

November 20, 2023

The Stanton County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on November 20, 2023. Present were Commissioners Chris Floyd 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 6th & November 13th were read and approved.

Vouchers were approved and paid as follows:

General	\$	87,932.11
Road & Bridge		76,300.32
Airport		1,550.99
Golf Course		4,847.84
Park/Pool		9.78
4-H Bldg.		177.36
Noxious Weed		175.70
Fire & Rescue		10,898.41
County Improvement		65,898.28
LEC E911		<u>3,554.88</u>
Totals	\$	251,345.67

Road Supervisor Troy Brickman met with the Board to provide an update on his department. Construction of the metal building has been completed. Troy will contact the City of Johnson to obtain a meter loop to run an electrical line to the building. Crews continue to work on County roads.

Health Nurse Ruth Walker and Hospital CEO Camille Davidson met with the Board to discuss October financials for the Health Department. The Health Department October Income Statement balance is -13,515.12. Mrs. Walker reports the purchase of vaccines, delay of WIC payments and Medicare not paying on vaccines were contributing factors to the deficit.

The Health Department and Hospital are now qualified entities for the Presumptive Eligibility Program. This program will allow our local health care providers to immediately enroll children who appear to be eligible for Medicaid and get them access to services without having to wait for their application to be fully processed.

CEO Camille Davidson believes the Hospital is moving in a positive direction. She continues to implement new organizational structure with hospital management. The business office recently had in-house training which has helped unpaid claims. No financial were provided for the Hospital.

Roger Richardson, EMS Director met with the Commissioners to discuss his budget. Due to many unexpected ambulance repairs in 2023, EMS is over budget. Roger needs to replace the department printer at a cost of \$1041.00 and purchase four new tires for an ambulance. The Commissioners authorized Roger to purchase the printer and new tires.

The Commissioners met with Sheriff Clayton Kester. Clayton received final approval from KGGP for the LSSE Grant after making a few changes to the application to include labor. It will take 4-6 months for the new radios to be installed for the Sheriff's Department and EMS once ordered. Chairman Floyd requested Sheriff Kester ask Motorola Solutions about the possibilities of expediting a radio for the new ambulance.

Chairman Floyd brought up further discussion regarding annual performance evaluations for Stanton County employees. The County does not do formal performance reviews on employees. After a brief discussion, Deputy County Clerk Amber Wilkerson was requested to send performance evaluation forms to Department Heads and County Boards to be completed on full time County employees and turned in to the County Clerk's office prior to the December 4th Commissioners Meeting.

The Park Board had requested 4 kids to help Park Maintenance Supervisor Andrew Trujillo clear the tree row at the park over Thanksgiving break at \$150 per kid for the week. Payments will come out of the Park budget not County payroll.

Stanton County Historical Society Board submitted minutes of their October 10th Board meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Floyd adjourned the meeting at 11.30 a.m.

ATTEST:
Amber Wilkerson
Deputy County Clerk

SIGN:
Chris Floyd
Chairman