisor came to the board stating that his employee, Sean Cullison's 90-day probation period is over and is eligible for a wage increase. Cullison's wage increase sheet was signed by the board. Roll-offs were discussed. McVey said that a flag in front of the memorial had been changed. High winds have prevented a new flag being placed on top of the courthouse, but a flag will be there for Memorial Day.

Sedlacek made the motion to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to protect employee confidentiality; to discuss employee performance for 10 minutes with only the Commissioners starting at 9:37 a.m. and reconvening at 9:47 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room. Clark seconded; with Faulkner 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 13 minutes with the Commissioners and Tracy Parks starting at 9:47 a.m. and reconvening at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room. Clark seconded; with Faulkner making it unanimous.

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

Faulkner made the motion to promote Tracy Parks as Solid Waste Supervisor. It was seconded by Clark with Sedlacek making it unanimous. Wayne Faulkner made the motion to approve Park's wage sheet at \$19.00 hourly effective today, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. Sedlacek seconded; with Clark making it unanimous.

EMS Director Cari Cavender presented to the board the Ambulance Run Log for the last 2 weeks. Cavender brought two proposals for the "Mini-Split" that is needed to keep the Ambulance Bay cool in the summer. The Commissioners advised bringing in another proposal from Tholen's Heating and Cooling to compare. Ambulance budget was discussed. Cavender stated that she needs pay raises for her employees. She has enough in her budget to cover the raises. She will bring in wage increase sheets next week. The Commissioners advised Cavender that they will restore her original contract.

Tesla Bayles, Woodson County Clerk presented her budget request for 2024 for the Commissioners.

Register of Deeds, Jamie Nitsch came to the board to present her budget request for 2024. Nitsch stated that the printer in her office is ten years old. Commissioners advised her to bring in a quote for a new one.

Woodson County Chamber of Commerce, Chari Bauman came to the board requesting funds for Birdies & Bluegrass. The funds will be used for lighting and sound system for their event on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. Clark made the motion to approve funds for the requested \$1,000.00. Sedlacek seconded; with Faulkner making it unanimous. Bauman also presented to the board a request for the Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$2,947.97 to be used to fund the publishing of the 2023 Travel Guide & Directory. Sedlacek made the motion to approve funds for the requested \$2,947.97. Clark seconded; with Faulkner making it unanimous.

Anthony with the Bridge2Youth Program came to the board seeking approval to have The Yates Center Water Balloon Bonanza on the Courthouse lawn during Yates Center Days. The request was granted.

John Atkins came to the board requesting approval for alcohol to be sold and served at the Rodeo Grounds and on the Courthouse Square and lawn during Yates Center Days. Clark made the motion to allow alcohol to be sold and served at the Rodeo Grounds and on the Courthouse Square and lawn during Yates Center Days. Jerry seconded; with Faulkner making it unanimous.

Jerry Mentzer, Woodson County Appraiser came to the board to discuss raises for his employees. His current budget will not support the requested raises. Commission will look at Mentzer's budget and make a decision at a later time.

Clark made the motion to approve Wayne Faulkner, the Commission Chair to sign the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan paperwork for Paula McAlister. Sedlacek seconded; motion passed.

Faulkner made the motion to pay vouchers for \$21,857.55. Sedlacek seconded; with Faulkner making it unanimous.

Faulkner made the motion to adjourn at 12:25 p.m. Clark seconded; with Sedlacek making it unanimous.

Attest: Teresa McCullough  
Teresa McCullough, Deputy Election Clerk

Wayne Faulkner  
Wayne Faulkner, Chairman

Jerry Sedlacek  
Jerry Sedlacek, Vice-Chairman

Justin Clark  
Justin Clark, Member