

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 5, 2020**

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CUSTER COUNTY MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE COMMISSIONERS BOARDROOM.

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Flower at 9:00 AM and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jay Printz. Roll call was taken, and the following were present:

Tommy G. Flower	Chair
William R. Canda	Vice-Chair
Jay Printz	Commissioner
Kelley Camper	Clerk to the Board
Clint Smith	County Attorney

AUDIENCE INTRODUCTIONS

Present in the audience were BOCC Administrative Assistant, Cara Evans; Sentinel reporter, Jackie Bubis; Deborah Snell; Marty Holmes; Candace McDaniel; Bob Swanson; OEM Director, Meredith Nichols; Landfill Manager, Rusty Christensen; Ann Barthrop; Ann Willson; Lisa Kidwell; Peggi Collins; Wade Pettis; and Jackie Shepherd-Pettis.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

The board reported on the various meetings they attended and individuals they met with.

MOTION by Commissioner Flower, to ratify the action of signing the handwritten checks for the month of February in the amount of \$54,788.53. Motion carried unanimously.

UPPER ARKANSAS WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT REPORT

None

ATTORNEY ITEMS

County Attorney, Clint Smith, reported on the various items he has been working on.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ITEMS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

OEM Director, Meredith Nichols, commented on the workshop for the COVID-19 Coronavirus.

STAFF REPORTS

LANDFILL/RECYCLING REPORT

Landfill Manager, Rusty Christensen, met with the board to give the monthly report. He stated that the new Landfill Manager, Brian Lockhart, will start on March 6th.

ROAD AND BRIDGE REPORT

Road and Bridge Supervisor, Gary Hyde, met with the board to give the monthly report. He reported that Heath Palmer has been hired as a new operator; the Wetmore Assistant Supervisor, Larry Haynes, resigned; and Curt Wilson will be working out of the Wetmore shop now.

HUMAN SERVICES REPORT

Human Services Director, Laura Lockhart, met with the board to give the monthly report.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE REPORT

Veterans Service Officer, John Carroll, met with the board to give the monthly report.

MOTION by Commissioner Printz, to approve the VSO report for the month of February. Motion carried unanimously.

CSU COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OFFICE REPORT

CSU Cooperative Extension Director, Guinevere Nelson, met with the board to give the monthly report. Guinevere asked the board if she could move the office checking account and CD from United Business Bank to Kirkpatrick Bank. She stated that Kirkpatrick Bank offered a higher interest rate and they won't have to pay a monthly service charge.

MOTION by Commissioner Flower, to authorize moving the checking account and CD for the Extension Office from United Business Bank to Kirkpatrick Bank. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) REPORT

IT Director, Vernon Roth, met with the board to give the monthly report. Vernon inquired about the County having a Public Information Officer (PIO). The board told Vernon to come up with a job description for that position so that they could review it and discuss it further.

The board recessed at 10:33 a.m. and reconvened at 10:48 am.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION by Commissioner Printz, to move the Justice Center RFP to the first item of new business. Motion carried unanimously.

JUSTICE CENTER REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

The County was awarded a \$30,000 Underfunded Courthouse grant to be used to explore how to move forward with approaching the community about funding the construction of the Judicial Center. A group was formed from members of the Judicial Center committee to put together an RFP for this purpose. Ann Barthrop met with the BOCC to present the cover letter and RFP that they came up with.

MOTION by Commissioner Printz, to approve the cover letter and RFP with modifications.

After much discussion and revamping of the cover letter and RFP, it was decided to postpone the approval of these until all the changes were made.

MOTION by Commissioner Printz, to postpone approving the cover letter and RFP until the March 6th BOCC meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

TOURISM BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The Tourism Board recommends the following individuals to be appointed to the Tourism Board by the BOCC: Bob Swanson, Deborah Snell, Wade Pettis, and Jackie Shepherd-Pettis all for 3-year terms expiring in January 2023; and Candace McDaniel for a 1-year ex-officio term expiring in January 2021.

MOTION by Commissioner Printz, to approve the appointments recommended by the Tourism Board. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD APPOINTMENT LIST

MOTION by Commissioner Flower, to amend the board appointment list by adding the new Tourism Board members. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Having no further business, Commissioner Flower adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

BOCC Chair, Tommy G. Flower

Attest:
County Clerk & Recorder, Kelley S. Camper