

Office of the County Clerk
Journal of Proceedings for the Smith County Commissioners
December 30, 2024

The County Commissioners met in a regular session on December 30, 2024, in the County Commissioners' room. Present were Commissioners Dale Pickel, Kurt Ifland and Jim Gwennap. Also, present was Ashley Maxwell, Clerk, Travis Story, Assistant Road Supervisor, Mitch Fritz, Road Supervisor and Brady Peterson, Commissioner elect.

At 8:10 a.m. Ifland called the regular meeting to order and Gwennap opened with prayer.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to approve the 12/23/2024 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to approve the 12/30/2024 agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

The commissioners approved payroll #27 for \$140,136.67.

Fritz discussed the vibrating roller with the board. Fritz stated the one they currently have is having issues and will be going to Ellsworth for repairs. Fritz stated they are currently renting one from Foley Equipment. Fritz has obtained quotes from Nebraska Machinery and Foley Equipment. The board asked for copies of the quotes for review and tabled the issue until a later date.

Fritz discussed the hiring of another employee and wages. The board will table also this discussion until next meeting.

Fritz left the meeting.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to convene in executive session at 8:20 a.m. for 60 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, employee evaluations. Motion carried unanimously. Maxwell left the meeting. Also in the session was Travis Story and Brady Peterson. No action was taken. Regular session reconvened at 9:21 a.m.

Maxwell rejoined the meeting.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to convene in executive session at 9:22 a.m. for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, employee evaluations. Motion carried unanimously. Maxwell left the meeting. Also in the session was Travis Story and Brady Peterson. No action was taken. Regular session reconvened at 9:37 a.m.

Story left the meeting.

Maxwell rejoined the meeting.

Ryan Allen joined the meeting.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to convene in executive session at 9:40 a.m. for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, employee evaluations. Motion carried unanimously. Maxwell left the meeting. Also in the session was Ryan Allen and

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Brady Peterson. No action was taken. Regular session reconvened at 9:55 a.m.

Maxwell rejoined the meeting.

The commissioners and Allen discussed the 963C Track Loader quote from Foley Equipment. The commissioners are in favor of utilizing Foley for the repairs, but the quote does not reflect the matched price they stated they would quote. The matched price should be \$24,615.17. The commissioners are in favor of utilizing Foley Equipment for that price.
Allen left the meeting.

Chris Jones joined the meeting.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to convene in executive session at 9:59 a.m. for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, employee evaluations. Motion carried unanimously. Maxwell left the meeting. Also in the session was Chris Jones and Brady Peterson. No action was taken. Regular session reconvened at 10:14 a.m.

Jones left the meeting.

Maxwell rejoined the meeting.

Keith Wangerin joined the meeting.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to convene in executive session at 10:17 a.m. for 40 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, employee evaluations. Motion carried unanimously. Maxwell left the meeting. Also in the session was Keith Wangerin and Brady Peterson. No action was taken. Regular session reconvened at 10:57 a.m.

Maxwell rejoined the meeting.

Wangerin left the meeting.

The commissioners signed 10 added taxes and 1 abatement.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to convene in executive session at 11:01 a.m. for 40 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, employee evaluations. Motion carried unanimously. Maxwell left the meeting. Also in the session was Travis Conaway and Brady Peterson. No action was taken. Regular session reconvened at 11:41 a.m.

Conaway left the meeting.

Maxwell rejoined the meeting.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to reappoint Bruce Hardacre to the Smith County Memorial Hospital board for another 4-year term. Motion carried unanimously.

Anna Porter joined the meeting.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to convene in executive session at 11:48 a.m. for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, employee evaluations. Motion carried unanimously. Maxwell left the meeting. Also in the session was Anna Porter and

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Brady Peterson. No action was taken. Regular session reconvened at 12:00 p.m.
Maxwell rejoined the meeting.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to convene in executive session at 12:01 p.m. for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, employee evaluations. Motion carried unanimously. Maxwell left the meeting. Also in the session was Anna Porter and Brady Peterson. No action was taken. Regular session reconvened at 12:06 p.m.
Maxwell rejoined the meeting.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to recess until 1:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

At 1:20 p.m. Pickel called the meeting to order. Present were commissioners, Jim Gwennap and Dale Pickel. Also present was Ashley Maxwell, Clerk and Laura Hageman, Health Dept. Director.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to convene in executive session at 1:21 p.m. for 30 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, employee evaluations. Motion carried unanimously. Maxwell left the meeting. Also in the session was Laura Hageman. Brady Peterson joined the session at 1:27 p.m. No action was taken. Regular session reconvened at 1:53 p.m.
Maxwell rejoined the meeting.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to convene in executive session at 1:54 p.m. for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, employee evaluations. Motion carried unanimously. Maxwell left the meeting. Also in the session was Laura Hageman and Brady Peterson. No action was taken. Regular session reconvened at 2:04 p.m.
Hageman left the meeting.
Maxwell rejoined the meeting.

Keith DeWolf joined the meeting.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to convene in executive session at 2:06 p.m. for 30 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, employee evaluations. Motion carried unanimously. Maxwell left the meeting. Also in the session was Keith DeWolf and Brady Peterson. No action was taken. Regular session reconvened at 2:36 p.m.
DeWolf left the meeting.
Maxwell rejoined the meeting.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to convene in executive session at 2:38 p.m. for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, employee evaluations. Motion carried unanimously. Also in the session was Ashley Maxwell. No action was taken. Regular session reconvened at 2:44 p.m.

Vernon Reinking joined the meeting.

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A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to convene in executive session at 3:06 p.m. for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, employee evaluations. Motion carried unanimously. Maxwell left the meeting. Also in the session was Vernon Reinking. No action was taken. Regular session reconvened at 3:21 p.m.

Maxwell rejoined the meeting.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to convene in executive session at 3:25 p.m. for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, employee evaluations. Motion carried unanimously. Maxwell left the meeting. Also in the session was Colbie Lewis. No action was taken. Regular session reconvened at 3:37 p.m.

Maxwell rejoined the meeting.


A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to convene in executive session at 3:37 p.m. for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, employee evaluations. Motion carried unanimously. Maxwell left the meeting. Also in the session was Colbie Lewis. No action was taken. Regular session reconvened at 3:45 p.m.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to approve the second track from Bobcat for \$1,615.99. Motion carried unanimously.

At 4:23 p.m. a motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to adjourn as there was no further business. Motion carried unanimously.



Kurt Ifland, Chairman



James Gwennap, Member

Attest:



Ashley Maxwell, Clerk



Dale E. Pickel, Member

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

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