

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 2:30 pm.

Chairman Wakefield opened the meeting and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Wakefield took roll call and present were Commissioners Averill, Tranby-absent, Zorn, Edland-absent, and Wakefield. Also present was Treasurer Eli, Sheriff Hook, Recorder/Clerk of Court Palm, State's Attorney Tenneson, State's Attorney/DES Deputy Dewald, and Potential Sheriff's Office Deputy Beaver.

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor for any changes to the agenda. Motion by Averill to accept the agenda as presented, second by Zorn and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to accept the October 19th meeting minutes. Motion by Averill to approve the October 19th meeting minutes as presented and dispense with the reading, second by Zorn and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to discuss bills. Motion by Zorn to approve the bills as presented with the amended DNA Mobility Amount, second by Zorn and called three times for discussion with roll call vote: Averill-aye, Zorn-aye, Wakefield-aye and carried.

12282-12304	Payroll	39647.00
30690	ASAP Electric	130.00
30691	Central Business Systems	33.50
30692	City of Cooperstown	283.82
30693	Cooperstown Hardware	74.95
30694	Cooperstown Hardware	59.88
30695	DAN Mobility	9955.90
30696	Connie Eslinger	300.00
30697	Griggs County	7.15
30698	Loffler	118.84
30699	New Century Press	387.10
30700	Otter Tail Power	1068.68
30701	Pro Forms	329.16
30702	Purchase Power	2073.03
30703	Town and Country	3832.97
30704	Tyler Technologies	4049.66
30705	Verizon	370.01

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to discuss the Monthly Office Reports. Motion by Zorn to approve the monthly office reports as presented, second by Averill and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to State's Attorney/DES Tenneson to discuss the Mutual Aid Agreement. There was discussion on the agreement that was presented. Motion by Zorn to sign the Mutual Aid Agreement with Barnes County, second by Averill and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to discuss the Beer and Liquor License. Motion by Averill and

approve the Beer and Liquor License as presented, second by Zorn and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to discuss the Delinquent Tax Property Minimum Bid Price. Motion by Averill to put the minimum bid price to taxes owing plus estimated one more year, second by Averill and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to discuss the Tax Modifiers. There was discussion on the current modifiers. Motion by Zorn to leave the modifiers the same as last year, second by Averill and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to discuss the Old Courthouse/New Courthouse. There was discussion on the snow removal on the east side of the building.

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to discuss the Griggs County Property Value Increase. There was discussion on the issue and the challenges the County has been having. Motion by Zorn to request more information on the process that was taken to arrive at the current figures and what can be done going forward, second by Averill and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried.

There was continued discussion on the Delinquent Tax Sale Property and the process the County will/can take going forward.

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to Sheriff Hook to discuss the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Hook introduced Michael Beaver, a potential candidate for the Sheriff Office. Motion by Zorn to allow Sheriff Hook to sign the Contact with Stutsman County Correction Center, seconded by Averill and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays, and carried. There was discussion on the Weather Closing policy for the County. There was also discussion on the Sheriff Office Vehicle replacement.

Chairman Wakefield opened the floor to discuss future business. The Sheriff Contracts and Griggs County Property Value Change will be discussed at the next meeting.

Motion by Averill to adjourn meeting at 4:20 pm and meet again in regular session on November 16th at 2:30 pm, second by Zorn and called three times for discussion with all ayes, no nays and carried.

ATTEST: Samantha Larson
Auditor

John Wakefield
Chairman