

September 18, 2023

The Stanton County Board of Commissioners met in regular session September 18, 2023. Present were Commissioners Chris Floyd, Lonnie Brown and 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 September 3 were read and approved.

Vouchers were approved and paid as follows:

General	\$	31,266.38
Road & Bridge		300,227.69
Airport		7,627.96
Golf Course		1,664.87
Long Term Care Unit		16,076.32
Park		1,793.28
4-H Bldg.		34.35
Noxious Weed		447.54
Fire & Rescue		1,837.75
Hospital		3,446.90
County Equipment		6,700.00
MASA		14.00
LEC E911		<u>125.44</u>
Totals	\$	371,262.48

EMS Director Roger Richardson met with the Board to discuss the 2024 ambulance. The ambulance will be delivered at the end of September. The original cost was \$184,880.00 and the new cost is \$208,358.00. Commissioner Smith moved to approve the new cost, seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried 3-0. ARPA funds will pay \$189,642.00 of the cost with the remainder of the cost will be paid from the EMS Equipment fund.

Hospital CEO Camille Davidson met with the Board to provide an update. A new budget for 2024 was submitted for \$823,395. The amount remitted to the Hospital will depend on the final levy and valuation. Camille stated they are continuing to look for ways to cut cost and increase revenue.

Sheriff Clayton Kester met with the Board to update them on his department. Clayton informed the Board he was approved for the grant through the Governor's office for \$135,000 to offset the new radios for the LEC and EMS departments. The County will pay a 10% match of the total cost. Clayton is seeking bids for repairs at the LEC department.

Dave Geist representing SW Area Agency on Aging met with the Board to update them on services provided to the county. SWKAAA is a planning, coordinating, and funding agency for services to older Kansans in 28 counties in SW Kansas. SWKAAA is seeking 3 individuals to serve on their board from Stanton County. An ad will be placed in the Johnson Pioneer seeking interested volunteers.

Golf Course manager Andrew Trujillo presented a letter from Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Water Resources assessing a penalty of \$1,000 for excess water usage in 2022. The Board suggested

having a chart for weekly checking of the usage. A reduction in the 2024 water usage amount will also be assessed.

Chairman Floyd sign the inmate contract between Stanton and Grant counties.

The Senior Service Board submitted minutes of their July 25 meeting.

The Historical Society submitted minutes of their August 8 meeting.

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

ATTEST:  
Sandy Barton  
County Clerk

SIGN:  
Chris Floyd  
Chairman