

## **Norton Co Board of Commissioners**

**March 18, 2024**

### **Convene**

Commissioner Garrett Beydler called the meeting of the Norton Co Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 AM on March 18, 2024 at the Commission Room. Attendance: Richard Thompson, Present; Garrett Beydler, Present; Marvin Matchett, Present.

### **KCAMP**

Lauren Lewis, KCAMP claims representative was in to review policy and changes with the commission. A general review of the county's policy and benefits were provided. Some of the risk management services available are attorney assist, jail guidelines, law enforcement model policies, online university, risk avoidance grant, roads to scholar program and live consultation with senior level human resources professionals. Lauren discussed returning to Norton and providing a defensive driving course for county employees.

### **Road Department**

Terry Laughlin and Todd Ehlers spoke with the commission on several topics. Discussion was held on the upcoming bid process and specs for a new motor grader. There were several points made on the pro's and con's of JD and or Cat. Both Foley and JD will present bids to the county commission in the near future from specifications that have been requested from the county. At this time each firm is also reviewing Grader #106 for trade-in value. Discussion was held on the motor grader blades and their inability to hold up. Terry stated that in some situations the blades only last 3 days, much to soft of a metal. Other options are being looked into. Employment and recruitment was discussed with possible options. Terry stated that they have been speaking about attending job fairs and offering some type of scholarship to individuals who attend trade schools with intent of returning to Norton for employment with the county. Equipment usage and tinting of windows was discussed on the motor graders. After discussion the commission agreed that tinting was not necessary and the use of equipment would be Terry's decision with the commission backing his decisions.

### **Mid Month Checks**

Mid month checks were presented to the commission for signature and approval. Check numbers #210030; 210031 and 210032 were approved as submitted in the amount of \$255.18.

### **Tax Abatement**

Tax abatement #2024000036 was presented for signature and approval. The abatement was issued for property that was agriculture use and exempt. The abatement was approved and signed.

### **March 11th, 2024 minutes**

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

### **Eagles Road**

The commission spoke briefly with Jordan Dettmer, Penco Engineering about a proposed 2" overlay on part of Eagles Club Road. The overlay will be applied by KDOT and will start on the curve off US 36 and go southwest as far as material will go. It is uncertain how much of the road will be overlaid.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned until 3/18/2024. The commission minutes are not considered to be official until signed and approved by the commission and will remain a working document until approved.