

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 8:42 a.m.

Warrants 29422-29562 in the amount of \$ 223,150.57 were approved for payment. Payroll warrants in the amount of \$58,322.47 for the working period of April 16, 2023, through April 29, 2023, were approved for payment.

Bob Bolen entered the meeting to report on his department.

Bob had his annual audit and everything was fine. Brad Koehn is going to come back and spray the courthouse lawn for no charge. Bob and Brad are going to discuss what chemicals need to be used.

Chairman Townsend presented bills from Dixon Drug on behalf of the WCCCC. Brian will know more about financials in the middle of this week. Chairman Townsend shared pictures of the work that needs done in a few rooms. The caulking above the kitchen sink needs to be replaced. 30 locks for the doors at WCCCC have been ordered. Another A/C unit has been ordered so that WCCCC will have 2 back up units.

Duane Barber, Building and Grounds, entered the meeting.

Duane has picked up on the mowing. Chairman Townsend and Duane went and looked at the seams at the pool. Chairman Townsend and Duane are waiting on a call back from Russ to come look at the seams. If Russ does not get back to them soon, they will have to fix it themselves. Duane let the commissioners know what supplies he will need to get the pool ready for the summer. The drinking fountain at north park has been capped off.

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

Doug Springsteel, Landfill Supervisor entered the meeting.

Doug and the commissioners reviewed the resolution, and they think it is accurate. Doug still thinks the compactor is the best purchase ever. The tire company will be coming next week to pick up all of the tires. Doug thinks the iron company will be coming out soon to get the iron. Doug thinks that about 75% of the trees are going to survive.

Doing culvert repairs this week. Anthony said that his crew is working the roads with all of the moisture we have received. Commissioner Cowles informed Anthony that a road needs a little bit of work. Anthony will go check it out. Anthony has received a phone call recently of a compliment.

Helen Dobbs, Land & Sky Scenic Byway Representative entered the meeting to report on the organization.

Land & Sky Scenic Byway has a plan to put 3 more informational signs at each location. The locations are MT. Sunflower, Smokey Gardens, and Arikaree Breaks. The organization is working on their website, and it will promote more tourism. The organization is creating a committee and is asking one commissioner to be a representative and attend meetings.

Commissioner Cowles has been appointed to be the representative for Wallace County for the Land & Sky Scenic Byway.

Helen presented an invoice asking for the \$ 1,512.00 in support of The Land & Sky Scenic Byway for 2023.

Don Rivera, Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center Representative entered the meeting.

Debbie Welsh and Marshall Unruh entered the meeting.

Don informed the commissioners of updates for 2022 services and the support they have provided in Wallace County. Don would like to request \$9,000.00 for 2023. A pledge form was given to the Commissioners for consideration of continued support in 2024.

Marshall does not think that WKCAC does not deserve the full budget since nobody else in the county got their budget.

Debbie would like to see WKCAC get the full budget because they are the only people listening to children.

The commissioners would like to discuss this more at the next meeting when they look at budgets.

Clerk Colvin presented lifeguard and pool manager applications. The commissioners would like to schedule a special meeting to interview all applicants. Clerk Colvin will get everything set up and applicants called.

Marshall re-entered the meeting.

Carol Martin, Linda Tittle, and Maggie Figurilli entered the meeting.

Maggie Figurilli, Register of Deeds, shared a map with the commissioners of a flight plan that the military uses for training and how that could cause issues with windfarms.

Wanda Funk and Brian Gailey entered the meeting.

Brad and Eileen Porubsky entered the meeting via zoom.

Hope Springs turned in their application for the licensing and the state had some questions and Eileen was able to answer those.

Eileen did a walkthrough at WCCCC last Thursday and found a few things that need to be addressed. Eileen discussed what needs to be fixed and the commissioners and Brian are willing to work with her.

Hope Springs got a lot of great information from WCCCC on what companies and services they currently use.

Hope Springs has to have their license number in order to start the waiver program. Once they get the license number, they need about a week to get background checks completed and the waiver program set up.

Brian invited Brad and Eileen to come down as often as they wanted.

WCCCC has contacted FMI to help with the bookkeeping.

The commissioners explained that they know Brian came in late on this project and got way more than what he bargained for. The commissioners appreciate the hard work that Brian has put in.

Recess at 12:05 pm.

Lissa Sexson, Wallace County Community Development Director entered the meeting.

Carol Martin and Linda Tittle entered the meeting.

Reconvene at 1:07 pm.

Lissa gave updates on the beautification committee working with WCCCC. The commissioners suggested waiting until they have someone dedicated to watering and taking care of the garden center. Linda would volunteer to go water the plants. Lissa has a group that is willing to plant everything.

Two new applications for storefront and signage grant. \$3,500.00 of the \$15,000.00 has been spoken for.

Wallace County did not receive the NetWork E-Community. Lissa will reapply next year.

Lissa would like to have access to the county webpage and have her own portal for WCCD. That would be an easy way to get information out to the public.

The last meeting for the book club is coming up on May 24<sup>th</sup>. She has appreciated all of the attendance over the couple of sessions.

The commissioners discussed the advice Theresa Dasenbrock from Lewis, Hooper, and Dick gave to them on April 25<sup>th</sup> with Lissa.

The commissioners like the idea of contracting Lissa's position when the Rural Champion Grant ends.

Marshall Unruh entered the meeting.

The county webpage was discussed. Clerk Colvin has talked to Maggie about a go live date due to a new election law. Maggie is going to try to get everyone on board to get it finished up before June 30<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Larson knows someone that could possibly maintain the webpage for the county. Commissioner Larson will get Clerk Colvin contact information and will talk more next meeting about it.

Commissioner Cowles moved to approve the April 25, 2023, minutes. Commissioner Larson seconded.

AYE 3 NAY 0

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Larson moved to approve the April 27, 2023, minutes. Commissioner Cowles seconded.

AYE 3 NAY 0

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Townsend moved to approve the April 27, 2023, minutes. Commissioner Larson seconded.

AYE 2 NAY 0

Commissioner Cowles was absent for the meeting, so he did not vote on approval of minutes.

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

AYE 3 NAY 0

The motion carried unanimously.

#### **RESOLUTION # 2023-05**

WHEREAS, the Northwest Kansas Small Solid Waste Landfill Authority and the Solid Waste Committee for Wallace County, have reviewed the solid waste plan for 2022 and reported to this commissioner and recommended that no changes be made in current solid waste management plan.

BE IT FURHTER RESOLVED, on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023 by the Commissioners of Wallace County that the report be and hereby is approved.

ATTEST:

Brionna Colvin, County Clerk

Larry Townsend, Chairman

Michael Cowles, Commissioner

Becky Larson, Commissioner

Commissioner Cowles made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-05. Commissioner Larson seconded.

AYE 3

NAY 0

The motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Colvin presented WCCCC bills. The commissioners agreed to pay for them all.

Clerk Colvin presented the Pest Away quote. The commissioners had wanted Clerk Colvin to check on this at a previous meeting. The commissioners agreed to use Pest Away to service WCCCC.

Clerk Colvin discussed the 2022 audit results from Lewis, Hooper, and Dick. Overall, the audit results were very good.

The budgets that commissioners need to look at were briefly discussed. The commissioners would like to schedule an hour to look at their budgets on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 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