

Norton Co Board of Commissioners

August 30, 2024

Convene

Commissioner Garrett Beydler called the meeting of the Norton Co Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 AM on August 30, 2024 at the Commission Room. Attendance: Richard Thompson, Present; Garrett Beydler, Present; Marvin Matchett, Present.

Hop-A-Long IT Service

Ryan Hopkins with Hop-A-Long I.T. Services spoke with the commission on providing service to the County. Ryan stated that he has been in business in Norton for several years and would be interested in submitting a contract for services with the County when our current contract is ready for renewal. The commission thanked Ryan for inquiring and would keep him in mind when contract negotiations begin.

Road Department

Terry Laughlin, Norton County Road reported to the commission with department operations. Terry stated the department is looking to purchase grader and mower tractor tires. Inventory is low on the tires and bids will be reviewed for purchase.

Terry stated that he is working with a couple firms to present the county with an estimate to do chip and seal projects. Terry stated that the county equipment is just not sound mechanically to do the work anymore. Terry is also working with cities within the county so that maybe additional work can be contracted to get a better quote.

Terry provided photo's of the Road I project. The project was to maintenance and reclaim from US 283 to the Almema Cemetery. Terry said the road turned out very well. Also discussed was the county right-of-way and area's of concern with maintenance.

Dispatcher Contract

Melissa Schoen, Norton County Attorney and Troy Thomson, Norton Sheriff joined the meeting to discuss a proposed contract between the City of Norton and the County of Norton for dispatcher services. During the review of the contracts several questions were asked which will need some clarification before signature.

August Payroll & Vouchers

The August 2024 vouchers and payroll were submitted to the commission and county attorney for review and signature. Upon review the vouchers and payroll were approved as submitted.

DSNWK Board Appointment

A letter was reviewed from DSNWK requesting an approval for board appointment. Mr. Corey Roy has agreed to serve on the Board of Directors for DSNWK. A motion was made by Commissioner Matchett to appoint Corey Roy to the DSNWK board with a second from Commissioner Thompson. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution 2024-11

Resolution 2024-11, a resolution opposing a 5-mile-wide eminent domain transmission line was presented to the commission for review. 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 the County of Norton or to the State of Kansas. The U.S. Department of Energy mapped out a 5-mile swath of land across the entire state of Kansas, bypassing Kansas law requiring that these projects are to be approved by the Kansas Corporation Commission. After review a motion was made by Commissioner Thompson to adopt Resolution 2024-11 with a second from Commissioner Matchett. Motion passed 3-0.

August 26th, 2024 minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Matchett to approve the August 26th, 2024 minutes with a second from Commissioner Thompson. Motion passed.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned until 9/9/2024. The county commission minutes are not considered to be official until signed and approved by the Commission and will remain a working document until approved.