

02/27/2023

The board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, with Holman arriving at 8:52 AM.

Josh Ney, County Counselor, joined the meeting.

Public Present. Michelle and Roy Rickel, Jeanette Swartz, Jan Ogleby, Jeannie Colstrom, Greg Rickel and Catherine Faimon.

830 AM Call meeting to order.

Public Comment

Gregory Rickel brought medical papers to discuss and gave copies to all commissioners.

As you can see from the paperwork I had gone to the Topeka clinic for a physical. The clinic summited the bill which was over 13,000, I was shocked. I negotiated 40%. I did some research and found a lab in Topeka by Goodyear by 24, with better prices. Why does Osage not have a local hospital, is why I'm coming to you today. I would like to see Osage County have a hospital. I don't know if this is on your radar but you did a great job with the windmills and I have respect for the board. I don't know if it's a realistic goal? There are people with health issues in our County and looking at my bill, how much would they save. I'm asking for a workable plan for a hospital, on a small scale. The law enforcement had a tax for the jail. I don't mind paying a little more for not having to go to Topeka for medical care. I would like to see a small hospital and doctor's office so our citizens can get care here. I appreciate your time. You do a good job and have my vote, if you keep helping the people of Osage County.

839 AM Michelle Rickel. Motor vehicle tax question. Issues in change of classification.

We came to get farm tags. We have a list that was missing, a 2022 Ram. We thought the change was made, but when we came in we found out the tag was missing. Not trying to get out of paying taxes but how many others have errors and don't know it. We don't know who is communicating with who. In the process of switching things, it is still not right. It says a warrant if not paid and I do not want it to be posted in the paper and hurt my reputation. (Treasurer check and discuss list of vehicles and explain the form they received.) If the treasurer, just approved this on February 14<sup>th</sup>, how do I pay, if I have not received the bill? I don't know why it came delinquent. Treasurer said, all accounts regardless of date go out delinquent at same time. Discuss mail services and delivery issues. This is the first I've heard of issue Christine, Treasurer said, and I started reviewing it when I saw it on the agenda. Can we move this discussion to another office so the meeting can continue and they can work to resolve this issue? Jannette Schewartz, public visitor, said we have a delinquent notice on a jet ski and I know other people have issues too.

Jeanette Schwartz, , Jan Ogleby and Jeannie Colstrom. Senior Center.

We would like an executive session. Josh Ney, County Counselor, explained open meeting rules. They are not hired by the commissioners and they cannot meet with non-county in an executive session. They received assistance outside of the meeting.

907 AM Break

922 AM CMB Pomona approve license. First Baily, second Kuder. All aye. Motion carried.

925 AM Christine Foster, treasurer. Tax statement vending attorney client privilege communication to discuss legal advice. 10 minutes. First Kuder, Second Holman. All aye. Motion carried. No action taken.

Would like to add movement in our office last week and request for training. Can we have executive session later in meeting when Holman arrives. We do have a policy that we do not except counter check but not posted and staff knows this.

939 AM Ryan Fine, Public works director. Weekly report.

David is going to make the rode curve with a covered crossing. He gave a contract from RR to Josh Ney, County Counselor to look at. We need to look over the standard contract so he can move forward. We are doing away with unmarked crossings. We need to move the power line.

952 AM Holman join meeting.

Approved repair for 1389.90 computer. First Holman, Second Bailey, all aye. Motion carried.

Approve Sonny for technology. First Holman, Second Bailey. All aye. Motion carried.

Health department sealed bid for HVAC system. 1000 AM opening.

Hiatt Service LLC bid. American Standard 2.5 ton 14 SEER Air Conditioner and Evaporator Coil. \$9,463.00. 5-ton for \$11,300.00, a total of \$20,763.00.

Top City Heating & Cooling LLC. 1.5-ton 17 seer Luxaire and 2-ton 17 seer for \$21,578.96. 2,5-ton 14.3 seer Luxaire and 2-ton 14.3 seer for \$25,245.85

The Plumbing, Heating & Cooling. Basic efficiency furnace with 13 SEER 5-ton air conditioner. (unavailable at this time) Basic efficiency 80% with 15 SEER 5-ton AC \$7750.00. High efficiency 96% furnace and 13 SEER 5-ton AC. (Not available) High efficiency furnace and 15 SEER 5-ton AC \$9000.00. Basic efficiency furnace 80% and 13 SEER 2.5-ton AC \$5500.00. Basic efficiency furnace 80% and 15 SEER 2.5-ton AC \$6500.00. High efficiency 96% furnace and 13 SEER 2.5-ton AC \$6500.00. High efficiency 96% and 15 SEER 2.5-ton \$7250.00 All options have commercial 5-year compressor, 10-year heat exchanger, one year parts and labor warranty.

ADT Repairs. 5 ton HVAC system with 95% efficiency furnace with 5-ton 14 SEER AC for \$10,150.00. 2.5-ton 14 SEER AC with high efficiency furnace for \$8,450.00 for a total of \$18,600.00

Barrington Installation LLDC. 2 high efficiency furnaces and 2 14 SEER units, one 5-ton and one 2.5 ton for a total of \$13,407.00

Motion to approve Barrington by Holman, second Bailey. All aye. Motion Carried.

1019 AM Sheriff Wells. 15-minute executive session for attorney client privilege under open meetings act. Motion by Holman, second Bailey. All aye. Motion carried. No action taken.

Richard Lira. Offering service program for AC system.

Sheriff Wells executive session. Motion by Holman, second Bailey. All aye. Motion carried.

Recess for 1 minute.

1113 AM Ben K. Osage sewer district #1. Bid letting tomorrow. Sealed bid to be in by 11:00 AM and opened at 11:10AM. It will not be on at today's meeting because of the 30 days required for a bid. Did we get our loan, asked by Bailey? I think it's done said Kuder. Ben said he will check on it. Will go over easements at next meeting. We saw that the deeds did not have easements. He discussed both hourly and lump sum rate. We don't know how many easements we will have to prepare for project at an hourly rate. Hourly depends on work time. A lump sum gives us cost and hourly does not. He will prepare

easements and descriptions and the County receives them. That mil is set by cost. That special mill is already set so does it get reset this year? Will cost more to write a bid for hourly. I will have to do more research for hourly. Kuder asked if he had looked at the deeds and he said he had. If a survey is needed, it cost \$175.00 an hour. What do we have and not have for easements yet. What have we collected in the special tax and what can be spent. Ben said the home owns have met and approved. They know they are paying. Garret is your other contact on that. Is it adjusted yearly through the HOA home owner association. We may need to contact HOA. The levy is set and we need to check on what has been collected already. We need the number of easements before we can get a number.

11:43 Christine Foster, Treasurer. Non-elected personnel matters with Stephanie from HR 10 minutes. First Bailey, Second Holman. All aye. Motion Carried.

Approval to hire new staff Rebecca Bronson, treasurer's office MV/Tax clerk 1 for \$13.75 an hour.

Approve rate change for Patti B. in the Clerk's office to \$15.00 an hour.

Approve rate change for Lisa K. and Emily S. from \$13.25 to \$13.75 an hour.

Approve rate change for Tedi S. from \$15.00 to \$15.50

Motion by Bailey, Second Holman. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion to approve minutes with changes, by Holman, second Bailey. All aye. Motion carried.

Read letter from Silver Haired legislators.

12:51 Motion to adjourn by Bailey, second Kuder. All aye. Motion carried.

Minutes Approved

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Holman \_\_\_\_\_

Bailey \_\_\_\_\_

Kuder \_\_\_\_\_

McWilliams \_\_\_\_\_