

Thomas County Commission – REGULAR MEETING

September 14, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mike Baughn called the REGULAR Commissioners Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners room of the Thomas County Courthouse on Monday, September 14, 2020 with Commissioners Brad Flipse and Francis Britton, County Clerk Shelly Harms, EMS Director Dain Carmen, Emergency Management Director David Becker, County Treasurer Layn Bruggeman, I.T. Director Brent Mariman, Jim Harms, Treasurer employee Kim Tellez, Road & Bridge Supervisor Clair Schrock, County Attorney Rachel Lamm, Charlie Zitnik of D.A. Davidson via GoToMeeting, and Deryl Sarver, Sr. Project Manager, Performance Engineering of Willdan Energy Solutions.

AGENDA: *Commissioner Brad Flipse moved to approve the agenda as prepared by County Clerk Shelly Harms with the following amendment: Genesis parking lot; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

RESOLUTION 2020-17: *Commissioner Francis Britton moved to adopt Resolution 2020-17, a Resolution of Thomas County, Kansas, determining the advisability of financing the acquisition, construction, installation, improvement and equipping of courthouse improvements by the execution and delivery of a lease purchase agreement and instructed the County Clerk to submit to the Colby Free Press for publication of the Resolution on September 17 and 24th, 2020; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brad Flipse; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

SEALED VEHICLE BIDS: Chairman Mike Baughn opened the following bids: Tubbs & Sons Ford Sales, Inc. – 2014 4DR Explorer Sport 4WD with 100,900 miles and a list price of \$16,850 and MC Auto – 2019 Dodge Journey 4WD with 32,399 miles and a list price of \$19,275. *Chairman Mike Baughn moved to accept the bid from MC Auto on a 2019 Dodge Journey for \$19,275 to be used by I.T. Director Brent Mariman with payment coming from Fund 100-299-30095, not because it was the lowest bid but was the best bid because of the low mileage; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; Commissioner Flipse stated that during a previous meeting he voted to move forward with seeking bids but was against purchasing a vehicle, Commissioner Britton asked how many miles he puts on a vehicle in a one-month period and Brent Mariman could not answer that he probably fills up every one-two weeks and Commissioner Flipse stated that he would know how many miles if we paid you mileage, with no further discussion the motion carried with Chairman Baughn and Commissioner Britton voting AYE and Commissioner Flipse voting NAY.* The Commissioners told Mr. Mariman to contact David Becker or Tom Nickols to list the old vehicle on PurpleWave.

SPARKS SPENDING FOR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS: *Commissioner Brad Flipse moved to authorize the following departments: EMS, County Health, and District Courts to proceed with spending their SPARKS / RECOVERY funds with \$148,000 to EMS, \$64,800 to Health for HIPPA, \$10,000 to Health for Digital Language Signage, and \$18,550 to Health for Porta Count Fitness Test and \$2558.21 to District Courts for Technology as requested by Emergency Management Director David Becker; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.* County Treasurer Layn Bruggeman has set up both Revenue and Expenditure line items in the General Fund to make the audit of said SPARKS / RECOVERY funds simpler. The SPARKS Committee has re-hired the consultant for assistance as some requests from the City of Colby (generator) and Chance Management (reimbursement) where the State is needing additional information. The Committee is waiting to receive an estimate from ABB&B on their fee to conduct the special audit.

EMS SPARK GRANT: EMS Director Carmen said the Commissioners to disregard as it was just discussed by Emergency Management Director David Becker.

EDUCATION INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM: With no action needed Chairman Mike Baughn and EMS Director signed the EIG MOA Service Form so Sara Ruten may attend EMT courses with no cost to Thomas County.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Chairman Mike Baughn moved to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 9:32 a.m. for five (5) minutes with all the Commissioners, EMS Director Dain Carmen, and HR Director Shelly Harms to discuss non-elected personnel (potential hire) and to return to OPEN SESSION at 9:37 a.m. in the Commissioners room; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

OPEN SESSION: *With no action taken Chairman Mike Baughn moved to return to OPEN SESSION at 9:37 a.m. in the Commissioners room; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

AP PAYMENT REGISTER(S): *Commissioner Francis Britton moved to approve the following AP Payment Registers upon review: Noxious Weed - \$550.86 / Road & Bridge - \$73,298.40 / Courthouse General - \$440,900.63 / Criminal Justice Center - \$558,805.33; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brad Flipse; question of invoice from Flex Fitness for \$5,950 was determined legit after reviewing the K.S.A. 60-1117 regarding the spending of Forfeiture and Diversion Funds; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

DIRECT SPENDING WITH COUNTY HEALTH: This can be disregarded as it was discussed with Emergency Management Director David Becker. Emily will have Joseph Whittington contact County Clerk Shelly Harms to arrange training sessions on Telephonic Interpreter Services for Thomas County departments.

MONDAY, AUGUST 31 COMMISSION MINUTES: *Commissioner Brad Flipse moved to approve the Monday, August 31, 2020 Commission minutes as prepared by County Clerk Shelly Harms; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER TO NW LEPC BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Commissioner Brad Flipse is currently the Commissioner that sits on the NW LEPC Board of Directors and has not missed a meeting, no one is the Alternate. *Commissioner Brad Flipse moved to recommend that Commissioner District #2 sit in as the Alternate but recommends waiting until the first meeting in January 2021 to make the appointment; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

KCAMP ANNUAL MEETING AND VOTING DELEGATES: *Chairman Mike Baughn moved to appoint Commissioner Brad Flipse as the voting delegate and Commissioner Francis Britton as the alternate and they agree to participate in the KCAMP Annual Meeting via Zoom on October 14, 2020; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

