

February 22, 2022

The Stanton County Board of Commissioners met in regular session February 22, 2022. Present were Commissioners John Smith, Chris Floyd and Lonnie Brown, County Attorney David Black and County Clerk Sandy Barton. Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes of February 7 were read and approved.

Voucher were approved and paid as follows:

General	\$	46,876.83
Road & Bridge		27,644.79
Airport		506.48
Golf Course		3,132.11
Long Term Care Unit (2021)		9,340.31
4-H Building		285.60
Noxious Weed		498.63
Fire & Rescue		1,086.96
County Improvements		2,500.00
Farm Bureau		50.93
Cooper Clark Foundation		14,374.24
LEC 911		114.07
February Payroll		<u>180,798.81</u>
Totals	\$	287,209.76

The Stanton County Commissioners would like to clarify the issue of closing the Stanton County Hospital. It is not our intention, nor has it ever been our intention to close the Hospital. Stanton County has the highest levy for property taxes and motor vehicle taxes in the State. We simply want to look at other alternatives to lessen the tax burden on Stanton County Taxpayers across all entities within the County.

Road Supervisor John Schweizer met with the Board to discuss issues pertinent to his department. A new bid was presented for a 2022 Cat 150 motor grader for \$341, 677.00. Commissioner Floyd moved to approve the bid as presented, seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

A discussion on the road project for the 5 miles on south Big Bow Grade with a cost of \$556,769.00 using cement or \$230,224.00 using chemical. Commissioner Floyd moved to accept the bid using chemicals, seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

Health Nurse Ruth Walker met with the Board to discuss the January financials and update the Board on activities at the Health Department.

Senior Center/Living Center board members Randy Morris, Wanita Martin, Mike Horton, Linda Wilkerson and Orene Martin met with the Board to discuss the budget for both entities. Both entities have been going over their budgets and a discussion on spending habits and cost of meals was discussed. The Employees at both entities will pay for their meals going forward, and they will look at raising the cost of the meals. The Board asked them to cut their budget for 2023 a minimum of 10%.

EMS Director Roger Richard and Nicole Edmisson met with the Board to discuss past due accounts. These accounts are for individuals that no longer reside in the County or deceased patients. The Board approved to write these accounts off. Roger requested for his part time EMT's to receive \$20 per hour to teach CPR. The Board approved this request.

The Board changed the Physical Capacity testing for Road, LEC, EMS, Fire and Solid Waste to a level 3 instead of level 4.

Chairman Smith signed tax roll orders:  
2022-4 – Merit Energy – abate 1560 in value and \$363.22 in tax.  
2022-5 – Kearney County – abate 68 in value and \$15.84 in tax.

Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks 2022 Annual Operation and Maintenance Assurance statement for the Stanton County Golf Course.

The Board signed the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report for 2021.

Minutes were submitted by Stanton County Senior Service board for January 11, the Stanton County Historical Society for January 11, and Stanton County Library for January 19 & 24.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

ATTEST:  
Sandy Barton  
County Clerk

SIGN:  
John D. Smith  
Chairman