

December 4, 2023

The Stanton County Board of Commissioners met in regular session December 4, 2023. Present were Commissioners Chris Floyd, John Smith and Lonnie Brown, County Attorney Clint Floyd, and Deputy County Clerk Amber Wilkerson. Chairman Floyd called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes of November 20th were read and approved.

Vouchers were approved and paid as follows:

General	\$	47,761.33
Road & Bridge		6,692.82
Airport		8,186.84
Golf Course		1,118.40
Park/Pool		518.97
4-H Bldg.		531.40
Noxious Weed		2,301.64
Fire & Rescue		742.60
County Improvement		37,797.00
MASA		14.00
Medical Expenses		1,029.96
Totals	\$	109,256.96

Troy Brickman, Road & Bridge Supervisor updated the Board on his department. Troy is working on mapping County roads that need the most repair and creating a timeline for 2024. Concerns were expressed about repairing roads around the dairies and feedlots with the high volume of truck traffic presenting difficulties to crews. County Attorney, Clint Floyd suggested using road closure signs when repairing the roads.

Troy submitted and discussed Road and Bridge Employee Performance Evaluations to the Commissioners. No action was taken.

Park Board member, Bryan Ellis met with the board to discuss wages for Park Manager Andrew Trujillo. With the addition of the walking track Andrew is requesting a \$5,000 increase to his annual salary of \$11,500. The Commissioners denied this request. After some discussion, the Commission requested the Park Board include incentive bonus' in Andrew's 2024 Park contract and present it at the December 18th meeting for approval.

Chairman Floyd moved to enter executive session to discuss personnel items and to protect the rights of the individual with the County Attorney, Deputy County Clerk and Damon Stephens joining the board for 15 minutes starting at 10:50 a.m. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried 3-0.

Executive Session ended at 11:05 a.m.

Commissioner Smith moved to hire Damon Stephens for the maintenance/custodial position at \$16.50 per hour from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Clayton Kester met with the Board. He hired a new deputy, Connor Whicker-Walsh on December 1 at \$18.00. Pending his 90-day probationary evaluation, Sheriff Kester will ask his wage to be increased to \$19.00 due to experience and bilingual skills.

Clayton presented a quote from GSA for a 2024 Ford Tahoe for \$51,694.62. This purchase will replace the totaled patrol unit KCAMP purchased in 2022. Commissioner Brown moved to approve. Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Kester submitted and discussed Employee Performance Evaluations for the Sheriff's Department to the Commissioners. No action was taken.

Tax Roll Orders 2023-6 – 2023-53 Added and Abatements were done for missed renditions, clerical errors & land classification changes – Added value of 20,855 – Abated value of 67,029 – Added tax of \$3,651.54 – abated tax of \$6,145.49.

The Commissioners reviewed Employee Performance Evaluations for: Deputy County Clerk Amber Wilkerson, EMT's Nicole Edmisson and Beatriz Miravete, Deputy Appraiser Alisha Grover and Appraisal Clerk Nicole Coffey and Landfill Operator Liaz Sanchez. No action was taken.

Stanton County Senior Services Board submitted minutes from their October 17 meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Floyd adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

The Board, County Attorney and Deputy County Clerk left at noon for a holiday meal and presentation at the Museum. No action was taken.

ATTEST:
Amber Wilkerson
Deputy County Clerk

SIGN:
Chris Floyd
Chairman