

Norton Co Board of Commissioners

January 08, 2024

Convene

Commissioner Garrett Beydler called the meeting of the Norton Co Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 AM on January 8, 2024 at the Commission Room. Attendance: Richard Thompson, Present; Garrett Beydler, Present; Marvin Matchett, Present.

Solid Waste

Ted White, Norton County Solid Waste reported to the commission with the recent well testing. Well #14 was tested which showed high levels of heavy metal. The high level is from the soil and not believed to be the water.

Ted stated the leachate pipe has been fixed and is now working properly. Ted stated the Solid Waste still has approximately 4,000 feet of fencing to install. Supplies will need to be ordered. Ted presented a final map of the approved CD pit and design. Ted stated that the county can complete the work for the CD pit.

Norton County Hospital

Kevin Faughnder, CEO, Kellen Jacobs, Interim CEO and John McClymont, Norton County Hospital attorney were in to visit with the commission. The financial challenges that rural hospitals are facing today was discussed along with methods in which would be beneficial for assistance. Area communities are being supported with tax levies and sales tax support. The Norton County Hospital officials are currently evaluating these options.

Jim Miller

Jim Miller spoke with the commission letting them know he will be the City representative to the commission. Jim stated he would like to have meetings in the near future to discuss City/County contracts and agreements.

Commission Board

Establishment of the Norton County Commission Board:
Commissioner Richard Thompson made a motion to have the Norton County Commission board remain the same as 2023. Commissioner Matchett gave the motion a second. Motion passed.
Commissioner Beydler will be Chairman and Commissioner Matchett is Vice-Chairman.

Depository Banks

Establishment of Norton County depository banks. Chairman Beydler made a motion to approve The Bank; The First State Bank, Solutions North and Equity Bank as the depository banks for Norton County. The motion was given a second by Commissioner Matchett. Motion passed.

Assignment of Boards

A motion was made by Commissioner Thompson to have the board appointment for the Norton County Commissioners to remain the same as previous year. The motion was given a second from Commissioner Matchett. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution 2024-01

Resolution 2024-01 was presented to the commission for adoption. Resolution 2024-01, a resolution to waive the annual requirement of general accepted accounting principles fixed asset accounting. A motion was made by Commissioner Matchett to adopt the resolution with a second from Commissioner Thompson. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution 2024-02

Resolution 2024-02 was presented to the Commission for adoption. Resolution 2024-02, a Resolution declaring financial statements and financial reports prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principals are not relevant to the cash basis law and budget laws of Kansas and are of no significant value to the governing body or general public. A motion was made by Chairman Beydler to approve Resolution 2024-02 with a second from Commissioner Matchett. Motion passed 3-0.

Official Newspaper

A motion was made by Chairman Beydler to approve Resolution 2024-03, a Resolution establishing the Norton Telegram as the official newspaper for Norton County. The motion was given a second by Commissioner Thompson. Motion passed 3-0.

Official Radio

Commissioner Matchett made a motion to approve KQNK Radio as the official radio for Norton County the motion was given a second by Commissioner Thompson. Motion passed 3-0.

Mileage Rate

A motion was made by Commissioner Matchett to approve the mileage reimbursement rate for Norton County at the approved IRS rate of 67 cents per mile. The motion was given a second by Commissioner Thompson. Motion passed 3-0.

Mid month checks

Several mid month checks and vouchers were presented to the commission for signature and approval. Upon review the checks and vouchers were approved as submitted.

Added Tax

Added tax statement #2024000003 was presented to the commission for signature. The statement was added in the amount of \$437.56 for personal property that taxpayer failed to report. The added statement was approved.

2024 Biennial Bridge Inspection

Penco Engineering presented the 2024 biennial bridge inspection contract for Norton County. The contract will cover the inspection of 46 FAS bridges and 134 off-system bridges. The inspection will begin in February and meet all KDOTs requirements. The contract was approved in the amount of \$18,000.00 with a motion from Commissioner Thompson and a second from Commissioner Matchett. Motion passed.

December 29th minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Thompson to approve the December 29th minutes with a second from Commissioner Matchett. Motion passed,

Culvert Bid

A quote from Welborn Sales was given to the commission for culverts that will be needed for the Road Department. The total quote was for \$46,408. A motion was made by Chairman Beydler to approve the bid with a second from Commissioner Matchett. Motion passed.

Storm Closing

A motion was made by Commissioner Thompson to close county offices at noon with the storm and road conditions. The motion was given a second by Commissioner Matchett. Motion passed.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Commissioner Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 am with a second from Commissioner Matchett. Motion passed.
The commission minutes are not considered to be official until signed and approved by the commission and will remain a working document until approved.