

Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting

September 30, 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 Friday, September 30, 2022; followed by the flag salute (Pledge of Allegiance) with Commissioner Brad Filpse, County Clerk Keesa Mariman, County Attorney Chris Rohr, Emergency Management Director David Becker, Landfill Supervisor Travis Williby, Assistant EMS Director Alan David, EMS Director Scott Reese, David Pinckard, Phyllis Janousek, Road and Bridge Supervisor Clair Schrock, Becky Dempewolf, Ann Minor, Sheri Straab, Layn Bruggeman, Jalyn Shaw, Sheriff Tom Nickols, Kaylie Kraft, Susan Guill, and Colby Free Press reporter Sloane Enninga.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: No announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/REVISIONS: Commissioner Brad Filpse made a motion to approve the agenda prepared; the motion was seconded by Chairman Mike Baughn, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT-SIGN BID FOLLOW-UP: Health Administrator Emily Strange and Assistant Health Administrator Kendra Glassman recommended to go with the bid from Colby Canvass in the amount of \$73,460.00 which will be covered with grant dollars. Commissioner Brad Filpse made a motion to accept the departments bid recommendation; the motion was seconded by Chairman Mike Baughn, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE BID SPECS ON TRACTOR: Commissioner Brad Filpse made a motion to approve bid specs on a tractor for Road and Bridge; the motion was seconded by Chairman Mike Baughn, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Clair Schrock also gave an update on the prairie dog issue. Their office sent out multiple letters and most land owners have given a good response. Road and Bridge will begin treating prairie dogs on Monday.

REQUEST OF SPACE IN OFFICE COMPLEX: Commission received a request from Jodi Dumler and Jalyn Shaw for use of a small space in the Health Department once per week to serve residents for mental health counseling. This would be on the days that Deanna Sulzman, Nurse Practitioner wouldn't be in the Health Department. County Attorney Chris Rohr stated that he has worked with Jodi Dumler and she is very reputable. Chairman Mike Baughn made a motion to allow the use of one room in the Health Department one day a week with workable arrangements with the Health Department and waiving the fee; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brad Filpse, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Chris Rohr will put together a lease agreement.

PROBATIONARY PERIOD PROMOTION/BID SPEC APPROVAL: Chairman Mike Baughn made a motion to approve the specs for a used and new vehicle bids for the Appraiser's office; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brad Filpse, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Appraiser Bruce Webb made a request to promote Michelle Morris to a Data Collector II moving her salary from \$17.89 to \$18.89 effective September 23rd, 2022. Commissioner Brad Filpse made a motion to approve the request for Morris' salary increase to \$18.89 per hour; the motion was seconded by Chairman Mike Baughn, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL FINAL PAY VOUCHER FOR PARKING LOT: Commissioner Brad Filpse made a motion to approve the final payment to Weigel Concrete for the Courthouse Parking Lot Project in the amount of \$13,621.33 and to authorize the Chairman to sign; the motion was seconded by Chairman Mike Baughn, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

SELECT COUNTY SEAL WINNER: The Commission needs to choose three out of the final five entries from the County Seal Contest the Thomas County Historical Society held. There were 24 submissions, and the Historical Society selected five final candidates. Chairman Mike Baughn made a motion to adopt presentation number eight as the County Seal as being the first prize winner, number seven as the 2nd prize winner, and #18 as the 3rd prize winner; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brad Filpse, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously. On October 8th at 10 a.m., Commission will announce to the public who they are. Commission appreciates the Thomas County Historical Society for their dedication in putting this together. Ann Minor explained how difficult it was to choose. Commissioner Brad Filpse wants to tell everyone he appreciated them and he admires their creativity.

EMPLOYEE PROMOTION: Commissioner Brad Filpse made a motion to increase Tiffany Richard's salary from \$15.50 per hour to \$17.50 per hour as she has completed her AEMT license; the motion was seconded by Chairman Mike Baughn, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

RECESS: The Commission stood at recess for the purpose of meeting as the County Board of Health.

COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH: Chairman Mike Baughn moved to meet as the County Board of Health and discussed the previous meeting that declared 5245 N Range Ave., Colby, Kansas a nuisance and ordered it to be cleaned up by September 30th, 2022. If it has not been cleaned up, there will be a \$100/day fine upon KSA-65-204. David Pinckard explained that he has been working on cleaning it up every day since the order took place and would like to ask the County Board of Health to offer an extension for two additional weeks. County Attorney Chris Rohr stated that he and Sheriff Tom Nickols have visited the property and it does seem to have been cleaned up. County Attorney Chris Rohr recommended that there is a \$100/day fine still, and if Mr. Pinckard does what he is suppose to by October 8th, then the County Board of Health could decide on waiving the fee. Chairman Mike Baughn said prior to the BOH convening, they had given him 60 days to clean up the mess. When Mr. Pinckard had been spoken to, he stated he would start moving vehicles back in March 2022. City Manager Ron Alexander had spoken with Mr. Pinckard as well. County Attorney Chris Rohr explained that they have not gotten any response from the state because the field agent got really sick and has been out. Commissioner Brad Filpse stated that this needs to be taken care of, and that the fine can be waived or minimized once he shows a good faith effort on his end. Commissioner Brad Filpse would like to put it on the agenda for October 8th and assess the fine to begin tomorrow. Phyllis Janousek stated on behalf of her neighborhood that Mr. Pinckard has been asked several times since March, and waited until an official

violation with penalty was put into place to act. She appreciates him for doing the work, but she feels he has had plenty of time since March. She is talking about piles of trash, pallets. Mrs. Janousek reiterated that these things draw skunks, rabbits, snakes, etc. She doesn't believe any weed eating or mowing has been done either. She feels the bind weed issue needs addressed.

Chairman Mike Baughn made a motion to uphold the fine beginning tomorrow at \$100/day, and that the BOH will look at reassessing the order on October 8th. The order was originally issued on September 19th, 2022 and will continue to be enforced; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brad Flipse, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Brad Flipse made a motion to reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners and adjourn as the County Board of Health. Chairman Mike Baughn made a motion to sustain the recommendations by the County Board of Health; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brad Flipse, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE AUG 22 & 31 MINUTES: Commissioner Brad Flipse made a motion to approve the August 22 and 31 minutes; the motion was seconded by Chairman Mike Baughn, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE SEPTEMBER PAYROLL: Commissioner Brad Flipse made a motion to approve the September payroll in the amount of \$389,832.44; the motion was seconded by Chairman Mike Baughn, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Mike Baughn made a motion for a Treasurer's checks to be cut for the County Seal Contest Winners in the amount of \$500, \$300, and \$100; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brad Flipse, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE AP: Commissioner Brad Flipse made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable Payment Registers as follows: Courthouse General in the amount of \$484,020.07 (as reviewed by both County Attorney Chris Rohr and Commissioner Brad Flipse); the motion was seconded by Chairman Mike Baughn, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Brad Flipse amended his motion to accept additional Accounts Payable Payment Registers as follows: Weed in the amount of \$6007.18 and Road and Bridge in the amount of \$190,658.40; the motion was seconded by Chairman Mike Baughn, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.


MISC: Commissioner received an invitation to the Thomas County Outlook Conference from 1-3pm on Oct 19th. The registration fee is \$50. Chairman Mike Baughn made a motion to approve registration fees for commissioners desiring to go; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brad Flipse, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously. A notice was received for a public notice on Water pollution control permit, and a copy of the Economic Development Minutes.

Chairman Mike Baughn made a motion to correct the dates regarding the Board of Health and future meeting dates from October 8th as discussed to October 10th as that is the correct date of the regular scheduled Commission meeting; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brad Flipse, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: *With no further business Commissioner Brad Flipse made a motion to adjourn at 10:08 a.m.; the motion was seconded by Chairman Mike Baughn, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*


ATTEST:


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THOMAS COUNTY


Keesa Mariman, County Clerk



Dated: 11/30/2022


Mike Baughn, Chairman


Brad Flipse, Member


Brian Luedke, Member