

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

February 28, 2023

The Wallace County Board of Commissioners met in regular session with, Larry Townsend, Chairman, Michael Cowles, Commissioner, Becky Larson, Commissioner, and Brionna Colvin, County Clerk present.

Kathy Walker, Virgil Bussen, Emily Bolen, and David Sexson entered the meeting to express public concerns.

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Cowles at 8:29 a.m.

Warrants # 29080-29140 in the amount of \$ 120,898.92 were approved for payment. Payroll warrants in the amount of \$ 121,432.97 for the working period of February 5, 2023 through February 18, 2023 were approved for payment.

Chairman Townsend moved to approve the February 14, 2023 minutes. Commissioner Cowles seconded.

AYE 3

NAY 0

Kathy expressed her opinions on the Wallace County Community Care Center, WCCCC. She would like for it to stay a full care, care center. She expressed her appreciation of all the hard work Brian Gailey and the WCCCC Board is doing. She would like the commissioners to think about the situation and not to rush into a decision.

Emily stated that she has a long history in the WCCCC. She has a lot of experience with care centers as her loved ones have had to go through many. She also stated that the elderly have cared for us and so now it is our turn to care for them. Everybody in the room agreed.

The Commissioners acknowledged all of the public concerns. Larry did explain that the Commissioners had cleared the slate and gave the current board (new administration) \$350,000.00 on May 6, 2022 and they came back on December 13, 2022 requesting \$53,501.98 more, but died from a lack of second.

Duane Barber, Building and grounds, entered the meeting to discuss the fast-approaching summer season.

Commissioner Larson has suggested to put a liner in the pool. Duane has contacted Matt Finley to see how to resolve the paint flaking off. Matt doesn't think the whole pool needs to be sand blasted, maybe just spot blasted. Chairman Townsend gave some suggestions to temporarily fix them this summer. Duane showed interest in getting a new electric motor for the pool as the current one is a couple years old. Clerk Colvin will get Duane the information for Epoxy Solutions.

Duane discussed his plans to burn the Courthouse property to get rid of stickers.

Anthony Garcia, Road Supervisor entered the meeting to report on his department.

Kansas Department of Transportation has recently started the cleanup of the tornado damage from 2022. The portable cattle guard the road department purchased has been delivered. Anthony gave updates as to what he has planned for his department in the coming months. The new grader will be delivered middle of May.

Bob Bolen, Noxious Weed Supervisor, entered the meeting.

Bob presented a bid on a manual guidance system for a county spray truck from CASE IH for \$3,417.50.

Commissioner Cowles made a motion to accept the bid from the local CASE IH for the manual guidance system for the County spray truck for \$3,417.50. Commissioner Larson seconded.

AYE 3

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Bob presented a bid from B & K spraying for spraying county grounds inside city limits for \$750.00. Bob and Duane will coordinate on when the burning of the grass will take place and spraying of chemicals will start. Bob thinks this could take place middle to late March.

Chairman Townsend made a motion to accept B & K spraying for spraying county property inside city limits for \$750.00. Commissioner Larson seconded.

AYE 3

NAY 0

Bob discussed his plans for this upcoming spray season.

Marshall Unruh, Sheriff entered the meeting to report on his department.

Marshall gave updates on the work that has been done to the jail, hallway, and office. He also added that the Sheriff's Office has applied for a grant through Senator Moran. Marshall expressed his concerns with the windows in the jail as water, sand and dirt are getting in.

Brodie Poe, Rec Board member entered the meeting.

They have 48 members currently. The weight loss challenge is coming to an end. Brodie updated with the upcoming events they have planned, spring bash, sports, and rec programs that Hollie Schattel is working on. The couples dance class just finished up and it was well attended. Brodie will call Stateline and get light repair done at the ball field before sports begin. All ball field light repair will be paid for by the County. A few trees at ballfield need to be removed because they are dead. Brodie also discussed the issues of snow/ice on the north side of the rec center. Brodie will call Ronnie Hill to be put on his list to remove snow.

Maggie Figurilli, Register of Deeds entered the meeting.

Maggie informed the Commissioners that she has an applicant for a floater position.

JoAnna Basgall entered the meeting.

The applicant would be available to answer phone calls and write down anything the public is needing in Maggie's office. JoAnna stated she would like to have the applicant be an assistant and work a couple days a week in the Appraiser's office.

Recess for lunch at 12:00 pm.

Return to meeting at 12:58 pm.

Lissa Sexson, Wallace County Community Development Director, and Christy Preston, NetWork Kansas E-Community Representative entered the meeting.

Linda Tittle, Carol Martin, and Joyce Radial entered the meeting.

Christy gave a brief overview of what her job entails. Christy presented information on how to become an E-Community. Lissa would fill out an application on behalf of the Commissioners to become an E-Community. The Commissioners would need to gather a leadership board to host meetings frequently if they chose to become an E-Community. There is no charge to be an E-Community.

Lissa informed the Commissioners of the Ag Business Development Meeting on March 13, 2023. Lissa asked the Commissioners their thoughts on the NetWork E-Community. The Commissioners expressed great interest and encouraged Lissa to fill out the application. All in attendance of the meeting discussed a few community members that would be a good fit for the leadership board. Lissa will be submitting two incentive grants on February 28, 2023.

Paulette Unruh, EMT Director entered the meeting to give updates to on her department.

Paulette would like permission to paint the inside of the bay area to match the new floors. Paulette estimates it will cost \$750.00. Paulette will be doing all of the painting herself. Commissioners said they give her permission to begin painting.

The commissioners meeting was moved to the courtroom.

Brian Gailey, Lyle Hammer and 2 other WCCCC Board members are present. 23 residents of the county are present.

Brian and Lyle presented two different quick budget summaries. The two of them were able to use the January and February financials of 2023 to project what the rest of the budget will look

like. All of the budgets presented are projections. Lyle explained how he categorized everything and made projections. The Commissioners and the public were offered a time to ask questions.

After a lengthy discussion the meeting moved to commissioner's room.

Chairman Townsend wants to make sure all items that did not sell on Facebook are disposed of. Clerk Colvin and Chairman Townsend will go to the County Shop and look at items there to dispose of.

The Commissioners reviewed a letter given to them by the Wallace County Free Fair. The Free Fair is not requesting money, just a letter of support to write a grant. The Board of Commissioners gave their support via letter and are appreciative of the Wallace County Free Fair's commitment to the county.

Clerk Colvin presented bills that The Wallace County Community Care Center turned in to the Clerk's Office. The Commissioners agreed to pay the bills because they are building maintenance.

Wendy Dunagan, County Appraiser and JoAnna Basgall entered the meeting.

Wendy and JoAnna shared news that they had just received today. The Court of Appeals said that anything attached to grain bins is considered personal property. The structure is the only thing that is considered personal property. Real estate valuation will drop significantly.

The Commissioners discussed Clerk Colvin's starting pay. They discussed she is losing a full-time deputy and will be adding more to her workload.

Chairman Townsend made a motion to add \$2,000.00 to Clerk Colvin's starting pay. Commissioner Cowles seconded.

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Chairman Townsend would like Clerk Colvin to check into safety meetings KCAMP has to offer.

Commissioner Larson is wanting all Commissioners to review the Employee Handbook to change policies to have more clarity for employees.

Chairman Townsend left the meeting at 5:40 pm.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:43 pm.

ATTEST:

Larry Townsend, Chairman

Becky Larson, Commissioner

Michael Cowles, Commissioner