

Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting

September 12, 2022

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Mike Baughn called the REGULAR Commissioners Meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. at the Thomas County Historical Courthouse on Monday, September 12, 2022; followed by the flag salute (Pledge of Allegiance) with Commissioner Brad Flipse, County Clerk Keesa Mariman, County Attorney Chris Rohr, Michelle Morris, Niki Moss, Sheriff Tom Nickols, Maintenance Director Josh Faber, Treasurer Layn Bruggeman 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 to add Line Item Transfer and Bid Specs on Mowing Tractor; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brian Luedke, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

ADAMS BROWN FINANCIAL AUDIT: Niki Moss with Adams Brown gave the 2021 Financial Audit report and pointed out a couple minor details that could be addressed in future audits. One issue was finding a bit better of a system for the EMS accounting for their patient billing. EMS Director Scott Reese is going to look into a better system. Another issue is with the Sheriff's inmate account. It has long outstanding checks that have not been cashed. Moss' recommendation is to get them written off to clean up the accounting side a bit. Commissioner Brian Luedke made a motion to authorize Chairman Mike Baughn to sign Audit documents prepared by Adams Brown; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brad Flipse, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Brad Flipse made a motion to approve the 2021 Audit Report prepared by Adams Brown; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brian Luedke, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

APPOVE AP: Chairman Brian Luedke made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable Payment Registers as follows: Courthouse General in the amount of \$180,262.43 (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. Brian would like to remind Department Heads to get their updated tax-exempt forms out to vendors as he is seeing some sales tax issues on a few invoices.

SHERIFF COMMENT: Chairman Mike Baughn made a comment to Sheriff Tom Nickols that he would like to change the outstanding checks issue on the inmate account to get it cleaned up for the auditors. County Attorney Chris Rohr recommended to have Sheriff Nickols speak with Niki Moss from Adams Brown to decide on how to avoid this issue in the future.

LINE ITEM TRANSFER: Commissioner Brad Flipse made a motion to reimburse fund 100-516-30025 in the amount of \$111.42 from 100-516-30026 as the Emergency Management Director wrote the wrong line item on the bill; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brian Luedke, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

BID SPECS ON MOWING TRACTOR: Road and Bridge Supervisor Clair Schrock explained to Commission that he would like to put together some bid specs for a mowing tractor because they are putting the 1993 Ford Truck, a Low Boy trailer, a Massey Tractor, and a Ford tractor with a side mower in an online auction with Gavel Roads which is scheduled for Sept 20th.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business Brad Flipse made motion to adjourn at 9:45 a.m.; the motion was seconded by Chairman Brian Luedke, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:



Keesa Mariman
Keesa Mariman, County Clerk

Dated: 10-10-2022

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THOMAS COUNTY

Mike Baughn
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Brad Flipse, Member

Brian Luedke
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