

Thomas County Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mike Baughn called the regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commission to order a 9:00 a.m. on December 17, 2018 at the Thomas County Courthouse with Commissioner Byron Sowers and Francis Britton, Linda Sowers, County Clerk Shelly Harms, David Becker, Jim Harms, Layn Bruggeman, Brad Flipse, Don Morton, and Clair Schrock.

AGENDA: *Commissioner Francis Britton moved to approve the Monday, December 17 agenda as amended: approve revision to Resolution 2018 – 17 Establishing Scheduled Meetings of the Thomas County Commissioners for 2019; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Byron Sowers; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

SWEARING IN OF ELECTED TOWNSHIP CLERKS: The following Township Clerks elected into office during the November General Election were sworn in by County Clerk Shelly Harms: Vernon Vance, Smith Township Clerk; Alice Wolf, Morgan Township Clerk; Leonard Kinkade, West Hale Township Clerk; and Shannon Hopson, Summers Township Clerk. George Schippers, North Randall Township Clerk; and Loren Guill, Menlo Township Clerk took their Oath of Office the prior week. No action required by the County Commissioners.

2019 ROAD & BRIDGE WORK PLAN: Road & Bridge Supervisor Clair Schrock appeared before the County Commissioners to provide them with his tentative 2019 work plan which outlined Oil Overlay, Sealing, New Pit Sites to Open, Hauling Gravel, Elevating and Other Work. No action by the County Commissioners.

REQUESTS TO LET ASPHALT BIDS: Road & Bridge Supervisor Clair Schrock appeared before the County Commissioners to request to send bid request to four (4) businesses on receiving asphalt bids and for opening those sealed bids on Monday, January 7, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. The Commissioners gave Mr. Schrock the go ahead to send request.

2019 ROAD AND BRIDGE / NOXIOUS WEED WAGES: Road & Bridge Supervisor Clair Schrock appeared before the County Commissioners concerned that the department wages for 2019 are \$12,000 plus less than 2018 and asked if the 2019 budget needed to be amended. Not at this time and possibly not at all in 2019; the Commissioners will watch the Road & Bridge / Noxious Weed 2019 budget expenses throughout the 2019FY.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Chairman Mike Baughn moved to go into executive session at 9:12 a.m. for ten (10) minutes for personnel matters relating to non-elected medical matters and to return to open session at 9:22 a.m. in the Commissioners room with the Commissioners, HR Director Shelly Harms, and Road & Bridge Supervisor Clair Schrock; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

OPEN SESSION: *Chairman Mike Baughn moved to return to open session at 9:22 a.m. with no action taken; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Byron Sowers; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

FUNDS TRANSFER: *Commissioner Francis Britton moved to authorize the following Fund Transfers: \$26,000 from Fund 100-516-30095 to Fund 101-000-39100 and \$1,092 from Fund 100-516-30095 to Fund 100-516-30025; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Byron Sowers; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Chairman Mike Baughn moved to go into executive session at 9:28 a.m. for ten (10) minutes for personnel matters relating to non-elected personnel matters and to return to open session at 9:38 a.m. in the Commissioners room with the Commissioners, HR Director Shelly Harms, and David Becker, Emergency Management Director; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

OPEN SESSION: *Chairman Mike Baughn moved to return to open session at 9:38 a.m. with no action taken; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Byron Sowers; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

EMS UPDATES: Interim EMS Director Don Morton appeared before the County Commissioners to update them with the department following the recent resignations within the department. Calls are being covered, volunteers are stepping up, has re-hired former Paramedic William Scofield on a temporary basis, RN Brenda Jones, A-EMT Debra Roelfs of Leoti and EMT Katina Knowles on as full-time. Morale is better, Brian Unruh recommends that the department focus on 911 calls and hold on providing transfer service. Mr. Morton requested the Commissioners consideration on allowing him to hire a full-time clerical position.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Chairman Mike Baughn moved to go into executive session at 9:50 a.m. for thirty (30) minutes for personnel matters relating to non-elected personnel matters and to return to open session at 10:20 a.m. in the Commissioners room with the Commissioners, HR Director Shelly Harms, and Interim EMS Director Don Morton; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

OPEN SESSION: *Chairman Mike Baughn moved to return to open session at 10:20 a.m. with no action taken; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Byron Sowers; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10 COMMISSION MINUTES: *Commissioner Francis Britton moved to approve the Monday, December 10, 2018 Commission Minutes as prepared by County Clerk Shelly Harms; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Byron Sowers; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

AP PAYMENT REGISTERS: Commissioner Francis Britton moved to approve the following AP Payment Registers: Thomas County Justice Center - \$100; General Fund - \$51,300.78; Noxious Weed - \$1,190.56; and Road & Bridge - \$40,406.57; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Byron Sowers; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2018 -17 REVISION: Commissioner Francis Britton moved to revise Resolution 2018 – 17 moving the Monday, November 11, 2019 Commission meeting to Tuesday, November 12, 2019; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Byron Sowers; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.


OPEN SESSION: Chairman Mike Baughn moved to return to open session at 1:20 p.m.; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS: The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of the County Health November report, Economic Development report, approval of the 2019 Thomas County Solid Waste Management Plan Annual review and \$316 donation to the NW KS Foundation for HOPE by the Sheriff's Office.

ADJOURN: With no further business Commissioner Francis Britton moved to adjourn at 10:37 a.m.; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Byron Sowers; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Attest:

Shelly A. Harms, County Clerk


Dated: December 26, 2018



Thomas County Board of Commissioners


Mike Baughn, Chairperson


Byron Sowers, Member


Francis Britton, Member