

Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting

November 15, 2022

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Mike Baughn called the REGULAR Commissioners Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Thomas County Historical Courthouse on Tuesday, November 15, 2022; followed by the flag salute (Pledge of Allegiance) with Commissioner Brad Flipse, Commissioner Brian Luedke, County Attorney Chris Rohr, Morgan Owen, Emergency Management Director David Becker, Road and Bridge Supervisor Clair Schrock, Ken Christensen, Maintenance Director Josh Faber, Landfill Director Travis Williby, Jasmine Faus, and Colby Free Press Reporter Sloane Enninga.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: No announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/REVISIONS: Commissioner Brad Flipse made a motion to approve the agenda as amended take off the Landfill Resolution; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brian Luedke, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION VAN GRANT: County Clerk Keesa Mariman and Jasmine Faus presented the grant application and letter of recommendation for Commission to sign in order to submit the grant application to KDOT. Commissioner Brian Luedke made a motion to sign the Transportation Van Grant Application; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brad Flipse, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

AIC REQUEST LETTER: Commission received a letter of request from AIC requesting tax funds for people who cannot pay for court costs, counseling etc. Chairman Mike Baughn explained that the 2023 budget is set and the courts did not indicate that they needed to make any changes and these funds have already been applied.

APPROVE AP: Commissioner Brian Luedke made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable Payment Registers as follows: Courthouse General \$45,174.47 (as reviewed by both County Attorney Chris Rohr and Commissioner Brian Luedke); the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brad Flipse, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

MISC: Commission received October Road/Bridge and Weed reports, and High Plains Mental Health Minutes.

RECESS: The Commission stood at recess until 9:30 for the 2022 General Election Canvass.

2022 GENERAL ELECTION CANVASS: Chairman Mike Baughn moved to convene as the Board of County Canvassers with Former Commissioner Ken Christensen standing in place of Commissioner Brad Flipse since his name was on the ballot; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brian Luedke, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

PROVISIONAL BALLOTS: On Tuesday, November 8th, 56 individuals had to vote a provisional ballot for various reasons; failed to register by the October 18 deadline, failed to re-register due to a move or name change, etc. Of those 56 provisional ballots, the Board of County Canvassers allowed 38 to be counted and denied 18 for reasons that are outlined in the Election Standards which include K.S.A.'s explaining the reason.

ADOPT THE ELECTION RESULTS: Commissioner Brian Luedke moved to adopt the election results from Early Voting, Mail Ballot, Election Day, Late Mail Ballots (postmarked with November 8, 2022) and accepted Provisional Ballots and record of those results in the Official General Election Canvassing book; the motion was seconded by Former Commissioner Ken Christensen, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Brian Luedke made a motion to adjourn as the County Board of Canvassers; the motion was seconded by Former Commissioner Ken Christensen, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: *With no further business Commissioner Brad Flipse made a motion to adjourn at 9:44 a.m.; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brian Luedke, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

ATTEST:



Keesa Mariman
Keesa Mariman, County Clerk

Dated: 12-12-2022

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THOMAS COUNTY

Mike Baughn
Mike Baughn, Chairman

Brad Flipse
Brad Flipse, Member

Brian Luedke
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