

Norton Co Board of Commissioners

February 29, 2024

Convene

Commissioner Garrett Beydler called the meeting of the Norton Co Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 AM on February 29, 2024 at the Commission Room. Attendance: Richard Thompson, Present; Garrett Beydler, Present; Marvin Matchett, Present.

February Vouchers/Payroll

The February 2024 vouchers and payroll were submitted to the commission for approval. Upon review the vouchers and payroll were approved as submitted.

Solid Waste

Ted White, Norton County Solid Waste reported to the commission that he is working with KDHE to establish a needle or medical sharp disposal plan. Ted stated that an amendment to the county's operation plan will need to be done and approved. When the plan has been approved this will allow for disposal at the facility for residential disposal of sharps. This amendment would not include medical or commercial facilities.

Register of Deeds

Wanda Vincent, Norton County Register of Deeds spoke with the commission about job applicants and salary range for the beginning position.

Road Department

Terry Laughlin, Norton County Road department reported that a work crew has been preparing the Ninemire gravel pit hauling and county usage. Gravel trucks will begin hauling to sites where blade operators have requested spot maintenance.

Terry stated that Foley and John Deere will be looking at grader #106 for trade-in value. Terry has asked the operators to get over their territories and get ready for the spring farming activities.

EMS

Craig Sowards, Norton County EMS spoke with the commission about the use of the proposed .25% sales tax funds. Craig provided the commission with an outline of how Norton County EMS would benefit from the tax revenue.

Solomon Valley Fire

Last week Terry Peterson, Solomon Valley Fire spoke with the commission about the possibility of some funding assistance for the recent purchase of a brush truck. The commission reviewed the request and a motion was made by Chairman Beydler to fund \$25,000.00 from the Recovery Funds to SVF with a second from Commissioner Matchett. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution 2024-06

Resolution 2024-06 was presented to the commission for consideration of adoption. Resolution 2024-06, a resolution adopting a Ban of Open Burning in Norton County, Kansas. With the current dry conditions and wind, environmental conditions exist for the possibility of uncontrollable fires. A motion was made by Commissioner Matchett to adopt Resolution 2024-06 with a second from Commissioner Thompson. Motion passed 3-0.

Tax Abatement

Two tax abatements were presented to the commission for signature. Statement #2024000033 and #2024000034 were presented for property that was destroyed by fire and should have been reported by the tax payer in order to be removed. The abatements were approved in the amount of \$1,200.36.

Election Security

Bids were reviewed by the commission for the required election room security system that was recently implemented by the Secretary of States office. The election security system requires each county to have their equipment under lock and security monitoring system. A motion was made by Commissioner Matchett to approve the bid from INA alert in the amount of \$12,000.00 with a second from Commissioner Thompson. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution 2024-07

Resolution 2024-07 was presented to the commission for review and adoption. Resolution 2024-07, a Resolution calling for a referendum of the issue of levying a countywide sales tax for the purpose of funding health care service in Norton County. A motion was made by Commissioner Matchett to approve Resolution 2024-07 with a second from Commissioner Thompson. Motion passed 3-0.

EMS

Craig Sowards, Norton County EMS spoke with the commission about storage and access to the old EMS building. Craig stated that his remotes would no longer work and was wondering about usage and access. The commission will review the situation.

Approval of minutes

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Matchett to approve the minutes from February 12th with a second from Chairman Beydler. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Thompson to approve the February 19th minutes with a second from Chairman Beydler. Motion passed.

Sheriff Thomson

Sheriff Thomson spoke with the commission about the status of the courthouse generator. The county has not had much success in finding suitable bids for the installation of a generator that could operate the courthouse in a power failure. After discussion the commission suggested that rather than trying to get a larger unit that would service the courthouse just purchase a unit similar to the unit that has failed.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned until 3/11/2024. The commission minutes are not considered to be official until signed and approved by the commission and will remain a working document until approved.