

Norton Co Board of Commissioners

October 31, 2024

Convene

Commissioner Garrett Beydler called the meeting of the Norton Co Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 AM on October 31, 2024 at the Commission Room. Attendance: Richard Thompson, Present; Garrett Beydler, Present; Marvin Matchett, Present.

October 2024 Vouchers & Payroll

The commission reviewed the October 2024 vouchers and payroll. Upon review the vouchers and payroll were approved as submitted.

Solid Waste

Ted White, Norton County Solid Waste reported to the commission with a couple updates. Ted stated that Foley Equipment was to provide an extended warranty quote last week for the 953 track loader, however the quote has not been received yet. The current warranty is soon to expire.

Ted gave the commission a report on the continuing issues with lithium batteries. The shipping boxes for the batteries has now more than doubled in price. Ted also stated the new GreenWorks batteries are going to create a problem for disposal.

County Attorney

County Attorney Melissa Schoen joined the meeting at 9:30 am.

Inmate work schedule

The commission reviewed the inmate work schedule that has been submitted from October 1, 2024 to date. The documents outlined the daily work schedule.

Trane Agreement

The Commission reviewed a proposed scheduled service agreement by Trane. The service agreement will cover the HVAC equipment and to be serviced according to OEM best practices; priority service available 24-hours a day; advanced diagnostic technologies for the technicians to analyze system performance. The service contract will also provide for on-site scheduled maintenance. The service contract will cover all HVAC operating systems in the Courthouse. A motion was made by Commissioner Thompson to approve the contract as submitted with a second from Commissioner Matchett. Motion passed.

Road Department

Terry Laughlin, Norton Road gave the commission a department update. Terry reported on the DOC work crew and the projects they have been working on. Terry stated that 202 bridges throughout the county have had the weeds and grass trimmed around them by the DOC crew.

Road crews have been working to eliminate the dirt/weed berms on county roads. The crews are also working to pull gravel back to the road beds.

Terry inquired with the commission about selling some surplus equipment or equipment that is no longer used. Terry will get a listing for the commission to approve.

Terry stated that an inspection was done on the surplus tractor and mowers that is being offered by the KDOT. Terry did not believe that they would be of interest to the county.

EMS

Craig Sowards, Norton County EMS spoke with the commission about using the county lot on W. Washington Street for a training exercise. The exercise will include Norton County Hospital, local fire departments and EMS. The commission approved the request.

Craig spoke with the commission on a proposal for salary change - back up personnel. The commission reviewed the request and after discussion stated that they would implement for two months and then re-evaluate.

KAC Annual Convention

The KAC annual convention will be held the first week of December. Along with the convention will be associate organizations. Voting delegates for Norton County will need to be appointed for the annual meeting of KCAMP and K-WORC. Chairmari Beydler was appointed to be the voting delegate for KCAMP and Commissioner Matchett is the voting delegate for K-WORC.

Blue Cross & Blue Shield

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas submitted to Norton County the options for the 2025 health insurance coverage. Three renewal options were provided. The current coverage will have a deductible increase along with an 8.86% increase in premium. The other options were reviewed with deductible increases, changes in co-pay for prescriptions drugs and a maximum out of pocket. A motion was made by Commissioner Matchett to approve the renewal option A with a second from Commissioner Thompson. Motion passed 3-0.

October 7th, 2024 Commissioner Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Thompson to approve the October 7th, 2024 Commissioner minutes with a second from Chairman Beydler. Motion passed.

October 21st, 2024 Commissioner Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Matchett to approve the October 21st, 2024 Commissioner minutes with a second from Commissioner Thompson. Motion passed.

County Treasurer

Commissioners discussed with Kathy Carlin, Norton County Treasurer about recommendations from the recent county audit. The report from the auditor suggest that Norton County make changes to the peak agreements with local banking. Kathy stated she will be working with the banks in the very near future.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned until 11/12/2024.
The commission minutes are not considered to be official until signed and approved by the commission and will remain a working document until approved.