

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

August 15, 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 8:29 a.m.

Warrants # 29982-30048 in the amount of \$ 64,110.57 were approved for payment. Payroll warrants in the amount of \$ 130,967.30 for the working period of August 6, 2023 through August 19, 2023 were approved for payment.

Chairman Townsend moved to go into executive session at 8:30 am for Personnel exception-Personnel matter of individual NON-ELECTED personnel for 10 minutes and return at 8:40 am. Invited in are the 3 commissioners and Clerk Colvin. Commissioner Cowles seconded.

AYE 3

NAY 0

Returned to regular session at 8:40 am. No action was taken.

The west door at the CAB building needs to be looked at.

Duane Barber, Building and Grounds entered the meeting.

Duane is keeping busy mowing. Duane had Martinek Metal Works look at the kitchen door at the CAB building. Martinek is going to take the door off and straighten the top hinge. The commissioners would like to have Martinek look at the 2 double doors on the Quonset. The tree at the southeast corner of the CAB building does not need to be cut down just trimmed up.

The bid for surface preparation and painting of the Wallace County Swimming Pool from Torrey Construction, INC was presented.

Carol Martin entered the meeting.

After Halloween Duane will close the North Park bathroom for the winter.

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

AYE 3

NAY 0

The motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Colvin gave the commissioners an email from Brian Gailey, WCCCC Board member. Brian let Clerk Colvin know that 6 computers that were purchased by the county are available from WCCCC to be given to Hope Springs. Commissioner Larson is going to make arrangements with Brian to pick up the 6 computers.

Names that have been given to the Clerk's Office to go on the Veterans Roll of Honor Board in the Courthouse were presented. Clerk Colvin needs assistance with what branch each veteran

served in. The commissioners would like Clerk Colvin to look for another display case to allow for more names represented. Clerk Colvin will provide the commissioners with all of the names for them to do their research.

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

Doug has started working in a new trench at the Landfill. Doug and John think that there is already trash buried there. Doug would like to have landfill hours be 7:30-3:30 to allow employees time to process all dumps at the end of the day.

Doug is working on trying to empty the trailer at the recycle center so that it can be moved to the landfill for storage.

Marshall Unruh, Sheriff entered the meeting.

Marshall, Anthony, and Kathie Lay, Road Secretary are working together on trying to get FEMA money from the recent storms. Marshall will turn in the FEMA reports. There has been a complaint turned in to the State of Kansas about Goose Creek being blocked. The road department has been hauling sand from Goose Creek to help maintain roads. Anthony has to have Goose Creek opened back up for flow before August 26, 2023.

Doug Tittel entered the meeting.

Road 6 blacktop going south out of Weskan is going to need to be repaired soon. The amount of truck traffic recently due to the grain elevator has increased. Chairman Townsend asked Anthony to contact a paving company in Scott City.

The weed spraying is going to be stopped and Anthony will have the mower going more. No more chemicals will be purchased for this current spray season.

Linda Tittel entered the meeting,

Anthony is instructing his road crew to mow the shoulder of all roads first and then go back and do the second pass after all ditches have been gone over once.

The commissioners would like to see a spray report from the new spray monitor that was purchased.

Kevin VanAllen representing Wallace County Amusement Association entered the meeting.

The Wallace County Amusement Association is looking for a spot to work on the rides for fair. The Association has come up with the idea of using the building that was the former recycling center.

Wanda Funk entered the meeting.

The old recycling building is not an insulated building, but the association can make that work. The commissioners agree to let Wallace County Amusement Association use the recycling building to repair fair rides throughout the year.

The Hope Springs Spa tub was discussed. Suggestions to the Patriots of Wallace County from the Commissioners were given. A Patriots member will make the changes and Commissioner Larson will take it to The Western Times to be published.

Marci Bussen, Co-Pool manager entered the meeting.

Commissioner Larson moved to go into executive session at 10:35 am for Personnel exception-Personnel matter of individual NON-ELECTED personnel for 15 minutes and return at 10:50 am. Invited in are the 3 commissioners, Clerk Colvin and Marci Bussen. Commissioner Cowles seconded.

