

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 8:26 a.m.

Warrants # 29278-29365 in the amount of \$ 98,567.27 were approved for payment. Payroll warrants in the amount of \$ 57,627.73 for the working period of March 19, 2023 through April 1, 2023 were approved for payment.

Connie Harrison entered the meeting.

Clerk Colvin mentioned that there is a problem in the courthouse with people bringing animals in. Employees in the courthouse are concerned with accidents happening and citizens having allergies. The commissioners would like Clerk Colvin to put a sign on the South and West door saying, "No animals allowed unless a service animal".

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

AYE 3

NAY 0

Commissioner Larson moved to approve the March 30, 2023 minutes. Commissioner Cowles seconded.

AYE 3

NAY 0

Clerk Colvin followed up with information on the Stericycle, Inc shredding.

Commissioner Cowles made a motion to set up a time with Stericycle, Inc. Commissioner Larson seconded.

AYE 3

NAY 0

Duane Barber entered the meeting to report on his department.

Torrey Bros, Inc has done many pools around our area. Chairman Townsend and Duane talked to Russ about fixing the seam for this year and to get on the schedule to come out here in 2024 to paint it. Clerk Colvin will open bids for the senior center and the mower shed due to the fire in December 2022. Duane will follow up with Torrey Bros, Inc to see when they will be able to come to Wallace County to fix seams.

Chairman Townsend will follow up with Clerk Colvin on writing an ad for bids for the county shop, senior center, and mower shed.

Anthony Garcia entered the meeting.

Doug Springsteel entered the meeting.

Anthony stated that the road department will pay for a portion of the landfill's compactor. Anthony gave updates on what all is going on at the road department. Anthony has taken everything out of the CAB building, and it was taken to the landfill. Chairman Townsend asked Anthony if he could go take a look at the kitchen door at the 4-H building.

Doug would like to have the trailer full of clothes at the recycle center emptied. Doug would be able to use that trailer to store equipment out at the landfill. The commissioners suggested Doug contact Gary Hill to see if he can haul the trailer to the landfill. Doug is working on watering the trees a few days a week.

Marshall Unruh entered the meeting.

Marshall discussed his plans on what he is planning to do on the 2024 budget. Marshall is currently looking for a part time dispatcher to try to eliminate overtime for other employees.

Carla McFee and David Anderson, High Plains Mental Health members, entered the meeting.

David explained the annual report for 2022. HPMH is serving 608 in the Northwest Kansas region. HPMH has multiple telehealth workers to make services more available. An annual comparison report over the last 9 years was given for clients served as well as Mill of dollars.

Clerk Colvin will email High Plains Mental Health requesting a letter for funding. The funding was approved during budget time in 2022. The Clerk's Office will write a check on the following Friday after receiving the letter.

Sherri Vincent entered the meeting.

Sherri had questions and suggestions for completing the county inventory. Many employees have agreed that there should be a dollar limit on items that need to be on the departments inventory. Discussion was had but no decision was made. Sherri would also like to get rid of the county surplus. At this time, there is not enough surplus to hold a silent auction on Facebook.

Recess at 11:48 pm.

Reconvene at 12:57 pm.

Lissa Sexson entered the meeting.

Lissa received a grant from Midwest Energy to go towards beautification. Lissa has received one complete application and many others are working on completing their application for the storefront/signage incentive grant. The one application that was completed, the commissioners approved. Lissa informed the commissioners how the book club is going. The book club is going great, and it is just good to have people in a room conversating. The commissioners are starting to look at what this position will look like beyond the Rural Champion Grant.

Clerk Colvin will contact Theresa Dasenbrock with Lewis, Hooper, and Dick to see if she can schedule a time to meet with the commissioners about what the position for Community Development director will look like after the Rural Champion Grant.

Clerk Colvin presented a letter on behalf of the Wallace County Free Fair for a letter of support. The WCFF is wanting to write a grant to help with funds for the fireworks display on Saturday after the livestock sale at the fair. Clerk Colvin will write a letter of support for fair board on behalf of the commissioners.

Clerk Colvin presented a request from the Ft. Wallace Memorial Association for funding in year 2023. The commissioners approved to give them funds of \$10,000.00 that were budgeted for in 2022. The check will be written on April 14.

Duane Barber re-entered the meeting.

The health department has surplus that needs to be sold. Duane will contact Anthony to see if some of the road department crew can help move it from the health department to storage.

Marshall entered the meeting to discuss the flood plan.

The commissioners reviewed the flood plan map for Wallace County. The commissioners reviewed a letter sent by the Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Water Resources pertaining to National Flood Insurance Program. Currently, Wallace County is not participating in the NFIP. The commissioners are interested in learning more about the NFIP.

Clerk Colvin presented the estimate for the repairs that need to be done to the ambulance. Commissioner Larson reminded us to take sales tax off of the estimate.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:29 pm.

ATTEST:

Brionna Colvin, County Clerk

Larry Townsend, Chairman

Becky Larson, Commissioner

Michael Cowles, Commissioner