

Office of the County Clerk
Journal of Proceedings for the Smith County Commissioners
August 15, 2022

The County Commissioners met in a regular session on August 15, 2022, in the County Commissioner's room. Present were Commissioners Roger Allen, Dale Pickel and Kurt Ifland. Also present were Ashley Maxwell, Clerk and Mitch Fritz, Road Supervisor.

Commissioners approved the agenda for the August 15, 2022, meeting.

Commissioners revised, approved, and signed the August 8, 2022, minutes.

Commissioners signed the daily treasury balance envelopes.

Commissioners approved voucher #10175-#10222 for the following accounts:

General	\$18,669.08
Road & Bridge	\$49,829.95
Noxious Weed	\$ 2,261.92
Health	\$ 8,754.66
Appraiser	\$ 52.31
Solid Waste	\$ 2,904.55
EMS	\$ 3,757.10
CVB	\$ 576.35
Healthcare Sales Tax	\$ 1,101.74
TOTAL	\$87,907.66

Commissioners approved Payroll #17 for \$112,657.06.

Fritz and the Commissioners discussed the following:

1. Allen discussed bridge #121 on 70 Rd between DD Rd and EE Rd. Fritz stated this bridge has been closed for a while now due to the structure. Fritz stated the best solution would be to close the half mile of roadway where the bridge is located. Pickel contacted the landowner via telephone to ask him his preference. Chris McGraw is the landowner on the North and South sides of the roadway, and he would like to close the East half of 70 Rd between DD Rd and EE Rd. Fritz asked McGraw if he would assume responsibility of the bridge as well. McGraw stated he would. Fritz will have Tami Woods start the paperwork for the closure.

Patrick Eastes joined the meeting.

2. Fritz stated he received an additional resignation. Aaron Gible presented Fritz with his resignation and his last day of employment will be August 26, 2022.
3. Ifland discussed a drainage issue at 250 Rd and G Rd.
4. Fritz visited with the Commissioners about the schedule change for Tami Woods. Fritz stated his understanding was that Woods was allowed to comp her time for the extra duties involved with the drug and alcohol training. Maxwell stated Woods was getting approximately 1.5 hours of comp/overtime a day with her current schedule. She is also the only employee banking the number of hours she has been per pay period. The Commissioners stated at this point they prefer her schedule be the same at the road & bridge department or the same at the courthouse employees.
5. Ifland visited with Fritz about the possibility of utilizing 800 mghz radios for communications in an emergency. Fritz stated he felt it would be beneficial. Ifland stated he understood from Margaret Doxey previously that there is an event channel that all emergency personnel could operate on with the 800 mghz radios.

Fritz left the meeting.

Eastes discussed the following:

1. Eastes stated he spoke to BG&S Transmission and according to the secretary the unit should be done and returned to service next week.

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2. Eastes shared the new washer was installed last week.
3. Eastes asked the Commissioners about the radio event channel that was discussed with Fritz previously.

Ken Jacobs joined the meeting and visited with the Commissioners about the property East of his place that is owned by the county and leased to Sunporch. Jacobs would like to plant alfalfa in this area to help keep the weeds down. He stated he previously spoke with the maintenance man from Sunporch. The maintenance man was ok with the idea. The Commissioners stated Maxwell will contact Sunporch and also check with the county attorney and report back to Jacobs. Kristy Stewart joined the meeting. Jacobs left the meeting.

Stewart discussed the following:

1. There have been a few COVID cases throughout the county.
2. Stewart will be gone August 22, 2022.

Stewart left the meeting.

Dave Tucker joined the meeting.

Margaret Doxey joined the meeting.

Tucker discussed the following:

1. Tucker asked the Commissioners about the propane contract for this fall through next spring. The Commissioners stated they would prepay a contract of 1000 gallons.
2. Tucker stated the SWANA meeting is Sept. 20-22. Ryan Allen will be attending the conference in Mulvane.
3. Tucker stated Allen has completed and passed the airbrakes portion of the CDL permit requirement. He will be attending the class in Beloit on Oct. 10-21.
4. Tucker stated he has a bearing out on the skid steer mower attachment. The bearing will have to come directly through Bobcat and will take approximately 2 weeks to get here.
5. Tucker stated he had a load of garbage in today that was a mess. Tucker has visited with this individual before and reiterated today that they will not accept another load like this.
6. Tucker visited with the Commissioners about the probability of transferring to another department. The Commissioners stated they are ok with the transfer, but don't have a specific timeline at this time. Maxwell suggested waiting a year to allow Allen more training.

Tucker left the meeting.

Doxey discussed the following:

1. Doxey stated she spoke with Deb Hays about the 800 mghz radios to operate within the county during an event.
2. Doxey also visited with Deb Hays about the communications board.

Doxey left the meeting.

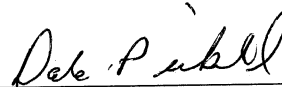
Melissa Romme and Jami Benaycheck joined the meeting via Zoom to present the 2021 Audit.

A motion was made by Ifland and seconded by Pickel to approve the 2021 audit report as provided by AdamsBrown, LLC. Motion carried unanimously.

Alicia Strother joined the meeting and shared with the Commissioners the 2nd quarter report for health insurance.

As there was no further business, the official meeting was adjourned.

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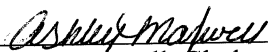


Dale E. Pickel, Chairman

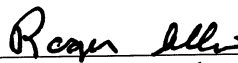


Kurt Ifland, Member

Attest:



Ashley Maxwell, Clerk



Roger Allen, Member

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