November 6, 2023

The Stanton County Board of Commissioners met in regular session November 6, 2023. Present were Commissioners Chris Floyd, Lonnie Brown and John Smith and County Clerk Sandy Barton. Chairman Floyd called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes of October 23 were read and approved.

Vouchers were approved and paid as follows:

General	\$ 36,264.15
Road & Bridge	23,698.83
Airport	6,297.31
Golf Course	1,348.83
Park	1,630.33
4-H Building	713.96
Employee Benefits	1,136.42
Noxious Weed	1,450.60
Fire & Rescue	1,122.71
EMS Equipment	28,737.26
County Improvement	5,000.00
EMS Donation	501.36
MASA	14.00
LEC 911	 5,675.00
Totals	\$ 113,590.76

EMT Nicole Edmission met with the Board to discuss the Medicare Audit for 2024. They have information that needs tracked for the entire year to continue to receive full Medicare payments. Payments will be reduced by 10% per claim if information is not provided. Morton County has completed an audit and has templates to keep track of all the required information. Nicole requested to pay Morton County \$500.00 for the templates and assistance with the audit. The Board approved the request.

The Board visited with Noxious Weed Director Alan Stevenson regarding spraying weeds around culverts and road signs. Alan will spray these areas in the fall and spring as time allows.

Chamber Director Aly McClure met with the Board to discuss the Gala for 2024 at the Senior Center. Aly requested the Boards approval to have a cash bar. The Board approved this request upon receiving all the required documents. Aly also inquired about placing business signs on the highway. KDOT or the landowner would have to approve placements of signs depending on where they are located.

Chairman Floyd signed a letter in support for the U.S Highway 54 four-lane expansion.

The Hospital requested a signed line of credit letter from the Commissioners for \$750,000.00 with Johnson State Bank. The County is not responsible to the bank for such indebtedness under the Kansas cash-basis law. Chairman Smith moved to sign the letter, seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion passed 3-0.

The County will host an employee appreciation dinner for fulltime employees. The Hugoton Show Choir will perform at the event. Commissioner Brown moved to present a \$500.00 donation to the Hugoton Show Choir, seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Floyd on behalf of Dream First Bank will present an additional \$1,000.00 to the show choir.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Floyd adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

ATTEST: Sandy Barton County Clerk SIGN: Chris Floyd Chairman