

# **Norton Co Board of Commissioners**

**January 13, 2025**

## **Convene**

Commissioner Garrett Beydler called the meeting of the Norton Co Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 AM on January 13, 2025 at the Commission Room. Attendance: Richard Thompson, Present; Garrett Beydler, Present; Marvin Matchett, Present.

## **Swearing in of newly Elected Officials**

County Clerk Robert Wyatt swore in Garrett Beydler County Commissioner, Marvin Matchett County Commissioner, Craig Renner County Clerk, Abigail Horn County Attorney, Cathy Carlin County Treasurer, Troy Thompson County Sheriff, Wanda Vincent Register of Deeds.

## **Organization of Board**

Chairman Beydler moved that Marvin Matchett be the Board chairman, Richard Thompson seconded the motion. Passed. 3-0. Commissioner Thompson moved that Garrett Beydler be the Vice Chairman, Marvin Matchett seconded. Passed. 3-0.

## **Resolution 2025-01**

Resolution 2025-01, A resolution to waive the annual requirement of General Accepted Accounting Principles Fixed asset of accounting was present to the commission for adoption. A motion was by Commissioner Richard Thompson to accept the resolution, Commissioner Beydler seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

## **Resolution 2025-02**

Resolution 2025-02, A resolution declaring financial statements and financial reports prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principals are not relevant to the cash basis law and budget laws of Kansas. Commissioner Beydler made a motion to adopt the resolution, Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

## **Resolution 2025-03**

Resolution 2025-03, a Resolution to establish the Norton Telegram as the official County of Norton publication. Commissioner Beydler made a motion to adopt the Resolution, Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

## **Offical Radio Station by motion**

Commissioner Beydler made a motion to declare that KQNK be the official radio station of Norton County. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

## **Mileage Rate**

Commissioner Beydler made a motion to approve the mileage reimbursement rate at \$.70 per mile. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

## **Depository Banks**

Commissioner Beydler made a motion to approve First State Bank; Solutions North; The Bank; and Equity Bank as the depository banks of the county. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

### **County Commission Board Appointments**

Appointments to the boards that the Norton County Commissioners serve on were reviewed and assigned. The Board appointments for 2025 are:

Norton County Hospital Board of Trustees: Commissioner Beydler

Norton County Economic Development: Commissioner's Thompson and Matchett.

Northwest Kansas Planning Board: Commissioner Thompson

Northwest Kansas Juvenile Board: Commissioner Thompson

Airport Board: Commissioner 's Matchett and Beydler.

Norton County Health Board: Commissioner's Matchett, Beydler and Thompson.

Commissioner Beydler moved to accept the appointments. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

### **Norton County Sheriff's Report**

At 9:03 Sheriff Troy Thompson brought in a letter and a copy of the resolution 2-2025 from the City of Norton's attorney, Abigail Horn on behalf of the City of Norton, informing the Commissioners that the County has until March 11, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. to removed all cars impounded under the authority of the Sheriff's Office. Discussion ensued regarding a new impoundment lot. The issue of a conflict of interest for County Attorney Horn was discussed.

### **County Attorney**

Abigail Horn joined the meeting at 9:19

Sheriff Thompson left the meeting at 9:31

### **Meeting Date Change**

Commissioner Beydler moved to move the date of the scheduled January 31st meeting to be held on January 30, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. in the commissioners room. Commissioner Beydler moved for the change. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. Passed 3-0.

### **Foley Equipment and County Road and Bridge**

9:42 Foley Equipment Doug Minson representative joined the meeting.

9:49 Mark Polifka Foley Equipment joined the meeting.

Discussed the current new and used equipment programs being offered for equipment purchases.

10:02 Terry Laughlin joined the meeting.

Terry discussed the issue of the cost of our service calls. Mark Plifka agreed to research and get back to the commission.

10:20 The Foley representative left the meeting.

Terry presented some questions regarding his budget and some line items that need clarified.

Terry reported on a call he had received regarding the old EMS building.

10:43 Terry Laughlin left the meeting

### **Economic Development**

10:43 Dallas Gosselin joined the meeting.

Dallas Gosselin thanked the commissioners for their involvement on Legislative Day in Topeka. He asked for a volunteer to go again on February 3 and 4th. Commissioner Beydler volunteered to attend. Commissioner Matchett asked Dallas to address the Wildlife and Parks and the unfunded mandates while in Topeka.

#### **Landfill Bid Opening**

11:00 Ted White of Norton County Landfill, Craig Ronnebaum of BG Consultants, Courtney Koufa of Myers and Drew Harms of BSB joined the meeting. The sealed bids from 6 different contractors were opened by Craig Ronnebaum of BG Consultants. The unofficial winner of the bid was Cahoj Construction at a bid of \$266,835.50. The bid has to be confirmed and reconciled by BG before it can be awarded. 11:08 the representative from Meyers and BSB left the meeting. Ted White asked Craig Ronnebaum of BG regarding the proposed impoundment lot affects on the landfill permit. Craig will check into it and report back to the commission. 11:23 Ted White and Craig Ronnebaum left the meeting.

#### **Robert Wyatt's Employment Extension**

Robert and Craig Renner asked permission for Robert to remain an employee of the county until March 1, 2025. The commissioners agreed.

#### **Patron Visit**

12:00 Troy Thompson and Kelvin Edgett joined the meeting. Kelvin Edgett was in to discuss his property and his desire for the commissioners and their employees to stay off of his property.

#### **Adjournment**

12:30 Adjournment  
Commissioner Beydler moved to adjourn. Chairman Matchett adjourned the meeting.