

## **Norton Co Board of Commissioners**

**August 19, 2024**

### **Convene**

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

### **Brian Cook**

Brian Cook spoke with the commission on a couple positions that are open with the Norton County Road Department. The commission reported to Brian that they will consider his application with the full commission present and report back to him.

### **Rebecca Wetter**

Rebecca Wetter, Central Republican Committee spoke with the commission on SB 312 and the Grain Belt Express power Project with intent to use eminent domain. The U.S. Department of Energy has determined that there is a need to transport green energy to areas outside of Kansas without any benefit to many counties, including Norton County. The proposed location of the transmission lines would require a 5-mile wide swath of land which would take thousands of acres, homes, a productive land out of service. A Resolution opposing a 5-Mile-wide eminent domain transmission line was left with the commission for possible adoption.

Rebecca thanked the commission for their support in the community meetings and felt that they were being well attended and appreciated by the public.

### **Lease Purchase Agreement**

The commission reviewed the Lease/Purchase agreement for the 140 Cat grader. The documents were reviewed and signed as provided by The Bank for a term of 5 years with the beginning date of August 14, 2024.

### **NW Ks Regional Homeland Security**

The commission reviewed the appointment request of Jeff Burmaster to be appointed as Norton County's representative on the Northwest Kansas Regional Homeland Security Council. A motion was made by Commissioner Thompson to appoint Jeff Burmaster to the council for the 2024-2026 term with a second from Commissioner Matchett. Motion passed.

### **Executive Session**

An executive session was called for at 10:20 am by Commissioner Thompson for a period of 10 minutes for non-elected personnel and to include County Clerk Robert D. Wyatt and Sheree Milnes. The motion was given a second by Commissioner Matchett. Motion passed. The commission returned to regular session at 10:30 am with no action taken.

### **Executive Session**

An executive session was called for at 10:35 am by Commissioner Thompson for a period of 10 minutes for non-elected personnel and to include the County Clerk Robert D. Wyatt. Motion was given a second by Commissioner Matchett. Motion passed. The commission returned to regular session at 10:45 am with no action taken.

**August 12th, 2024 minutes**

A motion was made by Commissioner Matchett to approve the August 12th, 2024 minutes with a second from Commissioner Thompson. Motion passed.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned until 8/19/2024. The commission minutes are not considered to be final until signed and approved by the commission and will remain a working document until approved.