

## COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

April 25, 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 8:30 a.m.

Warrants # 29366-29421 in the amount of \$ 52,939.93 were approved for payment. Payroll warrants in the amount of \$ 124,145.72 for the working period of April 2, 2023 through April 15, 2023 were approved for payment.

Commissioner Larson moved to approve the April 21, 2023 minutes. Commissioner Cowles seconded.

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Commissioner Larson moved to approve the April 11, 2023 minutes. Commissioner Cowles seconded.

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The commissioners discussed the transition team between Wallace County Community Care Center and Hope Springs. The commissioners think the team should consist of one member from Hope Springs, one member from the Board of County Commissioners, one member from WCCCC, and one member from the public. The transition team will look over the inventory handed to WCCCC from the county and vice versa.

The commissioners discussed how they will financially help WCCCC in the next 60 days. The commissioners would like to pay specific bills or buy inventory.

Chairman Townsend discussed the bid project sheets he is working on putting together. Chairman Townsend will get that to Clerk Colvin as soon as he is done so that she can get the advertisement for accepting bids in the paper.

Clerk Colvin presented an email from Brodie Poe, Rec Board President. Brodie has talked to Jay Sharp about the lights at the ballfield and he thinks they will need to start being replaced.

Duane Barber, Building and Grounds, entered the meeting.

Duane provided pictures of the north park bathroom. He discussed the issues with water freezing since the PVC pipe is not covered. There is no insulation to keep the pipes from freezing. Duane would like to do away with the drinking fountain to resolve some issues. The commissioners agreed to do away with the drinking fountain. Duane will talk to Will Walker and see what work needs to be done. The north park has been getting vandalized. Duane, Lance Finley, and Marc Finley walked around the trees around the County properties to discuss what needs done. Duane will reach out for bids to have the work completed.

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

Anthony updated the commissioners with how hauling sand is going. The road crew is working on the worst roads in the counties first. Anthony is still planning and preparing for the upcoming bridge replacements. Anthony did inform the commissioners that he found out that the roads only need to be obtainable and easiest for the county to maintain for detour routes. The commissioners would like to hear concerns from the road crew on how to maintain roads if the windfarms come in coming years.

Levi Troph, Wallace County Rural Fire District #1 entered the meeting.

Wallace County Fire District #1 would like to add on to the front of the firehouse in Wallace.

Fire District #1 would like to apply to some grants to help with the funding. Levi has already contacted Lissa Sexson to see if she can apply for the grants on behalf of Fire District #1. Currently Fire District #1 does not have a fire chief, but they are working on that. The commissioners are approving Levi to start looking at what work can be done. Levi will start looking at estimates for the building. Lissa can begin looking at grants to apply for.

Carol Martin and Wanda Funk, Linda Tittle entered the meeting.

Theresa Dasenbrock, Lewis, Hooper, and Dick entered the meeting via zoom.

Theresa was able to inform the commissioners on how to decide between a contracted position and a county employee. If the county has the right to control what work will be done and how that work will be done, then an employer-employee relationship exists. If the county only controls the results to be accomplished and not the details, then a contract position exists. The county is able to fund the Economic Development position. The Economic Development Director is only allowed to get employee benefits if they are a county employee. Theresa stressed that the commissioners need to keep in mind the Fair Labor Standards. Fair Labor Standards must be paid \$35,568.00 per year on a salary basis. The commissioners need to make sure they have a contract/agreement with the Economic Development Director to make sure everyone has the same understanding.

Connie Harrison entered the meeting.

Clerk Colvin gave an update on the swimming pool lifeguards and managers. More discussion will happen at the next regular meeting.

Brad and Eileen Porubsky and Doug Tittle entered the meeting.

Charles Moser, County Attorney entered the meeting.

Charles gave his input on the lease agreement between the commissioners and Hope Springs. Charles went through each paragraph and explained what he is going to propose to Hope Springs attorney for changes. Charles will try to get something to the Hope Springs attorney with his comments as soon as possible. Charles recommends the commissioners require a list from Hope Springs with what they will need as of July 1, 2023.

Eileen thinks that right now, all they will need is 30 new locks on all residents' doors.

Recess at 12:14 pm.

Reconvene at 1:30 pm.

Nancy Schmidt, Melinda Daily, and Brian Gailey, WCCCC Board members, Brad and Eileen Porubsky and 9 members from the community joined the meeting.

The transition team was discussed. Members on the transition team include, Brad and Eileen Porubsky, Nancy Schmidt, Linda Tittle, and Becky Larson.

WCCCC would be willing to sell inventory to the county.

The meeting was moved back to the commissioner's room.

The closure plan from WCCCC was approved by KDADs. A list of nursing home facilities was provided to the residents, but Hope Springs was not listed. Brian was informed by KDADs that the closure plan needs to be executed by June 7<sup>th</sup>.

WCCCC is down to 17 residents, and they will be losing 4 more in the coming weeks.

Come June 29<sup>th</sup>, there will not be any administration, Registered Nurses, or a Director of Nursing.

Hope Springs has a roster of about 14 residents that are planning to stay.

Finding a new administration to fill the position from June 7<sup>th</sup> to June 29<sup>th</sup> would temporarily solve a lot of problems.

Many late fees and penalties were brought up, but on Friday the 21<sup>st</sup>, they were not aware of any penalties.

Chairman Townsend requested a bill be presented at the next meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup> for agency nursing.

Clerk Colvin presented bills from WCCCC. Stateline Electric Service, Fire Alarm Specialists, Hinkle Termite Control, Hill Trash, and Hennick Lumber were approved to be paid on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Fire Alarm Specialist from the WCCCC needs to be addressed to the Clerk's Office.

The commissioners would like for the Clerk's Office to contact Pest Away and hire them to do the pest control at WCCCC. Once Pest Away has been hired, let the WCCCC board know that we have hired a different company due to the rest of county buildings using Pest Away.

Inventory for the WCCCC was handed out to the transition team. The transition team will schedule their own meetings and will plan to go over inventory.

Clerk Colvin presented a letter from the Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas Board wanting to appoint Jessica Robben. The DSNWK Board has talked to Jessica, and she is willing to fill the position.

Commissioner Cowles moved to approve the appointment of Jessica Robben as the Wallace County Representative for Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas Board. Commissioner Larson seconded.

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There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

ATTEST:

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Brionna Colvin, County Clerk

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Larry Townsend, Chairman

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Becky Larson, Commissioner

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Michael Cowles, Commissioner