

April 17, 2023

The Stanton County Board of Commissioners met in regular session April 17, 2023. Present were Commissioners Chris Floyd, Lonnie Brown and John Smith, County Attorney Clint Floyd, and County Clerk Sandy Barton. Chairman Floyd called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes of April 3 were read and approved.

Vouchers were approved and paid as follows:

General	\$	45,273.70
Road & Bridge		25,510.02
Airport		1,572.20
Golf Course		5,529.71
Park		5,537.45
4-H Bldg.		44.00
Noxious Weed		519.52
Fire & Rescue		286.78
Co. Improvement		9,557.81
LEC E-911		<u>450.00</u>
Totals	\$	94,281.19

County Treasurer Vanessa Trujillo presented updated financials to the Board.

Road Supervisor Troy Brickman met with the Board to discuss issues pertinent to his department. The department will be chip sealing Big Bow Grade from Hwy 160 north to Road 5, Eastside Dairy 2 miles and County Line to Road H for a total of 17 miles with an estimated cost of \$411,000. The department has a large quantity of mower blades that will be sold. The County is accepting sealed bids for the 2001 Ford F-150 through May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Bids for a new equipment shed were viewed.

QMC – 80' x 120' x 16' made of 26-gauge metal sheeting, 3 insulated steel overheads door and 2 metal insulated side doors for \$241,350.

Cleary – 65' x 120' 17' 4" wood construction w/siding, 3 non-insulated overheads doors and 1 side door for \$190,452.

Titan Steel Structures – 80' x 125' x 18' kit for \$184,550.

Commissioner Brown moved to accept the bid from QMC, seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion passed.

A road crossing permit was signed by the Board for Sharon Frank for a 4" PVC pipe crossing Rd 21 between SE 9-30-39 & NW 15-30-39.

Fire Chief Jon Shoemaker will be putting together a wildland fire class on May 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 – 12:00 at the fire shed.

Health Nurse Ruth Walker met with the Board to update them on activities and financials concerning her department. They received an additional \$15,047 in grant money for Family Planning. The CDRR Resist Group is working at the grade school and plans to add the high school promoting education on tobacco use.

Hospital CEO Jay Tusten, Eric Meyer CPA and board members Gary Kendrick and Colleen Wenman met with the Board to discuss hospital financials. The Board asked how the Hospital was cutting costs or ways they could cut costs. They have cut most of the contract labor employees and increased rates at the LTCU. A new Provider and a new Lab Director have been hired. They will discuss with the Providers to increase the number of patients seen per day since this increases the Medicare reimbursement. They will meet with the Board in May to provide updates.

Commissioner Smith moved to decrease the monthly payment for the Health Department from \$8,000 to \$6,000 seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion passed.

Commissioner Brown moved to withhold 2022 & 2023 allocated funds for the LTCU until corrected financials can be provided for YTD 2022 and current 2023, seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion passed.

Carolyn Smith and Maintenance Director Gerardo Suarez met with the Board concerning the landscaping around the Courthouse. The current landscaping are the lowest maintenance plants to have according to Whartons. Gerardo said he will continue to maintain the present landscaping and replace as needed.

The Board signed Resolution 2023-04 creating rules & regulations for the Manter Dam area. The resolution will be published in the paper.

Stanton County Historical Society submitted minutes of their March 14 meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Floyd adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

ATTEST:  
Sandy Barton  
County Clerk

SIGN:  
Chris Floyd  
Chairman