

Norton Co Board of Commissioners

June 10, 2024

Convene

Commissioner Marvin Matchett called the meeting of the Norton Co Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 AM on June 10, 2024 at the Commission Room. Attendance: Richard Thompson, Present; Garrett Beydler, Absent; Marvin Matchett, Present.

Norton County Conservation District

Members of the Norton County Soil Conservation District were present to present the 2025 request budget. Also reported on was the HB2800 which would amend current law pertaining to conservation districts. Fig Millan reviewed the proposed budget for 2025 to the commission and the request of \$25,000 county funding which was an increase from 2024 by \$2,000.

Joyce Quinn

Joyce Quinn was in to visit with the commission about recent flooding in the north part of Alma. During the recent heavy rain flooding occurred on streets and the county roadway. The commission stated they will have Terry review the site and see what action can be taken.

May 31st, 2024 minutes

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

High Plains Mental Health

Craig Poe, Executive Director; Karla McFee, Outreach and Education Specialist; Lindsey Peterson and Jean Ann Wilson, Board members of High Plains Mental Health were present to deliver the annual report and 2025 budget request.

In 2023 High Plains treated 356 clients in Norton County. This was down from 2022 when the number of clients was 405. Total clients served by High Plains in the northwest district was 6,978. Breakdown by numbers for Norton County was 0-9 years 32; 10 to 19 years 90; 20 to 24 years 37; 25 to 59 years 175; 60 to 64 6 and 65 years plus 16.

Landfill / Road Department

Ted White, Norton County Landfill and Terry Laughlin, Norton Road department were in to discuss budget. The commission worked with Terry and Ted to prepare their line item budgets. Terry provided the commission a work schedule and review of department operations.

Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center

Dionicio Rivera, Development Director for Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center provided the annual report and budget request to the commission. Dionicio stated that within the last 12 months in Norton County they provided 10 forensic interviews, individual advocacy for 26 children 161 times, 2 medical exams, and therapy for 6 children for 25 sessions. Dionicio thanked Norton County for the support in the past budget and request equal funding for 2025.

Hospital Board

The Norton County Commission reviewed the Norton County Hospital Board names submitted to fill an unexpired term. A motion was made by Commissioner Matchett to appoint Robert D Wyatt to the unexpired term with a second from Commissioner Thompson. Motion passed.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned until 6/10/2024. The commission minutes are not considered to be official until signed and approved by the commission and will remain a working document until approved.