

Thomas County Commission – REGULAR

October 19, 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, October 19, 2020 with Commissioner Francis Britton, Commissioner Brad Flipse, County Clerk Shelly Harms, EMS Director Dain Carmen, Commissioner Elect Brian Luedke, and Probation Parole Officer Daren Organ.

AGENDA: *Commissioner Francis Britton moved to approve the Monday, October 19, 2020 agenda as amended to include EMS Director Dain Carmen to deliver Paramedic Program proposal, KDHE Landfill inspection report; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brad Flipse; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

COURTHOUSE OFFICE SPACE: Daren Organ, Probation Parole Officer (state employee) appeared before the County Commissioners to request if there was available space remaining in the Courthouse after the Courts and Parole Officers moved over to the new Criminal Justice Center would they be able to accommodate the Smokey Hill Drug & Alcohol counselor to hold counseling sessions in the old Courthouse. They would need a space big enough to provide office and counseling room for 10-12 group sessions. The Commissioners made no promises, but will consider the request.

CONTINUING EDUCATION GARDEN CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PARAMEDIC PROGRAM: EMS Director Dain Carmen appeared before the Commissioners to request they consider a proposed plan drafted for 'Continuing Education GCCC Paramedic Program'. It would only be for F-T employees, EMS would pay for the tuition once the program was completed with two (2) year employment to Thomas County EMS, a portion of the education would be paid through EIG Funds of \$5,110, must be eighteen (18) to join the program. The Commissioners felt the proposal was lengthy and should be run past KCAMP (county insurer) before making their decisions.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12 COMMISSION MINUTES: *Commissioner Brad Flipse moved to approve the Commission Minutes of October 12, 2020 as prepared by County Clerk Shelly Harms; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

AP PAYMENT REGISTERS: *Commissioner Francis Britton reviewed and moved to approve the following AP Payment Registers: Criminal Justice Center - \$440,275.34 and Courthouse General - \$184,679.59; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brad Flipse; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

KDHE NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE/NON-COMPLIANCE REPORT: The Commissioners acknowledged receipt of the KDHE Inspection report with no violations identified and a letter by Inspection Officer Karen S. Schmidt praising the facility and Mr. Travis Williby, Landfill Director.

CITY OF COLBY – JACK STROUD HEARING: Chairman Mike Baughn will attend the variance request by Jack Stroud on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

ROAD & BRIDGE WAGES: Chairman Baughn would like to have wages for Road & Bridge added to the October 30 Commission agenda.

3RD QUARTER BANK RATES: County Treasurer Layn Bruggeman provided the Commissioners with the 3rd Quarter Bank rates commenting the banks are saying the rates will not be going up for a very long time. No action required.

ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY EMPLOYMENT: Discussion as to whether Stephen Young is still employed and collecting wages through Thomas County as there are rumors he has moved to Chanute, KS and has taken on another position. Commissioner Flipse stated that if he has left employment with Thomas County he should not ethically be collecting pay and should be retro from the time he left employment. HR Director Harms has not been notified by either Assistant County Attorney Young or County Attorney Lamm of his departure. County Clerk Harms will try to reach out to Mr. Young.

ADJOURN: *With no further business Commissioner Francis Britton moved to adjourn at 9:39 a.m.; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brad Flipse; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

Attest:

Shelly A. Harms, County Clerk

Shelly A. Harms
Dated: October 30, 2020



Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Mike Baughn
Mike Baughn, Chairman

Brad Flipse
Brad Flipse, Member

Francis Britton, Member