

Thomas County Commission – REGULAR

November 30, 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, November 30, 2020 with Commissioner Brad Flipse and Commissioner Francis Britton; County Clerk Shelly Harms; Jim Harms, Travis Williby, Clair Schrock, David Becker, Commissioner Elect Brian Luedke, County Attorney Elect Christopher Rohr, and others joining through GoToMeeting.

**AGENDA:** *Commissioner Francis Britton moved to approve the agenda as amended to add the following: add approving Resolution 2020 – 21 Authorizing Bank signatures at Western State Bank; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brad Flipse; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**REQUEST FOR PAYMENT (DRAW DOWN) OF CDBG FUNDS FROM STATE:** Economic Development Director Vernon Hurd and Justine Benoit both addressed the Commissioners via GoToMeeting regarding approval of Grant No. 20-CV-062 in requesting draw down funds of \$66,895.21 from the State (Form No. RP-1). The following small five (5) businesses are eligible for the following fund amounts:

- Movement Connection: 3,583.53
- Jumpstart: \$6,144.00
- Days Inn: \$26,739.74
- JAI: \$24,922.94
- Rockin Ross: \$550.00

Once the state releases the funds they will be deposited with Thomas County and funds will be distributed by the County Treasurer to those businesses. *Commissioner Brad Flipse moved to approve Grant No. 20-CV-062 in requesting draw down funds in the amount of \$66,895.21; which will be distributed by the County Treasurer to the above five (5) eligible businesses; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**APPROVE SPECIFICATION SHEETS FOR BID ON SEMI-TRUCK AND MOWING TRACTOR:** *Commissioner Brad Flipse moved to approve the bid specification sheets as provided by Road & Bridge Supervisor Clair Schrock to rent two (2) mowing tractors with the intention of purchasing one (1) after mowing season; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.* Mr. Schrock is to check the availability of semi-trucks with surrounding dealers and then report back to the County Commissioners. No action taken on semi-truck.

**SPEED LIMIT SIGN REQUESTED ON MANCHESTER ROAD / COUNTY ROAD Q IN BREWSTER, KS:** Clair Schrock, County Road Supervisor explained that he spoke with Jerol DeBoer with KDOT and the county could do a speed traffic study (traffic and conditions). The current speed limit is 55, and the issue is trucks coming from the west and speeding. Nic Hoover has requested the county study reducing the speed on that portion of County Road Q. Chairman Mike Baughn requested Mr. Schrock draft a resolution to lower the speed limit and have ready for approval on December 7, 2020.

**ESTABLISHING COMMISSIONERS SCHEDULED 2021 MEETINGS RESOLUTION 2020 – 20:** *Commissioner Francis Britton moved to adopt Resolution 2020 –20 Establishing the Commissioners Scheduled 2021 Meetings; the motion was seconded by Commissioners Brad Flipse; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**BANKING AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION 2020 – 21:** *Commissioner Brad Flipse moved to adopt Resolution 2020 – 21 authorizing signatures at Western State Bank for loan of Doosan Loader; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**AP PAYMENT REGISTERS:** *Commissioner Francis Britton moved to approve the following AP Payment Registers: Noxious Weed - \$417.51 / Road & Bridge - \$9,519.13 / Criminal Justice Center - \$1,632.65 / Courthouse General - \$140,454.24; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brad Flipse; 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 non-elected personnel matters (Staffing with County Attorney-Elect) with Commissioners Britton and Flipse, Commissioner-elect Brian Luedke, County Clerk Shelly Harms, and County Attorney-elect Chris Rohr for a period of twenty (20) minutes and to return to OPEN SESSION in the Commissioners room at 9:48 a.m.; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brad Flipse; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**OPEN SESSION:** *With no binding action Commissioner Brad Flipse moved to return to OPEN SESSION in the Commissioners room at 9:48 a.m.; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**COUNTY ATTORNEY 2021 STAFFING AND SALARIES:** *Chairman Mike Baughn moved to review the 2021 County Attorney budget (staffing and restoring 2021 salaries to mimic 2020 salaries); the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**TAX ROLL CORRECTIONS:** *Commissioner Francis Britton moved to approve the following Oil and Real Estate: 2020 Oil Escape for TAS Royalty Co. with no refund, 2020 Oil Escape for Bonus Oil Co. with no refund, 2020 Oil Abatement for Michael Ryan with no refund, 2020 Oil Abatement for Scott Oatsdean with no refund, and 2020 Real Estate Abatement for Christopher Brown with no refund; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brad Flipse; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23 COMMISSION MINUTES:** *Commissioner Brad Flipse moved to approve the Monday, November 23, 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.*

**KWORC QUARTERLY REPORT:** With no action needed the Commissioners reviewed the Financial Statements for September 30, 2020. Reports will be available in the County Clerk's office.

**ADJOURN:** *With no further business Commissioner Francis Britton moved to adjourn at 9:55 a.m.; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brad Flipse; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**RECONVENE INTO SPECIAL MEETING:** *Commissioner Francis Britton moved to reconvene into a SPECIAL MEETING with Solid Waste Director Travis Williby at 10:20 a.m.; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brad Flipse; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

**KDHE LETTER: ESTABLISHING AN EXTERNAL USER ACCOUNT IN KEIMS AND CONNECTING TO YOUR FACILITY/SUBMITTING YOUR ABOVEGROUND STORAGE TANK (AST) PERMIT RENEWAL:** Solid Waste Director Travis Williby appeared before the Commissioners to discuss a letter he received with a December 31, 2020 deadline with concerns over the possible monthly / annual fees. After thorough review of the letter and it's attachments it was determined that Mr. Williby only needed to set up an account, which in turn would allow him to submit all permit applications, renewals, and other required information electronically through KEIMS. Permit fees are \$10/Tank, late penalty after December 31<sup>st</sup> = an additional \$150/Tank.

**ADJOURN:** *With no further business Commissioner Francis Britton moved to adjourn at 10:30 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: December 7, 2020



Thomas County Board of Commissioners

*Mike Baughn*  
Mike Baughn, Chairman

*Brad Flipse*  
Brad Flipse, Member

*Francis Britton*  
Francis Britton, Member