

The County Commissioners met in a regular session on August 22, 2022, in the County Commissioner's room. Present were Commissioners Dale Pickel and Kurt Ifland. Roger Allen was absent. Also present were Ashley Maxwell, Clerk and Mitch Fritz, Road Supervisor.

Commissioners approved the agenda for the August 22, 2022, meeting.

Commissioners revised, approved, and signed the August 15, 2022, minutes.

Commissioners signed the daily treasury balance envelopes.

Commissioners approved voucher #10223-#10225 and wires for the following accounts:

Employee Benefits	\$70,171.55
Payroll Clearing	\$37,374.86
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$107,546.41</b>

Commissioners approved special payroll for \$443.56.

Commissioners signed 1 voided check.

Fritz and the Commissioners discussed the following:

1. Fritz brought up the road notice of vacate for 70 Rd between DD Rd and EE Rd, the East half mile running East and West for ½ mile to be signed by Ashley Maxwell for publication. The hearing will be September 12, 2022.
2. Fritz informed the Commissioners that someone damaged the bridge on 90 Rd between R Rd and S Rd. Fritz will be meeting with Jordan Dettmer from Penco Engineering tomorrow to discuss the size of tube that will need to be installed at this location. Currently there are barricades up to prevent individuals from driving on it.
3. Fritz shared with the Commissioners the results of the auction. The 2001 Sterling L7500 dump truck sold for \$14,500.00, JCB 1400B backhoe sold for \$9,300.00 and 2000 Kenworth T800 semi-truck sold for \$34,000.00. Fritz is still waiting on the paid receipt for 2005 Chevrolet.
4. Fritz shared a job application with the Commissioners. Fritz will contact the applicant.

Patrick Eastes joined the meeting.

Fritz left the meeting.

Eastes stated he doesn't have anything to report but asked the Commissioners if they had anything for him.

Ifland discussed the need to move forward with an emergency personnel meeting to discuss the 800 mghz radios.

Eastes left the meeting.

Pam Gible, Burke Phelps, Bill Overmiller and Starr Jacobs joined the meeting to discuss the Gardner Wellness Center. Jacobs shared her personal experiences with working and utilizing the Wellness Center. Jacobs shared the brainchild of the Wellness Center was Dr. Joe Barnes and his late wife Arloa Barnes. Jacobs stated she could not begin to estimate the number of hours those two spent on the Wellness Center. Jacobs also shared that the Wellness Center has had numerous donations from families and individuals to assist with the operations and remodeling.

Roger Allen joined the meeting.

Jacobs also stated the Wellness Center is not just a place to exercise, but also social interaction for people as well. Jacobs stated the Wellness Center is very beneficial for patrons who utilize the facility to maintain a healthy lifestyle and recovery. Jacobs asked several budget questions regarding operational costs, insurance fees, utilities and wages of the center. Maxwell provided Jacobs with that information.

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Phelps visited with the Commissioners about his opinions of the Wellness Center as well. Phelps is in support of the center and discussed the ideal location of the Wellness Center would be near the hospital. The Wellness Center can not be attached to the hospital, which is why it was not a part of the building when they built the new hospital. Phelps asked the Commissioners about the grant funding that had been discussed previously. The Commissioners expressed the hesitation due to the area having to be "green space" forever. Another the issue with the demolition is the loads of debris that will have to be taken to the landfill. Which will then be an issue at the landfill for space and the need to dig another cell. The Commissioners stated they visited with the Wellness Center committee in 2021 about the need for the Wellness Center to be able to support themselves. Phelps stated he didn't feel that would ever be possible. The Commissioners stated they have never suggested demolishing the Wellness Center. Maxwell suggested the possibility of looking into grant funding for a new center near the hospital. Jacobs stated she would be willing to get a committee together to explore the grant funding.

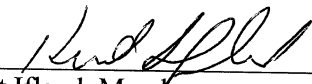
Jacobs, Gibble and Phelps left the meeting.

Bill Overmiller stated he is in favor of the Wellness Center due to his direct benefit of the facility.

Overmiller also discussed the roads and driveway entrances.

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.