

The Board of Woodson County Commissioners met in a regular business session on August 22nd, 2023 with Chairman Wayne Faulkner, Vice-Chairman Jerry Sedlacek, Member Justin Clark, County Attorney Zelda Schlotterbeck and County Clerk Tesla Bayles.

The Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Sedlacek made the motion to approve the agenda, Faulkner seconded it; motion passed.

Sedlacek made the motion to approve the minutes from August 15th, 2023. Faulkner seconded it; motion passed.

Faulkner made the motion to approve the letter for the Attorney to send to the Herd Ranch Company relating to the bridge project at 165th and Fox Rd. Sedlacek seconded it; motion passed.

Fire Chief Nick Barney discussed putting a burn ban in place. Sedlacek made the motion to implement an open-ended county wide burn ban. Clark seconded it, with Faulkner making it unanimous. Barney informed the board he has a vehicle that is losing fluid. He is taking it to a mechanic to have the issue fixed. Barney suggested in the future purchasing a back up truck so they don't have to borrow a vehicle from other departments when his truck is out of service. The fire barn at the Raaf's residence is needing new tin. It is old and rusty and keeps blowing off. He will be getting quotes.

Clark made the motion to allow Wacy Douglas to put a water line in at 130th and Jay Rd. Sedlacek seconded it, Faulkner making it unanimous. Road and Bridge Supervisor Timothy Dimick informed the board he will be purchasing culvert pipe out of the special bridge fund. The board tabled discussion on the addition of signage at 2 intersections.

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

Sheriff Jeff McCullough presented the weekly activity statistics. Sedlacek inquired about the purchase of Dawn dish soap for the jail. Utensils for inmates are indeed washed and reused. The dispatch contract with the city was discussed. Sedlacek made the motion to transfer \$32,000 from dispatch personnel and put it in Courthouse Capital Outlay. Clark seconded it, with Faulkner making it unanimous.

Noxious Weed Supervisor Jarrod McVey presented the current map of where he has sprayed chemicals.

EMS Cari Cavender presented the weekly ambulance run log, and updated the board on the concrete job to fix the drainage issue in the ambulance bay.

Solid Waste Supervisor Tracy Parks presented a new hire wage sheet for James Kuron at \$16.00/hr. Clark made the motion to approve the wage sheet with no increase after the probationary period. Parks stated that the 5-year plan hearing will be posted in the paper and held in the commissioners meeting. KDHE inspected the transfer station and there were no violations. Parks presented quotes for ATV. If we go through source well we can get a 25 percent discount through Kubota. Discussion of various brands was discussed. The board requested a quote from John Deere.

McCullough returned and discussed city dispatch negotiation.

Tyler Garst with Community Building Upgrades came to ask the board if they needed any improvements to county buildings. The board allowed Tyler Garst to do an HVAC analysis of the courthouse. It will be at no cost. Sedlacek requested references.

Director of Community Corrections Troy Smith presented a carry over budget to the board. Clark moved for the chairman to sign the adult and juvenile carry over budget. Sedlacek seconded it, with Faulkner making it unanimous.

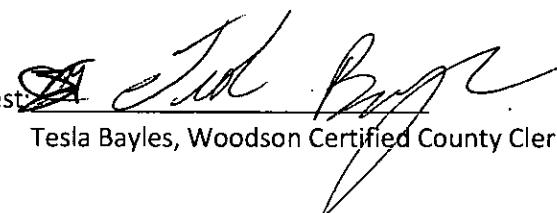
Clark made the motion to pay the \$100 to friends for life. Faulkner seconded it, with Sedlacek making it unanimous.

Clark motioned to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel to protect employee confidentiality; to discuss employee performance for 8 minutes with the Commissioners and County Clerk to reconvene in the commission room at 11:45 a.m. Sedlacek seconded it, motion passed.

Faulkner made the motion to sign the 2024 budget for District Court. Sedlacek seconded it, Clark making it unanimous.

Faulkner made the motion to approve vouchers for \$36,968.19. Clark seconded it, with Sedlacek making it unanimous.

Faulkner made the motion to adjourn at 12:26p.m.

Attest: 
Tesla Bayles, Woodson Certified County Clerk


Wayne Faulkner, Chairman


Jerry Sedlacek, Vice-Chairman

Justin Clark, Member