

Thomas County Commission – REGULAR

December 7, 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, December 7, 2020 with Commissioner Brad Flipse and Commissioner Francis Britton; Commissioner-elect Brian Luedke; County Clerk Shelly Harms; Jim Harms; Solid Waste Director Travis Williby; Road & Bridge Supervisor Clair Schrock, Register of Deeds Lora Volk; County Treasurer Layn Bruggeman, and others joining through GoToMeeting.

AGENDA: *Commissioner Brad Flipse moved to approve the agenda as amended to add the following: appoint Ken Christiansen to the Economic Development Alliance Board, County Rd Q - Resolution 2020 – 22, Gem Intersection; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

ROAD & BRIDGE WAGE PROPOSAL: *Commissioner Francis Britton moved to accept Road & Bridge Supervisor Clair Schrock's proposal in starting wages in the Road & Bridge / Noxious Weed Departments be set at \$15 per hour effective January 1, 2021 with adjusting the other employees wages to compensate for the new starting hourly wage and with providing the Commissioners with a 2021 financial payroll showing each employees new hourly wage (include percentage) and department gross wages for the 2021 FY; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brad Flipse; with no further discussion the motion carried with Commissioners Britton and Flipse voting AYE and Chairman Baughn voting NAY. Chairman Baughn stated the reason he was voting against the motion was because this is an issue that has been put off to long, needs a plan, pay schedule, and is not comfortable departmentalizing.*

RESOLUTION 2020 – 22 PLACING SPEED LIMIT SIGNS ON COUNTY ROAD Q, ETAL: *Commissioner Brad Flipse moved to adopt Resolution 2020 – 22 authorizing Thomas County to place thirty (30) mph speed limit signs for Thomas County Road Q between County Roads 1 and 2, Township 8, Range 36W, etal.; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously. Resolution is available on the County website: thomascountyks.gov and in the County Clerk's office.*

GEM INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT – COST ESTIMATE: Bob Standage has requested Road & Bridge remove North and South curves on FAS 647 and 889 and replace them with a T intersection alignment, the alignment would be located thirty-five (35) feet South of the current power poles, and telephone pedestal would need to be relocated. Bob Standage will be invited to attend a Commissioners meeting and to make the request himself. No action taken.

SEMI-TRUCK FOR ROAD & BRIDGE: Mike Grady visited with Clair Schrock, Road & Bridge Supervisor about financing new semi-truck vs. used with lots of miles and older. Currently Road and Bridge has three (3) semis. If approved Road & Bridge would need to make a down-payment and monthly payments for the length of the financing.

KDHE Permit #0748: KDHE submitted notice to Solid Waste and AdamsBrown, LLC stating that the Solid Waste was non-compliant due to lack of funds. AdamsBrown, LLC submitted a reason and asking KDHE if a letter drafted by either AdamsBrown, LLC or Thomas County would satisfy the non-compliance. Per Travis Williby, Solid Waste Director we are still waiting on a response from KDHE.

APPOINTMENTS TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE BOARD, PLANNING COMMISSION BOARD, AND ZONING APPEALS BOARD: *Commissioner Brad Flipse moved to appoint Mark Miller to the Planning Commission for a three (3) year term, Francis Landry to the Zoning Appeals Board for a three (3) year term, and Ken Christiansen to the Economic Development Alliance Board for a three (3) year term; 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 after reviewing all invoices: Courthouse General - \$8,459.62 and \$213,532.10; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brad Flipse; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2020 COMMISSION MINUTES: *Commissioner Brad Flipse moved to approve the Monday, November 30, 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.*

LINE ITEM TRANSFER REQUEST: *Commissioner Francis Britton moved to authorize transferring \$194.28 from Fund 100-516-30021 to 100-570-80025, this is a reimbursement to the Sheriff's Office to pay the Emergency Management's share of the GPS bill; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brad Flipse; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*


OFFICE COMPLEX RENT RATE: *Commissioner Brad Flipse increased the office space rent over at the Office Complex from \$6.34 per square foot to \$6.53 per square foot for the 2021FY and requested the County Clerk to send notice to those offices and Smokey Hill will be charged the same rate for using office space in the Courthouse; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

BUILDING MAINTENANCE JOB DESCRIPTION AND HELP WANTED AD: *Commissioner Brad Flipse moved to approve the amended job description and requested County Clerk Shelly Harms prepare a FINAL copy; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Francis Britton; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously. County Clerk Harms will prepare a Help Wanted Ad with final approval of the ad coming from the Commissioners, the County Clerk will be responsible for accepting job applications, providing the job description to applicants and arranging for job interviews with the County Commissioners.*

ADJOURN: *With no further business Commissioner Francis Britton moved to adjourn at 10:40 a.m.; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brad Flipse; with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

Attest:

Shelly A. Harms, County Clerk


Dated: December 14, 2020



Thomas County Board of Commissioners


Mike Baughn, Chairman


Brad Flipse, Member


Francis Britton, Member