

The County Commissioners met in a regular session on August 29, 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 29, 2022, meeting.

Commissioners revised, approved, and signed the August 22, 2022, minutes.

Commissioners signed the daily treasury balance envelopes.

Commissioners approved voucher #10226-#10259 and wires for the following accounts:

General	\$14,131.62
Health	\$ 200.00
EMS Grant	\$ 2,465.88
Solid Waste	\$ 3,906.10
EMS	\$ 1,803.77
CVB	\$ 336.60
Health Care Sales Tax	\$20,231.77
Next Gen. E911	\$ 643.74
TOTAL	\$43,719.48

Commissioners approved payroll #18 for \$116,025.98.

Commissioners reviewed the mail.

Fritz and the Commissioners discussed the following:

1. Fritz shared with the Commissioners the paid receipt for the Chevrolet. It sold for \$3,400.00.
2. Fritz stated they will be installing a 5-foot tube on 90 Rd between R Rd and S Rd where someone damaged the bridge.
3. Fritz informed the Commissioners he will not be at the September 6, 2022, meeting.
4. Ifland discussed some of the dirt roads in the Cedar and Claudell areas. Fritz stated he is moving blade men around today in anticipation of getting the Southern part of the county bladed.
5. Ifland discussed the tube that got ripped out on 260 Rd between K Rd and L Rd by the phone company. Fritz stated Kevin Marcum went and looked at the damage.

Patrick Eastes joined the meeting

John George joined the meeting.

6. Ifland also discussed the tube on M Rd between 170 Rd and 180 Rd. Fritz stated they have not gotten to that location yet.
7. Allen asked about the tube in the intersection of 250 Rd and CC Rd. Fritz will look at this location.
8. Pickel stated he noticed the expansion of the concrete culvert on P Rd at the 140 Rd intersection occurring.
9. Fritz stated he will be blading in district #5.
10. Allen asked about a timeline for rocking roads. Fritz did not have a time frame of when they would get back to rocking.
11. Ifland asked about the tree trimming. Fritz stated the crew is back up an operating after some needed equipment repairs.

George discussed the speed of the traffic on Y Rd. George suggested visiting with the Sheriff's department about the speed. Fritz asked George is he was satisfied with Y Rd with the asphalt millings added to the Base One product. George stated he is satisfied with it currently.

12. Ifland asked whether Lane Fuller was still operating the drag. Fritz stated he is currently doing that.

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Eventually, Gary Baetz would like to move him into a blade.

13. Fritz will work Isaac Skidmore into a truck once mowing season is over.

Fritz left the meeting.

George asked about the vacancy in the PBC Board. Maxwell informed George that we have asked 5 people and not one of them is interested in the position. George will assist in finding a member to fill the vacancy.

Eastes discussed the following:

1. Eastes discussed the repairs that were being performed BG&S transmissions. Eastes stated they had an issue with an ill employee that slowed the progress. Eastes stated the unit should be back in operation within the next week or so. Ifland asked about the communications between emergency personnel.

George left the meeting.

2. Eastes reported the Communications Dept. recently purchased new radios and Eastes was notified by the programming agency about installing the EMS frequency. Eastes stated he didn't know that new radios were being purchased prior to the vendor contacting him for programming. Ifland asked about the working relationship between Eastes and Chris Bailey. Eastes stated he feels like he has a good working relationship with Bailey.

Eastes left the meeting.

The Commissioners discussed the quote from Minden Lawn and Sprinkler, LLC for the additional sprinkler system on the Southwest side of the courthouse. The quote is \$5,000.00 to add 5 zones to the current system. The Commissioners asked Maxwell to contact them about a quote for tillage and seeding of the same area.

John George rejoined the meeting.

Kristy Stewart joined the meeting and discussed the following:

1. Stewart stated there are a few COVID cases, but no hospitalizations.
2. Stewart visited with Maxwell about the drug & alcohol grant funding. Maxwell suggested visiting with Ann Orr in the treasurer's office about the deposit information she needed.

Ifland discussed the possibility of purchasing or doing a cost share for workwear for the road department employees. Ifland stated he is just trying to find a way to retain employees. Allen isn't in favor of purchasing uniforms for the employees at this time.

A motion was made by Ifland and seconded by Allen to open the Revenue Neutral Rate hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ifland and seconded by Pickel to pass resolution 22-14 to approve to levy a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Allen and seconded by Ifland to close the Revenue Neutral Rate hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Allen and seconded by Pickel to open the 2023 proposed budget hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ifland and seconded by Allen to approve the 2023 budget as published. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ifland and seconded by Pickel to close the budget meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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The Commissioners asked Maxwell to contact Debbie Hays and Margaret Doxy about the possibility of scheduling an emergency personnel meeting on Sept. 12, 2022, at noon. Maxwell sent them an email.

Ifland asked about the time frame in paying off the 2013 bonds early. Maxwell shared the email from Mitch Walter with Gilmore and Bell stating the state requires a 45-day redemption period.

Ifland stated he received a message from Sheriff Lehman stating he had been contacted by John George in regard to the rate of speed on Y Rd.

George left the meeting.

Jennifer Saltsman, Galen Lambert and Sarah Sadler joined the meeting and discussed the following:

1. Saltsman shared there are currently 11 active volunteers.
2. Saltsman shared the current expenses and income for 2022. The current expenditures are \$21,135.42 and the income is \$9,840.00
3. Saltsman also shared the breakdown of the current usage at the center. This breakdown shows the daily usage of the facility and the classes. Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. During the month of June
4. Saltsman also shared the monthly meeting dates with the Commissioners for the remainder of the year.

Lambert shared with the Commissioners that he is currently a member of the Wellness Center. Lambert stated he has personally utilized the center for his own health. Lambert stated he is also a member of the county recruitment team.

Sadler asked for comments or questions for the committee members in attendance today.

Commissioner Ifland stated the Board of Commissioners is not in favor of getting rid of the Wellness Center. The board is looking at the property as a whole and the costs associated with the demolition of the old hospital. Ifland stated he suggested last week to those in attendance to possibly visit with Matt Haack about a senior time frame. Ifland also shared the costs of the demolition along with the costs that will be associated with the debris at the landfill. Lambert asked about the possibility of the expansion of the childcare facility to the South or to the West. Lambert stated he is no longer on the childcare center board, but there is a drainage issue that will eventually need to be addressed.

Sadler stated she moved here 6 years ago, and it was huge in her recruitment. Sadler asked for the Commissioners to consider community involvement with the decisions on the Wellness Center. Sadler stated not all people use the facility for exercise, but for more mental health.

Sadler, Lambert and Saltsman left the meeting.

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

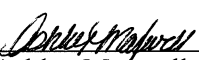


Dale E. Pickel, Chairman



Kurt Ifland, Member

Attest:



Ashley Maxwell, Clerk



Roger Allen, Member

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