

Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting

August 22, 2022

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Mike Baughn called the REGULAR Commissioners Meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. at the Thomas County Historical Courthouse on Monday, August 22, 2022; followed by the flag salute (Pledge of Allegiance) with Commissioner Brad Flipse and Commissioner Brian Luedke, County Clerk Keesa Mariman, County Attorney Chris Rohr, Road and Bridge Supervisor Clair Schrock, Emergency Management Director David Becker, Maintenance Director Josh Faber, Bill Miller, Register of Deeds Lora Volk, Kent Brown, Treasurer Layn Bruggeman and Colby Free Press reporter Sloane Enninga.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: No announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bill Miller thanked the commission for the new gravel on County Road CC. Miller asked County Attorney Chris Rohr if they had an opinion on married couples being on a township board together. Bill Miller also asked about the County planning to exceed their Revenue Neutral Rate at the RNR hearing on August 31st and about the publication that recently came from the Clerk's Office. County Clerk Keesa Mariman explained that the publication has to go out 10 days prior to the hearing date.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/REVISIONS: Commissioner Brian Luedke made a motion to approve the agenda as amended to add KWORC Voting Delegates and Electronic Meetings; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brad Flipse, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

MOU-GOODLAND TRANSPORTATION: Kent Brown, City Manager of Goodland, was present to help explain the contract info as they currently do not have a vehicle for their transportation service due to an accident. The agreement shows the City of Goodland will pay to lease the vehicle at \$1500/month. They anticipate it being 3 to 4 months, but could be longer if totaled. So far, there is \$28,000 worth of damage. Commissioner Brad Flipse wants to do this and wants to help out Sherman County. This lease will continue on a month to month basis. Kent Brown stated that he is happy to come back and speak if need be. Commissioner Brad Flipse made a motion to approve the lease agreement contact at \$1,500 per month; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brian Luedke, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously. Kent Brown thanked the board for their help and for helping the people who need it. Chairman Baughn stated that we are glad that we are in the position to do that.

DISCLOSURE COMPLIANCE PROPOSAL-GILMORE & BELL: The proposal we currently have expires September 30th, 2022. The proposal would approve the services for another five years at \$7,500. Chairman Mike Baughn recommended to pay the \$7,500 now to avoid any annual raises each year since in the last five years it has been raised from \$1,200/year to \$1,500/year. Commissioner Brian Luedke made a motion to approve the Disclosure Compliance Proposal with Gilmore & Bell at \$7,500 for five years, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brad Flipse, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

ACCEPT 2022 PRIMARY ELECTION RECOUNT CANVASS: This was already completed after the canvass meeting.

WESTERN KS CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER-WAIVER: Commissioner Brad Flipse made a motion to sign the waiver of support for the Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brian Luedke, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

KWORC ANNUAL MEETING: The KWORC Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 17th. Commission needs to approve a voting delegate. There are also forms for anyone who would want to be nominated for the KWORC board. Commissioner Brad Flipse is the voting delegate currently. Commissioner Brian Luedke made a motion to have Commissioner Brad Flipse the voting delegate and Commissioner Brian Luedke as the alternate; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brad Flipse, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Brad Flipse stated that he would take no action regarding the voting delegate ballot. No action taken.

APPOVE AP: Chairman Mike Baughn made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable Payment Registers as follows: Courthouse General in the amount of \$57,106.37 (as reviewed by both County Attorney Chris Rohr and Chairman Mike Baughn); the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brad Flipse, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE JULY 29 & AUG 8 MINUTES: Commissioner Brian Luedke made a motion to approve the July 29 and August 8 Minutes; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brad Flipse, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL-WEED/ROAD & BRIDGE EMPLOYEE: Chairman Mike Baughn made a motion to go into Executive Session for 20 minutes at 9:32 a.m. with Commission and Road and Bridge Supervisor Clair Schrock; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brad Flipse, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

OPEN SESSION: With no binding action taken, Chairman Mike Baughn made a motion to return to Open Session at 9:52 a.m.; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brian Luedke, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

GAVEL ROADS-ONLINE AUCTION COMPANY PRESENTATION: Kurtis with Gavel Roads made a presentation about what Gavel Roads offers. The Company was created in 2016 by Gene Francis. One of the biggest things that Gavel Roads prides themselves on when auctioning off equipment for counties is that they allow the county to put a reserve on the item. If you list an item for 70k and it goes for 50k, there is only a \$100 fee for the trouble. Their website is very easy to navigate. As a six-year-old company, they sell all over the United States and even in other countries. Kurtis stated that he has buyers in every state. Most of their advertising is done on FB and Google. One of his jobs as a salesman is to get his word out to the public. Commission decided that it would be a useful tool to have Road department, Sheriff's department and Maintenance available for them to look at.

DISCUSSION ON LIVE BROADCASTING OF MEETINGS: Chairman Mike Baughn asked the Commission if they would like to begin broadcasting meetings again for the public to be able to view the meetings. IT Interim Director David Becker said it is an easy process so the public could view the meeting. Chairman Mike Baughn thinks this would make our meetings more available and more transparent to the public. Commission will try it at the next meeting with no permanency.

ARPA FUNDING: County Attorney Chris Rohr stated that he emailed an MOU to the Commissioners for recipients of the ARPA funding. And that this must be completed before the Auditors will complete our audit. Chairman Mike Baughn made a motion to add this item to the agenda; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brad Flipse, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously. Attorney Rohr explained that this takes the liability off of Thomas County if the recipient doesn't spend the money the way it was intended. Commissioner Brad Flipse made a motion to approve the MOU for ARPA Funding; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brian Luedke, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: *With no further business Brian Luedke made a motion to adjourn at 10:10 a.m.; the motion was seconded by Chairman Brad Flipse, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

ATTEST:



Keesa Marim
Keesa Marim, County Clerk

Dated: 9/30/2022

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THOMAS COUNTY

Mike Baughn
Mike Baughn, Chairman

Brad Flipse, Member

Brian Luedke
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