

Norton Co Board of Commissioners

February 19, 2024

Convene

Commissioner Garrett Beydler called the meeting of the Norton Co Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 AM on February 19, 2024 at the Commission Room. Attendance: Richard Thompson, Present; Garrett Beydler, Present; Marvin Matchett, Present.

Courthouse HVAC

An update on the Courthouse HVAC system was given to the commission. For several weeks the courthouse did not have heating on the second floor, northside. Schneider Electric was contacted as they were the firm whom designed and contracted out the HVAC system. Schneider offered little help however sent out two tech's whom stated the system had a faulty compressor and some maintenance issues. Contact was made with Trane HVAC technician to look at the system for repairs. Trane was able to make the necessary repairs siting temperature setting during the extreme cold and installation panels missing was the reason for the system being down. No maintenance issues were noted by Trane.

Courthouse Maintenance

The commission spoke with Bob about some maintenance and cleaning in the courthouse. After discussion it was felt that better communication and establishing a request list would be beneficial.

Solomon Valley Fire

Terry Peterson, Solomon Valley Fire was in to request funding for a brush truck that was recently purchased. Terry stated that if the county had any ARPA funding left the department would appreciate any help the county could assist with. The commission stated they will review the outstanding commitments and fund balance and report back.

Executive Session

Chairman Beydler called for an executive session at 10:05 am for a period of 45 minutes for attorney client privilege and to include Sheriff Thomson, County Attorney Melissa Schoen and County Clerk Robert D. Wyatt. The motion was given a second by Commissioner Thompson. Motion passed.

The commission returned to regular session at 10:50 am with no action taken as a result of the executive session.

USD #212

Ken Tharman, USD #212 was in to discuss the schools adopted budget, specifically the Supplemental General Fund. The budget as approved and published will leave the district short of funding for the current year. The error took place in the funding numbers when Phillips and Norton County districts were added together. In order to correct the error an added tax statement will need to be distributed to each property owner in the USD #212 district. This will require some programming and staff time which the county agreed to do with the understanding that USD #212 would be responsible for the cost.

Chamber of Commerce

Dona Lowry, Norton Chamber of Commerce spoke with the commission about arrangement of furniture in the office. The commission stated that since the furniture is not fastened to the floor ar arrangement of the furniture that works for them is okay with the county.

Economic Development

Dallas Gosselin, Norton City/County Economic Development shared with the County Commission the final plat for the Gosselin Addition. Olsson Engineering prepared the plat, being an addition to the City of Norton with 37 residential lots.

January 31st, 2024 minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Thompson to approve the January 31st, 2024 minutes with a second from Commissioner Beydler. Motion passed.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned until 2/29/2024. The commission minutes are not considered to be official until signed and approved by the commission and will remain a working document until approved.