

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

March 14, 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.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Townsend at 8:31 a.m.

Warrants 29141-29209 in the amount of \$ 185,881.16 were approved for payment. Payroll warrants in the amount of \$56,044.71 for the working period of February 19, 2023, through March 4, 2023, were approved for payment.

Kathy McDaniel, Linda Tittle, Carol Martin entered the meeting.

Linda looked at the agreed upon procedures engagement of the Wallace County Community Care Center and had quite a few concerns. Social service is a big part of the business. Linda stated that those are not wages you should be cutting. Kathy is very concerned about numbers not being able to be found at WCCCC. Commissioner Larson suggested Linda sit down with Brian Gailey and ask him how to move on with the whirlpool.

Kathy wanted to inform the Commissioners that Mr. Adam Smith, State Representative of 120th District and Mr. Billinger, Senator of the 40th District would be at the Senior Center Saturday, March 18, 2023, beginning at 8:00 am.

Commissioner Larson moved to approve the February 23, 2023, minutes. Commissioner Cowles seconded.

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The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Larson moved to approve the February 28, 2023, minutes. Commissioner Cowles seconded.

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The motion carried unanimously.

Christine Smith, County Treasurer entered the meeting.

Christine stated that many vendors are switching to electronic deposits. Christine has set up a separate bank account for electronic deposits, once it is receipted it will get moved into the correct fund. Commissioners appreciated the update and thought Christine has a great idea on how to keep all county bank accounts secure.

Clerk Colvin presented bills that the WCCCC turned into the Clerk's Office. Commissioners approved to pay the Pit Stop for \$75.00 and Fire Alarm Specialist for \$1,395.00.

JoAnna Basgall and applicant entered the meeting.

Commissioner Larson moved to go into executive session at 9:15 am for Personnel exception-Personnel matter of individual NON-ELECTED personnel for 10 minutes and return at 9:25 am. Invited are the 3 commissioners, JoAnna Basgall, Maggie Figurilli, Register of Deeds, applicant and Brionna Colvin. Commissioner Cowles seconded.

Returned to regular session at 9:24 am.

Commissioner Larson made a motion to hire Mary Williams as a Floater in the Courthouse Offices. Commissioner Cowles seconded.

The motion carried unanimously.

Anthony Garcia, Road Supervisor entered the meeting to give updates.

Anthony updated the Commissioners on his plans to get sand. Chairman Townsend reminded Anthony that roads need to be left in a safe condition if leaving for a fire or ambulance run. Commissioner Larson reminded Anthony that all Road and Bridge employees need to have their CDL.

Doug Springsteel, Landfill supervisor, entered the meeting to update on his department.

Doug stated that the Landfill Permit Renewal is still being reviewed. Doug is expecting the compactor should be here in about a week or two. Commissioner Cowles likes the new landfill signs at the city shop, they are much easier to see and read. Doug said that a few trees out at the Landfill are starting to die. The Commissioners would like to wait a year and see if they come back.

Charles Moser, County Attorney entered the meeting.

Chairman Townsend asked questions pertaining to the current WCCCC lease agreement. Charles stated again that he did not write the agreement. Charles does not see a problem with paying the bills for the Fire Alarm Specialist and paying the rest of the requested \$80,000.00 to the WCCCC Board. If the money paid to the WCCCC is used to purchase equipment, it needs to appear on the Wallace County Inventory list.

Trish Voth, Attorney at Law with Foulston Sieken, LLP entered the meeting by zoom. Commissioner Cowles moved to go into Executive Session for Attorney-Client Privilege Exception and invite in Charles Moser, Trish Voth and the 3 commissioners at 10:00 am for 30 minutes. Return at 10:30 am. Commissioner Larson seconded.

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Returned to regular session at 10:30 am. No decision made.

Connie Harrison entered the meeting.

Marshall Unruh, Sheriff entered the meeting and stated he had nothing to report on.

Jay Sharp, Fire Chief, entered the meeting to ask if he can list the 1999 F-150 on Purple Wave. The Commissioners thought that would be okay. Jay will let Clerk Colvin know so that she can put it on Facebook and an ad in The Western Times.

Clerk Colvin informed the Commissioners of the 3 different packages for ArchiveSocial. Clerk Colvin said that the ArchiveSocial economy would do everything the county needs.

Chairman Townsend made a motion to sign up for the economy ArchiveSocial package for \$349.00 monthly. Commissioner Larson seconded.