AYE 3 NAY 0

Returned to regular session at 10:50 am. No action was taken.

Commissioner Larson moved to return to Executive Session for Personnel exception-Personnel matter of individual NON-ELECTED personnel and invite in are the 3 commissioners, Clerk Colvin, and Marci Bussen at 10:50 am for 10 minutes. Return at 11:00 am. Chairman Townsend seconded.

AYE 3 NAY 0

Returned to regular session at 11:00 am. No action was taken.

Tonya Medina, Health Department Administrator/ Nurse and Applicant, Becky Poe entered the meeting.

Tonya would like to see Becky work Monday-Friday 5 hours a day as the Health Department receptionist.

Chairman Townsend makes a motion to hire Becky Poe for a part-time receptionist at the County Health Department. Commissioner Larson seconded.

AYE 3 NAY 0

The motion carried unanimously.

Becky will work Monday- Thursday 6 hours a day.

Christine Smith, County Treasurer entered the meeting.

Tonya has recently purchased a credit card reader for patients to use at the health department. Christine is working with Tonya to make this addition easier for everyone. Christine is working with KanPay and the bank to see if we can eliminate having to use another third-party credit card reader.

The vehicles that were previously provided from community members and donations to WCCCC are going to be transferred to Hope Springs. The vans were given to WCCCC to help take residents to and from appointments. The commissioners would like to give those back to Hope Springs so that they can continue to do the same. The commissioners would like to keep the vehicles with the facility.

Commissioner Cowles makes a motion to transfer ownership of the two vans from the county to Hope Springs. Commissioner Larson seconded.

AYE 3

NAY 0

The motion carried unanimously.

Tim Kostycz with Glassman Corporation entered the meeting.

Tim will have a service technician fix the walk-in freezer at Hope Springs as well as a mini split unit that needs a part. The walk-in freezer has a gap in the back that is letting moist air in and causing frost. If the commissioners are to choose Glassman Corporation to do preventative maintenance at Hope Springs, it would be a 3-year contract. Commissioners would have to pay annually up front, but they can cancel the contract within 30 days of the renewal date.

Recess at 12:07 pm.

Reconvene at 1:00 pm.

Lissa Sexson, Wallace County Community Development entered the meeting.

Lissa informed the commissioners that the Office of Rural Prosperity meeting in Wallace County went very well. The housing incentive currently has 5 pending applications, 8 approved applications, and of those 6, 2 have been reimbursed for completed jobs. Lissa did not get the 2nd grant for moderate income housing, but she will apply for round 3. Lissa is finalizing the music series events. The storefront and signage grant currently has 1 pending application, 11 approved applications and 2 of the 11 have been reimbursed for completion.

Wanda Funk, Doug and Linda Tittel entered the meeting.

Marshall Unruh, Sheriff entered the meeting.

Last week Marshall went to Colby and participated in ORION training. ORION has created a damage assessment app to be used on cell phones. Marshall turned in \$35,000.00 worth of damage to FEMA today. 3 of the sheriff's vehicles got damaged during the recent storms. Marshall is working with KCAMP to get them repaired. Lance Finey, Undersheriff was able to pick up a K-9 deputy.

Brad and Eileen Porubsky entered the meeting.

Hope Springs just recently had their quarterly sprinkler system check. Chairman Townsend informed Brad and Eileen that Glassman is going to repair the walk-in freezer and the mini split unit that needs a part.

Eileen updated that Hope Springs has 21 residents. With the increase in residents, they will be advertising for house cleaner and more nursing staff.

Marci Bussen re-entered the meeting.

Marci resigned her position effective immediately. The commissioners appreciate all the work Marci has put in this summer.

Due to lack of attendance and school starting the commissioners would like to close the pool effective today.

Commissioner Cowles would like to see the county jeep fixed. Commissioner Cowles will contact J&S Service to see if they can take a look at it.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:59 pm.

ATTEST:

Brionna Colvin, County Clerk

Larry Townsend, Chairman

Becky Larson, Commissioner

Michael Cowles, Commissioner