

March 20, 2023

The Stanton County Board of Commissioners met in regular session March 20, 2023. Present were Commissioners Chris Floyd, Lonnie Brown and John Smith and County Clerk Sandy Barton. Chairman Floyd called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes of March 6 were read and approved.

Vouchers were approved and paid as follows:

General	\$	32,191.21
Road & Bridge		16,703.37
Airport		1,227.63
Library EB		1,318.12
Golf Course		2,169.25
4-H Bldg.		293.09
Extension Council		3,833.70
Noxious Weed		1,056.64
Library		5,910.23
Fire & Rescue		1,044.02
Hospital		97,555.28
Hospital – 2022		<u>87,984.60</u>
Totals		251,287.14

County Treasurer Vanessa Trujillo updated the Board on the County's financials.

Road Supervisor Troy Brickman met with the Board to discuss issues pertinent to his department. Troy will complete the Federal Funds Exchange application to offset road improvements for 2023. The Board approved obtaining pricing for a new laptop through Imagine IT. The employees continue to upgrade their CDL licenses as required. The department is now registered with KDOT to be able to provide employees with CDL training as required. Troy continues to work with QMC on the equipment shed pricing.

County Attorney Clint Floyd joined the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Sheriff Clayton Kester met with the board to update them on his department. Clayton was appointed as Sheriff and will fulfill the remainder of the current term. Cole Knott and Lucas Batterton passed KLETC classes and are now Deputies for the County. Cole Edmisson will be the Undersheriff. Wages were discussed. Commissioner Brown moved to approve the new wages for Clayton Kester \$2,627.43 bi-weekly, Cole Edmisson \$20.50, Cole Knott \$19.00, and Lucas Batterton \$18.00, seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.

Clayton presented a bid for new radios, as the current ones will be non-compliant effective 12/31/2023, for \$75,280.16 from Motorola Solutions. The Board asked him to apply to the Cooper Clark Foundation to help offset the cost.

Health Nurse Ruth Walker met with the Board to discuss January & February financials for the health department. Ruth presented a bid from Kinney Glass to replace the 3 outside doors and to caulk around all the windows for \$23,235.00. Ruth has \$15,000 in COVID money set aside to pay a portion of the estimate. Commissioner Brown moved for the County to help with the cost for \$8,235.00, seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried.

Ruth let the Board know that 1/3 of the walking track has been cemented. The Health Coalition have ordered picnic tables and benches for the area and the gazebo is almost completed. Ruth asked the Commissioners about helping with the cost of new trash containers. The Board requested cost estimates.

John Felitto and Chris Evans with Next Era Energy met with the Board to discuss wind energy within Stanton County. They are looking at the southern area of the County. A land team will be sent out to gage the interest of the landowners in the proposed area. Based on the outcome of the interest the project could then potentially move forward. The project would still be a turnaround of 3-5 years. Mr. Felitto & Mr. Evans will meet with the Board again as needed.

Extension Agent Kayla Hook met with the Board to discuss vandalism in and around the 4-H building and park area. Kayla presented a bid from JR Audio for \$7,100.00 to install security cameras. After a discussion about the number of cameras and their placement the Board requested additional bids.

EMS Director Roger Richardson met with the Board to present 2 bids for spraying the lot and around the EMS shed for weeds. Pro-Tech Spraying Service for \$535.00 and Coleman Sprinkler Lawn & Landscape LLC for \$434.29. Commissioner Smith moved to approve the bid from Coleman Sprinkler, seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

Roger presented a bid for new radios for the EMS department of \$60,562.86 from Motorola Solutions. Roger will look at purchasing 3 radios a year over the next three years. The Board also asked him to apply to the Cooper Clark Foundation to help offset the cost.

The Board discussed the funding of the Stanton County Hospital and LTCU. Commissioner Smith moved to pay the Stanton County Hospital 2022 (\$87,984.60) & 2023 (\$97,555.28) appropriated funds, but to retain the remainder of 2022 & all of 2023 LTCU funds at this time, seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried.

Tax roll order 2023-1 Raymond Purcell was signed – was double assessed – abate \$54.64 in tax.

County Clerk Sandy Barton and Register of Deeds Susan Lucas visited with the Board concerning attending the International Association of Government Official seminar in Fort Worth in June 2023. The Board approved the request.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Floyd adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

ATTEST:
Sandy Barton
County Clerk

SIGN:
Chris Floyd
Chairman