

Office of the County Clerk
Journal of Proceedings for the Smith County Commissioners
December 2, 2024

The County Commissioners met in a regular session on December 2, 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 and Brady Peterson, Commissioner Elect.

At 8:30 a.m. Ifland called the meeting and Gwennap opened with prayer.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to approve the 11/25/2024 regular meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Pickel to approve the 12/2/2024 agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

The commissioners approved payroll #25 for \$139,925.69.

The commissioners and Story discussed the following:

1. Ifland discussed J Rd between Hwy 36 and 190 Rd. Ifland stated some rock is needed in this area. Also 190 Rd to 220 Rd needs to be bladed. The worst of the road is between 220 Rd and 240 Rd. In this area there are spots that are down to dirt.
2. Ifland discussed the load of rock that was requested by Kaid Dannenberg. Ifland stated he got a call from Dannenberg this morning and the load is not needed right now.
3. Ifland shared that he is willing to take his blade to the cemetery road and blade and roll it.
4. Gwennap asked if the locate has been completed on 170 Rd and Z Rd. Story stated he had an employee there and there are several flags in the area. Story stated he hasn't gotten a call back yet.
5. Gwennap asked if the water hole has been fixed on M Rd between 140 Rd and 150 Rd. Story will check on it.
6. Gwennap asked if the semi that went to Glen Elder is back in operation. Story stated it is still in Glen Elder for repairs.
7. Gwennap asked about 300 Rd between U Rd and Y Rd. Story stated he has 5 blades working on it today.
8. Gwennap discussed O Rd between 70 Rd and 80 Rd. This road is down to 1 lane due to the water tracks running down both sides of the road.
9. Gwennap and Story discussed belly dump semi-trailers. The commissioners are in favor of continuing to research for an additional trailer.
10. Gwennap asked about PurpleWave listings. Story stated everything is listed and the sale is in December. Peterson asked if the board is satisfied with the sale prices. The board stated that with what they have sold they have been. Peterson mentioned that the City utilizes Gavel Roads and has been very satisfied.
11. Story asked about clarification on an issue that was brought up last week.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Ifland to rescind his motion from last week for 2 longevity pay increases and approve only 1 of the longevity pay increases. Motion carried unanimously.

Story left the meeting.

Gwennap shared the discussion of the old hospital committee. Gwennap stated following public

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comments, the plan is to move forward with the project.

Keith DeWolf joined the meeting.
Gwennap left the meeting.

DeWolf discussed the following:

1. DeWolf stated he doesn't really have much to report.
2. DeWolf stated he was dispatching some last week.

Ryan Allen joined the meeting.

Allen shared an additional resource for training.

Allen discussed the following:

1. Allen shared he has an E-Waste meeting will be held in Osborne on December 18 at noon.
2. Allen also discussed an oil burner at the landfill. Allen stated he will be doing additional research on whether he can have one at the landfill.

Allen left the meeting.

Laura Hageman joined the meeting and discussed the following:

1. Hageman brought the LEPC membership listing for approval.
2. Hageman discussed the risk reduction grant through KCAMP. Hageman plans to apply for data loggers for the vaccine refrigerator and freezer in the health department. Hageman stated they will demo the product for 30 days. The equipment cost is \$350.00/unit with a cloud support fee of \$60.00/year/unit and a collaboration fee of \$85.00/year/unit.
3. Hageman shared they had a freezer delivered on Friday for the Milk Bank.

Gwennap rejoined the meeting.

4. Hageman discussed the possibility of hosting an open house in the future.
5. Hageman shared that the health department staff will be involved with Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 7.
6. Hageman shared that on December 12, they will be having their support group session at 6:00 p.m. at the Smith Center Library.

Hageman left the meeting.

The commissioners discussed the electronic gate at the road department.

Cade Maxwell joined the meeting and discussed the electronic gate. Maxwell will research some gate options and get back to the board.

Cade Maxwell left the meeting.

The commissioners discussed the Christmas bonus for 2024. The consensus of the board is to give each employee \$100.00 bonuses in the December 16, 2024, paycheck.

Sandra Wick, Shelly Garlow and Nora Rhoades joined the meeting and discussed the office for the Department of Corrections employee. Wick asked about the possibility of utilizing the room upstairs on the third floor. The commissioners stated that a room on the third floor is not an option.

Shannon Schmidt and Rachel Harvey joined the meeting.

Wick asked the board if there is an option to find another room in the courthouse. The commissioners are not in favor of utilizing any other rooms for the extension storage in the courthouse. The commissioners stated the extension may utilize the metal storage shed on the East side of the courthouse. Rhoades asked for clarification of the cleaning of the rooms and the rooms in the hallways. The commissioners are in favor of allowing them to keep the closets in the hallways.

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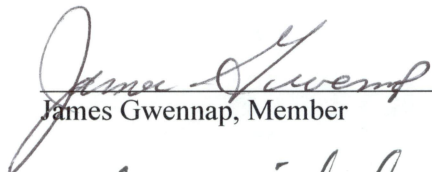
Wick, Garlow, Rhoades, Schmidt and Harvey left the meeting.

The commissioners discussed the drain issue in the boiler room. The commissioners are in favor of moving forward with M&D Excavating and Jed Kingsbury.

At 11:56 a.m. a motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Ifland 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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