

June 6, 2022

The Stanton County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, June 6, 2022. Present were Commissioners John Smith, Lonnie Brown and Chris Floyd, County Attorney David Black, and Deputy County Clerk Amber Wilkerson. Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes of May 23 were read and tabled until further discussion with the County Clerk.

Vouchers were approved and paid as follows:

General	\$	38,999.39
Road & Bridge		100,336.35
Airport		6,122.92
Golf Course		525.54
Park		7,063.74
4-H Building		700.87
Noxious Weed		358.78
Fire & Rescue		1,1551.82
EMS Donation Fund		270.38
MASA		<u>14.00</u>
Totals	\$	160,164.69

Vouchers held: County Improvement - \$2,110.45

Road and Bridge Supervisor, John Schweizer, met with the Board to discuss issues pertinent to his department. The Big Bow Project has tentatively been scheduled for June 10 and is expected to last 5-6 days depending on the weather.

A road crossing permit was signed by the Commissioners for Pioneer Communications for one fiber optic cable and 1" Schedule 40, paralleling County Road Big Bow Grade & County Road 14 lying between the NE 10-29-39 and the SE 3-29-39.

Hospital CEO, Jay Tusten, Hospital Board of Trustees members, Megan Williamson, Doug Daniels, Julie Edmisson and Joel Nicholas came before to request appropriations for the purchase of 2 boilers from American Boiler & Mechanical for \$249,500. They are currently only functioning with one boiler that's already had many costly repairs. The Commissioners asked that Mr. Tusten research if ARPA funds or grants could be used to make this purchase. No decision was made at this time.

The Hospital is also requesting funds for a Konica Minolta Manual OTC DR Rad Room for \$139,500 and mKDR Xpress Portable AeroDR for \$116,500 from Interstate Imaging. Mr. Tusten stated to continue receiving full Medicare reimbursement payments for radiology exams the hospital must go to digital imaging by the beginning of 2023 or payments will be reduced. The Commissioners asked that Mr. Tusten research if ARPA funds or grants could be used to make this purchase. No decision was made at this time.

Landmark Appraisal, Inc., Owners, Terry Lawhon and Tom Fuhrmann and County Appraiser Cynthia Wellbrock met with the Board to discuss their services offered to Stanton County and their 2022-2023

contact. This is unchanged from 2021-2022. The Commissioners approved and signed the 2022-2023 contract for \$85,000.

Vaughn Lorenson, Landfill Manager, presented the board with \$200,552 lease agreements quotes from Johnson State Bank and First National Bank for the purchase of a Track Loader. FNB quoted 5 annual payments of \$44,300 with a 3.5% fixed interest rate. JSB quotes 5 annual payments of \$45,037 with a 3.99% fixed interest rate. Commissioner Brown made a motion to use FNB for the lease agreement as quoted. Chairman Smith seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Floyd abstained due to conflict of interest.

Chairman Smith made a motion to purchase the 2022 963 Track Loader from Foley Equipment for \$400,552.86. Commissioner Brown seconded. Motion Carried. Commissioner Floyd abstained due to conflict of interest. ARPA funds will be used for \$200,000 of the purchase.

Debbie Ashida, DDS submitted a 30-day termination notice for her dental office contract dated May 26, 2022.

Chairman Smith signed County Tee Hangar Lease M1 and M3.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

ATTEST:
Amber Wilkerson
Deputy County Clerk

SIGN:
John D. Smith
Chairman