

Minutes of the Woodward County Commissioners December 30, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Woodward County Courthouse Civil Defense Room Meeting was called to order by Chairman Clint White with Vice-Chairman Donny Thorn present & Member Troy White absent. Also, present Wendy Dunlap, Tom Lucas, Rachel VanHorn & Chris Boring. Statement of Compliance was acknowledged we have a quorum agenda was filed & posted December 24, 2024 @ 12:00 p.m. Invocation followed by Pledge of Alliance. Motion was made by Thorn to approve the minutes from the previous meeting seconded by C. White Voting: all ayes. Lucas reported most of the normal e-mail notices about programs from agencies were not issued during the past week, there are several state & federal grant programs that are due on February 28, 2025, on the rural business development grant Troy White asked for updates on this for the event center & I also received response back from ECO Green's waste tire recycling systems & they requested more information before providing information. Motion was made by Thorn to approve Blanket Purchase Orders for January 2025 seconded by C. White Voting: all ayes. Motion was made by Thorn to approve purchase orders batch # 54 seconded by Thorn Voting: all ayes. Motion was made by C. White to approve the awarding of REAP Grants to Tangier (Road Re-surfacing 3 miles), Mutual Fire Department (Command Truck), Sharon Fire Department (Grass Rig) & Mooreland Fire Département (grass Rig) seconded by Thorn Voting: all ayes. White reported we also received a another REAP Grant for the Town of Mutual (asphalt resurfacing on Maple Street) which will be on next week's agenda. There will be a zoom meeting for these grants on January 8th @ 2,4 & 6 pm. Motion was made by Thorn to approve the transfer of funds out of Fair-2 into Free Fair M&O \$12,242.43 (error correction) seconded by C. White Voting: all ayes. Boring reported he had received the AG opinion on the salaries for public officials including the sheriff's there is a statue that states the basic salaries of county officers shall not be less than \$19,000 per year & the basic salary for the sheriff which shall be no less than other salaries for county officers controlled by this section shall not be less than \$44,000 & shall not exceed \$74,500 per year, Boring advised if the elected officials are making 100% of the evaluation for Woodward County than the sheriff should make the same, C. White stated I feel like our sheriff should make a good salary but I also would like to see the deputies make a comparable salary for their service so there won't be so much turn around in the sheriff's office with deputies leaving for better salaries. Boring reported he is not sure what other counties are doing about the sheriff's salary but if Woodward County has the money the 100% ratio should be the same for the sheriff. After much discussion a motion was made by Thorn to approve Resolution R-24-55 of the Board of County Commissioners of Woodward County establishing the basic salaries of elected officials therefore be it resolved that the governing Board of County Commissioners establishes the basic salaries of all elected county officials except the sheriff to be \$62,450 & the basic salary of the sheriff to be \$74,500 & to become effective January 1, 2025 subject to constitutional limitations with increases to the basic salary to be determined by the formulas established pursuant to 119 O.S. § 180.63 seconded by C. White Voting: all ayes. Lease agreements for the courthouse offices relocations for security renovations C. White reported he has not got the leases back yet from Dr. Kirkendahals office & The Village for Boring to review but we were able to get the rent down on the Village to \$15 per square foot. The moving will start on January 27th & the courthouse will be closed February 3rd until renovation is completed. As there was no other business before the board at this time a motion was made by C. White to adjourn seconded by Thorn Voting; all ayes.

Clint White, BOCC Chairman