

Sherman County Board of Commissioners

The Sherman County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 in the Boardroom of the Sherman County Courthouse with the following persons present: Kenneth Kaslon-Chairman, Larry Griffith Vice-Chairman and Tom Bandur. Also, present was Marcy Sekutera- Sherman County Clerk and Heather Sikyta-Sherman County Attorney. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00a.m. Notice of the meeting was published in the Sherman County Times and given in advance to all members of the Board. At the beginning of the meeting, the Chairman announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meeting Act was posted on the South wall of the Boardroom with copies of the Act also available in the Boardroom for public viewing.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the October 9, 2024 regular meeting. An agenda was posted in the Clerk's office and kept continuously current. Motion by Bandur and seconded by Griffith to approve the previous minutes as written with proof of publication on file. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kaslon, Bandur, Griffith. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comment –None.

The Board reviewed the mail received, the claims submitted for payment, the Treasurer's Receipt Report for September 2024, the Library Board minutes and Region 26 minutes.

- **DISCUSSION**

- Heather Sikyta-Sherman County Attorney & Josh Salter presented information and the breakdown of grant funds received for Victim Youth Conferencing, Truancy Mediation and Diversion in the amount of \$10,633 for 2025 to the Board. Mr. Salter stated the Sherman County Comprehensive Juvenile Services Community Plan is very time consuming for the amount of funds Sherman County receives and asked the Board to consider different options for the compiling of the information needed for the grant and the funding of the services.
- Joel Bergman-Sherman County Sheriff presented proposals to the Board for used patrol units for the Sheriff's Office as two current units have high mileage and are due to be rotated out.

- **ACTION ITEMS**

- Motion by Kaslon and seconded by Bandur to approve and authorize Commissioners to sign Resolution No. 25-24, transfer of funds from the Highway Buyback Fund to the Road Fund for the November 15, 2024 bond and interest payment in the amount of \$91,432.50. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Griffith, Kaslon, Bandur. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Motion by Bandur and seconded by Griffith to approve the disaster Declarations submitted for the October 11, 2024 and October 16, 2024 wildfires in Sherman County. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kaslon, Bandur, Griffith. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Motion by Bandur and seconded by Griffith to approve the purchase of used patrol units for the Sheriff's Office. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Griffith, Kaslon, Bandur. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Motion by Kaslon and seconded by Griffith to approve the claims submitted for payment and the Treasurer's Receipt Report for September 2024. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bandur, Griffith, Kaslon. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

- **DISCUSSION**

Richard Panowicz addressed the Board and Mr. Person with his concerns on the amount of time the Road Department is spending on minimum maintenance roads when their first priority should be the main county roads through-out the county when work needs to be done on all of them. Mr. Panowicz also questioned the Road Departments role in working with the County Surveyor.

- Mr. Person reviewed the proposed projects for One & Six-Year Plan for county road improvements with the Board and answered questions the Board had.
- General road business was discussed with Eric Person-Highway Superintendent.

- **ACTION ITEMS:**

- Motion by Griffith and seconded by Kaslon to approve the Utility Application for Road Easement submitted by Charter Communications for Sherman County Grant Project Rural Development of Fiber Optics. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kaslon, Bandur, Griffith. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Motion by Kaslon and seconded by Griffith to approve and authorize Chairman to sign Resolution No. 26-24, setting the date and time of November 25, 2024 at 11:00a.m. for the public hearing on the proposed projects for the One & Six-Year Plan for county road improvements. Roll Call Vote: Bandur, Griffith, Kaslon. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Motion by Griffith and seconded by Bandur to approve and authorize Commissioners to sign Resolution No. 27-24, authorizing Chairman to sign Year End Certification of County Highway Superintendent. Roll Call Vote: Griffith, Kaslon, Bandur. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Motion by Bandur and seconded by Griffith to approve and authorize Chairman to sign Year End Certification of Highway Superintendent for determining Incentive Payment for 2024. Roll Call Vote: Kaslon, Bandur, Griffith. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- **ADJOURN** – Chairman Kaslon adjourned the meeting at 12:00p.m.

- The permanent record of these proceedings is available for viewing in the office of the Sherman County Clerk.

Marcy L. Sekutera/Sherman County Clerk