

March 6, 2023

The Stanton County Board of Commissioners met in regular session March 6, 2023. Present were Commissioners Lonnie Brown & John Smith, County Attorney Clint Floyd and County Clerk Sandy Barton. Acting-Chairman Lonnie Brown call the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes from February 21 were read and approved.

Vouchers were approved and paid as follows:

General	\$	48,351.29
Road & Bridge		9,984.97
Airport		7,350.29
Golf Course		3,187.46
Park		146.64
4-H Bldg.		466.32
Noxious Weed		543.09
Treas. MV Operating		510.00
MASA		14.00
Medical Expenses		228.00
LEC 911		<u>2,500.00</u>
Totals	\$	73,842.75

Road Supervisor Troy Brickman met with the Board to discuss issues pertinent to his department. The department continues to work on obtaining CDL's for those that need them and working on continuing education.

Sheriff Clayton Kester met with the Board to update them on his department. Clayton submitted bids to update their hand-held pagers and radios in the vehicles for approximately \$61,200.00. After December of 2023 they will no longer be complying for updating or to be able to be encrypted. The Board approved the request and asked that he apply for grants to help cover the cost.

Librarian Mary Cooper met with the Board to provide YTD financials for 2022 as well as programs and activities for the past year.

Medical Director William Troup M.D. met with the Board to discuss health care in Stanton County the past, present and future. The Board will have to find an EMS Supervisor and Coroner once Dr. Troup retires in 3-5 five years.

Bob & Christie Lundblade met with the Board to discuss the dog issue in Big Bow. There are numerous dogs dropped off that run around town. The County does not have a dog catcher and the City does not control dog issues outside of Johnson City. Mr. Lundblade will act as dog catcher for Big Bow.

Solid Waste Manager Vaughn Lorensen met with the Board to discuss issues concerning his department. Vaughn will conduct a NIMS 300 class March 29-31. The Board authorized him to continue with the Kansas Incident Support Program. Vaughn asked about the start wage for a new employee and the Board agreed on \$17.00 per hour.

EMS Director Roger Richardson met with the Board to discuss to compliance for Medicare. EMS will need to be part of the OIG Compliance Program for Medicare reimbursement. The company they were looking into using was \$250.00 per month. The Board approved the new requirement but asked that he check on other companies that are offering the same service for a price comparison. Roger also requested to purchase a new I-pad for run reports that will have dual screen options. The Board approved the request but to shop for price comparisons.

Maintenance Director Gerardo Suarez and assistant Billy Bearce met with the Board to discuss the depot at the Museum. Gerardo felt that he and Billy could do the repairs and paint the depot. The Board let him know that they could work on it on their schedule and there was no time frame for completion.

Hospital CEO Jay Tusten & board member Gary Kendrick met with the Board to discuss the financials of the Hospital and requested the remainder of the 2022 funds of \$750,000. After a discussion, no decision was made at this time.

Commissioner Brown signed the mowing service contract between the County and Circle 6 Farming and Mowing LLC for Grant County Bank.

The Board approve the starting wage for CNAs at \$14.00 and CMAs at \$15.00.

Stanton County Hospital submitted minutes of January 25.

Stanton County Senior Service submitted minutes of January 19.

Stanton County Library submitted minutes of January 18 and February 8.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Acting-Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

ATTEST:
Sandy Barton
County Clerk

SIGN:
Lonnie M. Brown
Acting-Chairman