

August 21, 2023

The Stanton County Commissioners met in regular session August 21, 2023. Present were Commissioners Chris Floyd, Lonnie Brown & John Smith, County Attorney Clint Floyd, and County Clerk Sandy Barton. Chairman Floyd called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes of August 7 were read and approved.

Vouchers were approved and paid as follows:

General	\$	36,129.99
Road & Bridge		229,718.42
Airport		4,415.48
Golf Course		7,003.54
Park		983.05
4-H Bldg.		286.50
Noxious Weed		147.46
Fire & Rescue		651.95
County Improvement		<u>12,185.00</u>
Totals	\$	291,521.39

A signed petition against the proposed 6 mill request for the Hospital per the legal publication was presented to the Board. The Hospitals attorney questioned the validity of the petition and County Attorney Floyd will address the concerns.

Gayla Gaines addressed the Board with her concerns of the LTCU closing, and she was assured that was not the case. Also addressed was the decrease in funding. The Board decreased funding to decrease the tax burden on taxpayers and hold the Hospital Trustees accountable for their management of tax dollars. Ms. Gaines stated, "the Board and Trustees need to work together to decide what is best for the Hospital."

County Treasurer Vanessa Trujillo met with the Board to discuss the financials of the County. Vanessa will work with both banks to receive the best return on funds.

Health Nurse Ruth Walker met with the Board to discuss July financials. Samantha Torres is the Community Health Worker employee. Information was given on the school crossing project on main street. Ruth is currently working on a grant for sidewalks to be placed around town for the Safety to Walk to School project.

Micha Cook and Toni Floyd with the Health Coalition met with the Board to discuss lighting around the walking track. It was stated Johnson City was providing the labor to install the poles and electrical for approximately \$4,500. Commissioner Brown moved to allow \$5,000 towards the project, seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried 3-0.

Road Supervisor Troy Brickman met with the Board. Chairman Smith moved to enter into executive session for 10 minutes at 11:02 for personnel exception, with the Board, County Attorney, County Clerk

and Road Supervisor present, seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried 3-0. Executive session ended at 11:12 with no action taken.

The department continues to work on chip sealing of roads. They will then work on roads with safety issues. The new building has been delayed until mid-September. Chairman Floyd signed the request for the Federal funds Exchange for \$36,304.62 which will be used to offset the cost of chip sealing the roads. LTAP will be presenting a road grader class on August 29-30.

Chairman Floyd signed the proxy vote for Pioneer Electric.

Chairman Floyd signed the DBE Program Policy Statement for the Stanton County Airport for the reconstruction of 2/3 of Runway 17-35 parallel taxiway.

Stanton County Library submitted minutes of their July 18 meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Floyd adjourned the meeting at 12:00 noon.

ATTEST:

Sandy Barton
County Clerk

SIGN:

Chris Floyd
Chairman