

Norton Co Board of Commissioners

April 22, 2024

Convene

Commissioner Garrett Beydler called the meeting of the Norton Co Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 AM on April 22, 2024 at the Commission Room. Attendance: Richard Thompson, Present; Garrett Beydler, Present; Marvin Matchett, Absent.

Road Department

Terry Laughlin, Norton County Road Department was present for the opening of motor grader bids. First to present the bid for Foley Equipment was Doug Minson and Mark Polifka. Foley Equipment (CAT) quoted a 140-15J motor grader in the amount of 373,312.53 less \$62,000.00 for trade-in.

Next was Murphy Tractor & Equipment, Brad Smith. Brad quoted two machines, one JD 770G for \$415,603.84 and the 670G in the amount of \$388,016.47. Both machines had a trade value of \$60,000.00 for the 2012 Cat 12M. No final decision was made on the purchase at this time.

Abatements

Tax abatements were presented to the commissioners for signature and approval. Statement numbers #2024001123 through 2024001126 in the amount of \$72.24; \$74.30; \$71.90; and 24.72 were presented for property that was sold and the owner was deceased. Commission signed and approved the abatements.

County Attorney

County Attorney Melissa Schoen gave the commission a brief update on some litigation and upcoming mediation.

County Health

Leslie Pfannenstiel, Norton County Health provided an update to the commission on staffing. Leslie stated she is proceeding to review applications but in the mean time she will become certified or trained in the programs.

Leslie reported that the Norton County Health blood draw was the largest ever with 196 people participating.

April 15, 2024 minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Thompson to approve the April 15th, 2024 minutes with a second from Chairman Beydler. Motion passed.

Emergency Management

Jeff Burmaster, Decatur County Emergency Manager spoke with the commission about the Emergency Management position at Norton County. Jeff currently serves as the EM for Decatur County and would be interested in serving Norton County as well since both are part time positions. After discussion the commission offered the position to Jeff in which he accepted. Jeff will officially begin his position as Norton County Emergency Manager on May 1st, 2024.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned until 4/30/2024. The commission minutes are not considered to be official until signed and approved by the commission and will remain a working document until approved.