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NAY 0

The motion carried unanimously.

Charles Moser, County Attorney, Linda Tittle, and Carol Martin entered the meeting again.

Charles stated that 50 properties are ready to file today for tax foreclosure. Charles spoke to Corey David at Outback Abstract and discussed that he would need certificates of title within 90 days of filing the petition. Once the petition is filed, property owners cannot withdraw their property unless they pay all taxes and penalties. The withdraw foreclosure cost per property is \$325 plus taxes, delinquent taxes, penalties, etc. Charles is prepared to file the petition today with the commissioners' signatures. The commissioners signed the petition.

Chairman Townsend went over to WCCCC to look at damage done to the sheetrock when installing heating/cooling. The damage is minimal and can possibly be fixed by the maintenance man. Chairman Townsend thinks that this is a county responsibility since it is the county's building.

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

The 2023 projected loss in valuation is 3,050,070. JoAnna contacted all neighboring counties so that the counties across the State of Kansas can be consistent. JoAnna feels very confident in how they approached this.

Wendy reported that the 2023 comparison statewide ratio for Wallace County comparing to 2022 properties in Wallace County have been undervalued the last few years. Due to recent sales in recent years the valuations will be increasing.

Recess at 11:59 am.

Reconvene at 1:01 pm.

The meeting was moved upstairs to the Courtroom.

Brian Gailey, Melinda Daily, and Nancy Schmidt from the WCCCC Board entered the meeting with 15 members from the community.

The WCCCC Board would like to have a date set for when their will be a decision made.

Chairman Townsend would like for the maintenance man at WCCCC to give the BOCC an estimate of labor and materials it would cost to repair the sheetrock. Chairman Townsend also suggested ordering 2 more heating/cooling units to have on hand.

Brian informed the commissioners that inventory is 80%-90% complete.

Members of the community asked Brian if he was aware of any fines. At this time, Brian will check with Jennie Klinge, Administration, to see if there are any fines.

Connie Harrison and Kathy McDaniel joined the commissioners back in the commissioner room.

Lissa Sexson, Wallace County Community Development entered the meeting.

Lissa informed the commissioners of upcoming meetings and events she will be attending.

Lissa spoke to the beautification committee, and they are interested in helping with the garden area at WCCCC.

The commissioners are comfortable with Lissa choosing who will be on the NetWork E-Community board.

The storefront incentive grant has been accepted and we are ready to accept applications. Lissa will place surveys around town and also send out e-mails.

Lissa reminded the commissioners that the rural champion grant ends in October. Chairman Townsend suggested they start looking at the budget because the grant money ends in October.

Clerk Colvin presented a letter from the Wallace County Conservation District asking for the \$20,000.00 they requested May 31, 2022.

Marshall Unruh, Sheriff entered the meeting.

Clerk Colvin presented the board meeting minutes from High Plains Mental Health Center. The commissioners reviewed the minutes and Commissioner Cowles was able to inform the BOCC what is happening. High Plains Mental Health also sent a fair funding formula to provide a benchmark for the county. Marshall suggested giving more to High Plains Mental Health and not supporting Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center.

Clerk Colvin presented the abatement orders 2022-00009 through 2022-00011 total of \$ 61.78. Commissioner Larson made a motion to approve abatement orders 2022-00009 through 2022-00011. Commissioner Cowles seconded.

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The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Larson wanted to discuss a few topics in the Employee Handbook. The Commissioners would like to have some input from all department heads. The Commissioners would like for Clerk Colvin to send an email to all department heads informing them of a meeting to be scheduled at the next commissioners meeting on March 28th.

Chairman Townsend moved to go into executive session at 3:13 pm for Personnel exception-Personnel matter of individual NON-ELECTED personnel for 5 minutes and return at 3:18 pm. Invited in are the 3 commissioners and Brionna Colvin. Commissioner Cowles seconded.

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Returned too regular session at 3:18 pm.

Commissioner Larson moved to return to Executive Session for Personnel exception-Personnel matter of individual NON-ELECTED personnel for 10 minutes and return at 3:29 pm. Invited in are the 3 commissioners and Brionna Colvin. Commissioner Cowles seconded.

Returned too regular session at 3:29 pm. No action was taken.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:58 pm.

ATTEST:

Brionna Colvin, County Clerk

Larry Townsend, Chairman

Becky Larson, Commissioner

Michael Cowles, Commissioner