COMPENSATION ADJ. REQUEST: *Chairman Mike Baughn moved to authorize increasing Sloane Enninga hourly wage from \$15 to \$18 retroactive to September 1, 2020 for assuming additional duties and training; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Chairman Mike Baughn moved to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 9:59 a.m. for twenty (20) minutes with all the Commissioners and County Attorney Rachel Lamm to discuss Attorney-Client Privileges (Human Resource) and to return to OPEN SESSION at 10:19 a.m. in the Commissioners room; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

OPEN SESSION: *With no binding action Chairman Mike Baughn moved to return to OPEN SESSION at 10:19 a.m. in the Commissioners room; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Chairman Mike Baughn moved to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 10:20 a.m. for five (5) minutes with all the Commissioners, County Attorney Rachel Lamm, and HR Director Shelly Harms to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege (Human Resource) and to return to OPEN SESSION at 10:25 a.m. in the Commissioners room; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

OPEN SESSION: *With no binding action Chairman Mike Baughn moved to return to OPEN SESSION at 10:25 a.m. in the Commissioners room; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brad Flipse; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

RECYCLING CENTER RAMP: This has been tabled to Wednesday, September 30th as both Landfill and Recycling failed to reach out to the County Attorney with specifics so she could prepare a contract until last Friday and early this morning.

FINANCIAL-RATE UPDATES WITH BANKS ON COURTHOUSE PROJECT: Charlie Zitnik with D.A. Davidson joined the Commissioners via GoToMeeting with providing in advance a number of banks with interest rates, redemption information, term, and status. Mr. Zitnik is proposing the Commissioners lock in with a fifteen (15) year Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement for the Courthouse Energy Efficiency Project with retaining the right to pay the loan off early without penalties. Mr. Zitnik also recommended trying to negotiate with Signature Bank whom is offering a ten (10) year with 1.935% or fifteen (15) year with 2.230% first with negotiating on the payoff early with no penalty. Other options would to visit with Farmers Bank & Trust of Great Bend, Farmers Bank & Trust of Atwood, and Farmers & Merchants Bank in that order due to rates ranging with them from 2.46% to 2.85%. The Commissioners all agreed to have Mr. Zitnik reach out to Signature Bank first and if they were not willing to compromise on the option to pay off early with no penalty to contact the remaining banks in the order of the best-lowest rates to the highest rates and report back today if possible. No binding action was taken today.

2021 APPROVED COUNTY HOLIDAY CLOSINGS: *Commissioner Brad Flipse moved to approve the following 2021 Thomas County holidays that will be observed with the closing of County buildings; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

January 1	Friday-New Year's Day	February 15	Monday-Presidents Day
May 31	Monday-Memorial Day	July 5	Monday-Independence Day
September 6	Monday-Labor Day	November 11	Thursday-Veterans Day
November 25	Thursday-Thanksgiving Day	November 26	Friday-Day after Thanksgiving
December 24	Friday-Christmas Eve	December 27	Monday-Christmas Day

Friday, December 31, 2021: *Treasurers office closed to public at NOON*
2022 Holiday – Monday, January 3, 2021 – New Year's Day following

GENESIS PARKING LOT: Road & Bridge Supervisor Clair Schrock had been contacted by Ken and Sheila Krehbiel regarding the parking lot on the back-south side where people are picking up their Genesis food supplies through a pick-up window on Wednesday's. It is in bad shape according to the Krehbiel's. Mr. Schrock reported back that to put hot asphalt would cost \$1,000 and that is only for the asphalt, not other expenses and to pour concrete would cost \$900, again just the material not other expenses. *Commissioner Brad Flipse moved to pour the parking lot to concrete; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; Chairman Baughn wants the expenses to be encumbered from Fund 101; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

COURTHOUSE PARKING LOT: Road & Bridge Supervisor Clair Schrock had been asked to gather cost for the North and East sides of the Courthouse parking lot. For asphalt it would take 580 tons of material to do the 175'X53' North lot and 152'X43' East lot (asphalt cost only). According to Chairman Baughn the South side will be poured to concrete and asked Mr. Schrock to visit with Tarbet for cost comparison to the asphalt. Concrete would hold up better and easier to repair. Mr. Schrock said he would get with both Penco Engineering and Ray Spencer with KBS Constructors.

COVID-19 LETTERS OF CONCERN: The Commissioners received a letter from a concerned citizen urging them to repeal Thomas County's Modification to Kansas Executive Order 20-52, Resolution 2020-15. While the Commissioners have empathy for those that want us to mandate mask wearing some of the problem is enforcing, Thomas County does not have enough staff to enforce it. Some businesses are advertising REQUIRED mask wearing and yet they are not enforcing it. The Commissioners will not make any changes, but do have great deal of empathy.

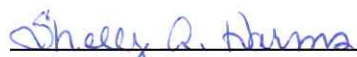
RECESS: Chairman Mike Baughn moved to recess the Open Meeting until 11:23 a.m. at which time they'll return to OPEN SESSION to meet with Willdan Energy to coordinate the upcoming work schedule.

OPEN SESSION: Chairman Mike Baughn returned to OPEN SESSION at 12:13 p.m. welcoming Deryl Sarver, Sr. Project Manager, Performance Engineering to discuss the upcoming work schedule with the energy efficiency project for the Thomas County Courthouse. Willdan and sub-contractors will work around the employees of Thomas County with minimal disruption. They will begin work around the first or second week of October with tearing out ceilings at the top of the list. They should be completely done by April 2021.

ADJOURN: *With no further business Commissioner Brad Flipse moved to adjourn at 12:43 p.m.; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

Attest:

Shelly A. Harms, County Clerk


Dated: September 21, 2020



Thomas County Board of Commissioners


Mike Baughn, Chairman


Brad Flipse, Member


Francis Britton, Member