

The Board of Logan County Commissioners met on Monday, January 23, 2023. Those present were Commissioners David Hubert, Cameron Edwards and Cody Younkin. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman David Hubert.

It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Younkin to approve the agenda after removing Craig Edwards at 8:50 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board phoned Julie Yarmer with Freedom Claims Management to discuss opening another account for the health insurance reserves. It was the consensus of the Board to have them open an account with Farmers State Bank in Oakley.

Noxious Weed Director Denny Mackley met with the Board to request signatures on the County Agreement with KDOT to Treat Noxious Weeds along state and federal highways during the 2023 season, the Annual Report with Kansas Department of Ag and the Noxious Weed Management Plan. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Younkin to sign all three reports. Motion carried 3-0. At 8:45 a.m. it was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Hubert to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried 3-0. Those present in the session were Commissioners Edwards, Hubert, Younkin, Mackley and County Clerk Crystal Rucker. The Board returned to open meeting at 8:55 a.m. with no action taken.

Sheriff Pat Parsons along with several office heads met with the Board asking permission to place a scrolling information board out in the lobby of the Courthouse. Parsons stated the initial cost of \$800.00 can be paid for out of the Drug Forfeiture Fund with the remaining annual fee of \$200.00 being split between the offices. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Younkin to approve the request. Motion carried 3-0.

At 9:05 a.m. it was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Younkin to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried 3-0. Those present in the session were Commissioners Edwards, Hubert, Younkin and County Clerk Crystal Rucker. The Board returned to open meeting at 9:20 a.m. with no action taken.

Donna Cox with the Appraiser's Office joined the meeting to continue the discussion about replacing the County Appraiser. Cox stated she was

hesitant to move forward but is willing to give it a try and asked the Board if they have considered her request from the last meeting. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Board discuss the matter and get back to her.

Don Tilton and Stephanie Heier with Mapes & Miller, LLP met with the Board to give a bid proposal to do the county audit and budget. It was the consensus of the board to study the proposal and decide at the next meeting.

The Board reviewed the Warrant Register dated January 10, 2023 as follows: General \$205,579.04; County Health \$7,368.71; Road & Bridge \$31,772.12; Noxious Weed \$6,444.83; Multi County Health \$63.76; Fire \$19,700.75; Employee Benefits \$59,775.00; EMS \$27,594.66; Drug Forfeiture \$10,819.79 and Payroll Clearing \$480.43 for a total of \$369,599.09. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Hubert to approve the Warrant Register as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

The minutes from the January 9, 2023 meeting were reviewed. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Younkin to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Emergency Manager Pappy Lies and Fire Chief Russ Moellering joined the meeting asking the Board to consider rescinding the current burn ban in place. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Younkin to rescind **Resolution #22-12**, A Resolution Prohibiting Burning and Fires. Motion carried 3-0.

EMS Director Bob Kelly and Fire Chief Russ Moellering met with the board and requested executive session. At 10:00 a.m. it was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Younkin to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried 3-0. Those present in the session were Commissioners Edwards, Hubert, Younkin, Kelly, Moellering and County Clerk Crystal Rucker. The Board returned to open meeting at 10:10 a.m. with no action taken.

The Board reviewed the 2023 Northwest Kansas Planning & Development Commission dues of \$3,609.00. It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Younkin to pay the dues for 2023. Motion carried 3-0.

It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Younkin and Edwards respectively to sign the Annual Agreement for Services with Developmental

Services of Northwest Kansas, giving them a \$28,000.00 appropriation for the year 2023. Motion carried 3-0.

It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Younkin to sign **Resolution No. 23-06** authorizing participation in the Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program with the County allocating \$0.00 for the purpose of matching payments from the State of Kansas. Motion carried 3-0. The intent to participate is to allow employers the opportunity to direct sponsor their employee.

At 10:35 a.m. it was moved and seconded by Commissioners Younkin and Edwards to go into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried 3-0. Those present in the session were Commissioners Edwards, Hubert, Younkin and County Clerk Crystal Rucker. The Board returned to open meeting at 11:05 p.m. with no action taken.

The Board asked Donna Cox to join the meeting again. The Board told Cox they are willing to put her as interim appraiser with the pay she had requested for three months starting today. Cox stated she would except if they would go back with a January 9, 2023 start date.

It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Younkin and Edwards to sign **Resolution No. 23-07** stating that Donna Cox be appointed interim county appraiser of Logan County, Kansas, for a period of three months **or** until a replacement is found with the option of extending it on a monthly basis for the remaining three months starting January 9, 2023. Motion carried 3-0.

It was then moved and seconded by Commissioners Younkin and Edwards to pay Donna Cox \$30.00 per hour and Karrie Beamer \$25.00 per hour with a maximum of 40 hours per week for a period of three months **or** until a replacement is found. Motion carried 3-0.

There being no further business discussed it was moved and seconded by Commissioners Edwards and Younkin respectively to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 6, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. in Winona.

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____