

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

June 13, 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 # 29563-29662 in the amount of \$ 185,700.35 were approved for payment. Payroll warrants in the amount of \$ 57,753.89 for the working period of May 14, 2023 through May 27, 2023 were approved for payment.

Jay Sharp, Fire Chief, entered the meeting.

Jay had talked to Anthony about purchasing another truck to put under the 65,000-gallon tank. The road department needs the truck that is currently under the tank. Jay had talked to Gary Hill at Plains Mountain Truck and Equipment about a 2007 truck. Jay had talked to Mike Cox, Fire District #3 and Levi Troph, Fire District #1 about splitting the cost of the truck and they are okay with that. The commissioners gave their appreciation to the Sharon Springs City Crew for going over and spraying WCCCC weeds. Jay asked the commissioners if the county departments can start using the fuel that is in storage. The commissioners were okay with that as long as there is department accountability and a log kept.

Chairman Townsend mentioned the ballfield light repairs to Jay. Jay has already ordered the light and it has come in. Jay will put the one light up and then see what light coverage it does and then replace the other one next year if need be.

Duane Barber, Building and Grounds, entered the meeting.

Commissioner Larson made a motion to allow the purchase of a 2007 truck from Plains Mountain Truck and Equipment to hook up to the tanker continuously for \$27,500.00. Chairman Townsend seconded.

AYE 3

NAY 0

The motion carried unanimously.

Duane is staying busy mowing when it isn't raining. Chairman Townsend, Stan Townsend and Duane filled the seams at the pool on Saturday. On Wednesday afternoon Duane will begin filling the pool. The lifeguards are painting and cleaning the pool house.

Anthony Garcia, Road and Bridge Supervisor, and Doug Springsteel, Landfill Supervisor entered the meeting.

Anthony presented a PENCO bid for Bridge inspections to be done. Wallace County has 28 bridges and PENCO is charging \$125.00 per bridge. This inspection is done bi-annually.

Commissioner Cowles makes a motion to sign a contract with PENCO for the bi-annual bridge inspections at \$125.00 per bridge. Commissioner Larson seconded.

AYE 3

NAY 0

The motion carried unanimously.

Eric Poe contacted Anthony about dirt being pushed up against the gate at the Wallace rodeo arena. Anthony said that he could get a blade in there and create a mound for the water to run off.

Anthony did not order any AS1 due to the price increase. Anthony is looking elsewhere to see if he can get AS1 at a lower price.

Clerk Colvin presented an application for a part time road and bridge employee. The applicant will not get any benefits.

Commissioner Larson made a motion to hire Steve Pilger as a part time equipment operator at \$25.00 an hour. Commissioner Cowles seconded.

AYE 3

NAY 0

The motion carried unanimously.

Doug will be in contact with Gary Hill and see what he can do about the trailer at the recycle center.

Building repairs to the Senior Center have not been completed. Chairman Townsend will get measurements today on what needs repaired.

Clerk Colvin inquired about getting the County Enclave detailed by an individual in Wallace County. The commissioners think that is an unnecessary expense at this time. Clerk Colvin offered to take the vehicle home for a day on the weekend and clean it out herself. The commissioners are okay with that.

Bills from WCCCC were presented.

Marshall Unruh, Sheriff and Lance Finley, Undersheriff entered the meeting.

The commissioners reviewed the lease agreement from WCCCC. Chairman Townsend will get ahold of Charles Moser, County attorney to see what steps need to be taken.

It was brought to the commissioner's attention that WCCCC have inquired about purchasing a storage container.

The McClure bill for \$11,625.85 and Hill Trash for \$468.00 was approved for payment.

Chairman Townsend thinks if WCCCC has enough money to purchase a storage unit then they can afford to pay for some bills.

Marshall turned in the invoice to the Clerk's Office for the new Durango they purchased. Once JR Audio gets the check, it will take a few weeks to get the Durango complete. Marshall is trying to decide which vehicle they want to sell.

Lance was not able to get a K-9 due to the provider being out of dogs. Lance will get in touch with them next week to inquire about the next shipment.

The building inspection for Hope Springs should be next week.

Rosella Ryser, Joe Argabright, and Judge Steve Unruh entered the meeting.

Joe Argabright informed the commissioners of the courtroom enhancements that 15th Judicial District is making. This enhancement will help make the whole district uniform. Judge Berens applied for grant money to help fund the enhancements. During COVID-19 many hearings switched to hybrid and zoom. The total bill will be approximately \$86,000.00. The grant money will pay for \$40,000.00 and the commissioners are responsible for \$46,000.00. Joe would like to start the remodeling in September in Wallace County. Wallace County District Court is making a request for \$46,000.00 to do the courtroom enhancements.

Clerk Colvin will email Lyle Hammer about bills they need to pay.

Recess at 11:59 pm.

Linda Tittle and Carol Martin entered the meeting.

Reconvene at 1:00 pm.

Lissa Sexson entered the meeting.

LT. Governor will be in Wallace County July 31st-August 1st.

Round 2 of Moderate Income Housing (MIH) applications have been submitted. Lissa has received two applications for housing incentives for Wallace County. Five new applications have been submitted to review for the storefront and signage incentive. The commissioners reviewed and approved all five. Lissa requested that Wallace County joins the WKREDA program for a non-voting membership for \$250.00 a year.

Clerk Colvin informed the commissioners of the issues pertaining to the 2003 Jeep. The jeep is scheduled to have maintenance soon.

Budget requests from organizations were presented. The commissioners told Clerk Colvin to keep the requests with the department head requests, those will be discussed at the next meeting with Theresa Dasenbrock from Lewis, Hooper, and Dick.

Marshall Unruh re-entered the meeting.

The pool managers were wondering what steps need to be taken if a lifeguard is injured off of the job. The commissioners said that the doctor will need to clear the employee.

Clerk Colvin presented two lifeguard applications.

Chairman Townsend moves to hire the applicants for lifeguard positions. Commissioner Larson seconded.

AYE 3 NAY 0

The motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Colvin presented a letter from The Kansas Natural Resource Coalition regarding federal legislation wanting to take private property as part of the Chisholm and Western Trail and make it a national park. KNRC says that a resolution being passed against the trails will help stop this from happening. Chairman Townsend would like Clerk Colvin to get in contact with Charles Moser to review the resolution.

Grant Creager entered the meeting via phone call.

Grant has an architecture firm that has been visiting with the Eileen Porubsky and the commissioners about the blueprint of WCCCC. Grant needs a site plan that shows where the fire hydrants are and what their flow rate is. Chairman Townsend will get in contact with the city and Jay Sharp to get a copy.

Commissioner Cowles moved to approve the June 2, 2023 minutes. Chairman Townsend seconded.

AYE 3 NAY 0

The motion carried unanimously.

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

AYE 3 NAY 0

The motion carried unanimously.

Debbie Welsh, Deputy Clerk entered the meeting.

Debbie presented a final list of commissioners write offs.

Chairman Townsend makes a motion to write off uncollectable debt of \$10,724.95 for ambulance runs dating back to 2008. Commissioner Cowles seconded.

AYE 3 NAY 0

The motion carried unanimously.

The commissioners discussed ideas on what a potential contract for Lissa would be like.

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

ATTEST:

Brionna Colvin, County Clerk

Larry Townsend, Chairman

Becky Larson, Commissioner

Michael Cowles, Commissioner