

Norton Co Board of Commissioners

January 31, 2024

Convene

Commissioner Garrett Beydler called the meeting of the Norton Co Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 AM on January 31, 2024 at the Commission Room. Attendance: Richard Thompson, Present; Garrett Beydler, Present; Marvin Matchett, Present.

January vouchers and payroll

The Norton County vouchers and payroll for January 2024 were submitted for approval. Upon review by the Norton County Commission and county attorney the vouchers and payroll were approved.

Road Department

Terry Laughlin, Norton County Road Department spoke with the commission about the JD tractor that was damaged in a rollover. The county has received an estimate to repair as well as a buy back figure from KCAMP insurance. The commission opted to buy back the tractor with a deduction in settlement to repair the tractor.

A brief discussion was held on roads and where the county crews are working at this time. Jennifer Henderson and David Dotson with Ag Valley joined the meeting to discuss Cenex oil and fuel options for the county. Options were discussed for lubricants and fuel utilized by the county as well as options to lock in a fuel price with contracts. Jennifer also stated that Ag Valley can do oil testing. The commission and Terry will review the information and contact Jennifer if there are additional questions.

Norton County Hospital

Kevin Faughnder, Kellen Jacobs and John McClymont were present to discuss the proposed sales tax questions for Norton County Health Care. Discussion was held on public informational meetings, possible dates for election and finalizing a Resolution to be adopted.

Noxious Weed

Clarence Wetter, Norton County Noxious Weed reported to the commission with agreements and annual reports. The KDOT annual agreement was presented for treatment of KDOT highway right-of-ways. Clarence stated the agreement and rates are identical to last years. Commissioner Matchett made a motion to approve the agreement with a second from Commissioner Thompson. Motion passed 3-0.

Clarence presented the 2023 Norton County Noxious Weed annual report and the 2024 Management plan. Both were reviewed and signed by the commission. The commission discussed with Clarence the control of weeds around bridges throughout the county. Clarence stated it would be best to do control only to prevent erosion.

Sheriff

Sheriff Thomson delivered a quote from Don's Electric for a generator, The Courthouse generator is non-working and will need replaced. The quote included labor and material, 125k Kohler natural gas generator, concrete pad, 800 amp service and automatic transfer switch. The estimated time for service would be 36 weeks. No final decision was made.

Economic Development

Dallas Gosselin, Norton City/County Economic Development spoke with the commission about possible grant opportunities for rural fire departments. The proposal was prepared by Brita Horn after completing a department needs assessment.

Emergency Management

Julie Campbell, Norton County Emergency Management spoke with the commission on department operations. Julie reported on ID badges being nearly completed, Tier II reports, emergency plans and weather spotter training.

NCHS SADD

The commission reviewed a request for funding from the NCHS SADD organization. Upon review and discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Matchett to donate \$2,800 from the Special Alcohol and Tobacco fund with a second from Commissioner Thompson. Motion passed 3-0.

Tax Abatements

Several Tax abatements were presented to the commission for approval. Statement numbers #2024000021, 2024000024 through 2024000028 were issued for property being sold and not reported or incorrect value placed. The abatements were approved in the amount of \$1,024.60.

DSNWK Contract

The 2024 DSNWK contract was presented to the Norton County Commission for approval and signature. Upon review the contract was approved and signed.

Road Department

The County Commission discussed the request from the Road department for a hypertherm powermax 45xp plasma cutter. A bid was submitted in the amount of \$2,395.00 from Lampton Supply. A motion was made by Commissioner Matchett to approve the purchase with a second from Commissioner Thompson. Motion passed 3-0.

January 22, 2024 minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Thompson to approve the January 22nd, 2024 minutes with a second from Commissioner Matchett. Motion passed 3-0.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned until 2/12/2024. The commission minutes are not considered to be official until signed and approved by the commission and will remain a working document until approved.