

The County Commissioners met in a regular session on July 18, 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 July 18, 2022, meeting.

Commissioners revised, approved, and signed the July 5, 2022, minutes.

Commissioners signed the daily treasury balance envelopes.

Commissioners approved 1 drug and alcohol council vouchers.

Commissioners reviewed 1 voided check for \$50.00.

Fritz and the Commissioners discussed the following:

1. Ifland stated he had an individual ask about grading 290 Rd between J Rd and K Rd, L Rd between 290 Rd and 300 Rd and also 300 Rd between E Rd and F Rd. Fritz stated the goal is to move a couple blades down to district 12 and work as much as they can.
2. Ifland asked about the possibility of having the employees work through 5:00 p.m. for the next couple weeks. Fritz stated he has asked and will ask again. The Commissioners stated the dirt roads need to be the priority.
3. Fritz stated Mark Lyons passed his CDL course last week.
4. Fritz stated they are prepping 140 Rd between X Rd and Y Rd for the Base One product. They will get the rock out of Hawkins' pit and add asphalt millings.

Patrick Eastes joined the meeting.

5. The Commissioners approved allowing the road department employees to attend the funeral of Angel Rice on Thursday, July 21.

Eastes stated he doesn't have anything for the Commissioners today, but he wanted to check in with them. Eastes left the meeting.

The Commissioners signed a letter of change for Guaranty State Bank and Trust. The change notifies the bank that the county will be using the single account for accounts payable, payroll and treasurer's checks.

**A motion was made by Allen and seconded by Ifland to reappoint Dr. Joe Barnes to the Smith County Memorial Hospital board. Motion carried unanimously.**

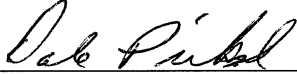
Maxwell presented the proposed 2023 budget as prepared by Melissa Romme with AdamsBrown, LLC. The proposed mil levy for 2023 will be 99.826 with a Revenue Neutral Rate of 93.543. Due to the proposed mil levy rate being above the revenue neutral rate, Smith County will be required to notify all taxpayers in the County of the change. Maxwell signed the Notice of Revenue Neutral Rate Intent and the Commissioners set the Revenue Neutral Rate hearing and budget hearing for August 29, 2022.

The Commissioners reviewed the Opioid Grant Funding received from the Kansas Attorney General. Smith County has received an initial payment of \$662.79.

Greg Watkins with Watko Benefit Group joined the meeting and discussed his business and options for the County. Watko Benefit Group is a consulting firm that assists companies with health insurance options. Maxwell shared with Watkins the current system in Smith County. The Commissioners expressed they are happy with what we currently have and wish to stay with the same.

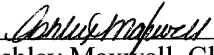
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As there was no further business, the official meeting was adjourned.

  
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Dale E. Pickel, Chairman

  
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Kurt Ifland, Member

Attest:

  
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Ashley Maxwell, Clerk

  
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Roger Allen, Member

These minutes are not official until signed by the county commissioners and attested to by the County Clerk.