

September 5, 2023

The Stanton County Board of Commissioners met in regular session September 5, 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 August 16, 21 and 31 and September 1 were read and approved.

Vouchers were approved and paid as follows:

General	\$	64,130.38
Road & Bridge		106,797.64
Airport		701.68
Golf Course		1,545.75
Park		4,778.14
4-H Bldg.		1,298.73
Noxious Weed		301.65
Fire & Rescue		934.05
County Improvement		3,780.00
LEC E-911		<u>125.44</u>
Totals	\$	184,393.46

Chairman Floyd called the RNR hearing to order at 9:45 a.m. No other attendees were present. Chairman Floyd closed the RNR hearing at 9:58 a.m. Commissioner John Smith moved to approve Resolution 2023-05 to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate as provided by the Stanton County Clerk's office. Seconded by Commissioner Lonnie Brown. Motion carried 3-0. Opposed 0.

Chairman Floyd called the 2024 Budget hearing to order at 10:00 a.m. No other attendees were present. Chairman Floyd closed the budget hearing at 10:10 a.m. Commissioner Brown moved to accept the 2024 County budget as present, seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried 3-0.

Road Supervisor met with the Board to update them on his department. The operators attended a road grading class and very useful information was given and demonstrated. Operators continue to work on roads, and they will finish up the chip sealing. A road crossing permit for R&S Farms for a 10" PVC with 15" casing crossing Road 7 between SW 34-27-39 & NW 3-28-39 was signed by the Board.

County Appraiser Cindy Wellbrock visited with the Board concerning a wage increase for the appraiser's office staff. After a discussion, no decision was made at this time.

EMS Director Roger Richardson met with the Board to discuss the new ambulance. It should be ready by September 13<sup>th</sup>, but the delivery date is not known. Bids for a new cot and powerlift were presented: Stryker – MTS power load and upgrade kit for existing cot - \$33,013.35. Stryker - MTS power load and Pro XT-MTS cot - \$51,731.25. Roger felt upgrading the existing cot would meet the department's needs. Commissioner Smith moved to accept the bid for the power lift and upgrade kit for the cot, seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board signed Resolution 2023-06: a resolution authorizing the levy of a tax proposed by the Board of Trustees of the Stanton County Hospital exceeding 6 mills and submitting the same to a vote of the Electorate of Stanton County.

Shall the following be adopted?

Shall the Stanton County Hospital (the Hospital) levy a tax of seventeen (17) mills for the tax years 2024, 2025, and 2026 pursuant to K.S.A. 19-4606(c), for the purpose of operating, maintaining, equipping, and improving the Hospital?

The Board also receive a resolution from Unified School District No. 452 requesting to change the voting method for members of the school board.

Special Question:

Shall Unified School District No. 452, Stanton County, Kansas, voting plan of the district be changed to Voting Plan, A: All electors, who are otherwise qualified according to law, and who reside in the school district may vote in both the primary and general election for all member positions. And shall the method of election be changed to the At-Large method: The school district is not divided into any member districts and all board members are elected at-large.

Shall a change in the voting plan and method of election, as described above, be approved for Unified School District No. 452, Stanton County, Kansas?

The following questions will be place on the General ballot on November 7, 2023.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Floyd adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

ATTEST:  
Sandy Barton

SIGN:  
Chris Floyd