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County Board of Commissioners' Minutes

October 24, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

300 W Ash Room 107 Salina, Kansas 67401

Present: Commissioner Monte Shadwick - District 1
 Commissioner Rodger Sparks - District 3
 Commissioner James L Weese - District 4
 Commissioner Joe Hay Jr. - District 5

Absent: Commissioner Robert Vidricksen II - District 2

A. **Call To Order**

Commissioner Monte Shadwick called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Tammi Cox, Deputy County Clerk, called the roll of attendance.

B. **Flag Salute & Moment of Silence**

C. **Public Forum**

Jon Blanchard, representing the local NAACP, discussed the Slumber in the Slammer Party. He stated the NAACP wanted to address the messaging that goes with Slumber in the Slammer. He stated a letter was sent to the County Commission about the event sending the wrong message and would like the Commission to know that there is a lot of concern in the community. William Desilvey, 4945 S Simpson Rd, responded and stated they should go ahead with it.

D. **Presentations**

1. **Kansas Emergency Management Association Outstanding Service Award - Natasha Cundy, Deputy Director, Emergency Management**

John Stradal, Kansas Emergency Management Association

Natasha Cundy was awarded the Emergency Management Association Outstanding Service Award. John Stradal stated the award goes to

someone who goes above and beyond and one of the many things that Natasha had done was the Adopt A Siren Program.

E. Consent Agenda

These items may be approved by a single motion unless an item is pulled by a Commissioner.

Moved by: Commissioner James L Weese

Seconded by: Commissioner Joe Hay Jr

Approve consent agenda as presented.

Motion Passed

1. **Approval of Tax Roll Adjustments**
2. **Approval of Accounts Payable**
3. **Approval of Public Forum Agenda**
4. **Approval of Payroll**
5. **Approval of Talkgroup MOU for Ottawa County Response Agencies**
Ten response agencies for Ottawa County have requested the mutual aid talkgroups for their discipline.
6. **Approval of Letter of Support for CKMHC Transportation Programs**
7. **Approval of County Commission Minutes for October 10, 2023**
8. **Approval of County Commission Minutes for October 17, 2023**

F. Informational Items

1. **Senior Services Update, 2023-203**

Rosie Walter, Senior Services Director

Rosie Walter updated the Commission on the Dining Room Survey, Meals on Wheels, upcoming projects, and gave a budget update. Commissioner Joe A Hay Jr asked about the survey and thanked her for all she and her staff do for the county.

2. **County Administrator Update 102423**

Phillip Smith-Hanes, County Administrator

Phillip Smith-Hanes stated the building at 203 N 10th street has been finalized. It will first be used for storage due to the elevator situation. He also discussed the Juvenile Justice Authority study to convert the old jail into a Juvenile and Secure Care Center. The study was regarding the cost feasibility. The study was presented to the board and they are not going to move forward. He stated the County will move on and look at other reuse possibilities. Phillip Smith-Hanes also stated there is a vacancy on the County Planning Commission. Phillip Smith-Hanes stated the Commission will be at the new jail for a study session that will also be the ribbon cutting for the new facility; November 2nd will be the Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours, November 3rd is Slumber in the Slammer, and the 4th will be public jail tours. He stated there are three purposes for the Slumber in the Slammer event: 1. It is the most significant investment in public infrastructure in at least 50 years and an opportunity for people who invested in it to see it; 2. It will be a training opportunity for staff; 3. It is a fundraiser for jail programs. He stated the money left over from the t-shirt money will be reinvested back into programs provided to inmates.

3. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Monte Shadwick asked about Schilling Road near the new housing facility and asked if both sides were owned by the City and the road is owned by the County. Phillip Smith-Hanes stated the City of Salina has never annexed either side of the road; they own the property up to the right-of-way.

4. Announcements

Tammi Cox, Deputy County Clerk, announced the close of voter registration and the hours for early voting.

G. 10/31/2023 Agenda Items

1. Study Session

H. 11/07/2023 Agenda Items

1. 2023 Home Health & Hospice Month Proclamation

2. Road & Bridge Concrete Pavement Bid Award

I. Adjournment

Moved by: Commissioner Joe Hay Jr

Seconded by: Commissioner Rodger Sparks

Adjourn the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

Motion Passed

Commissioner Monte Shadwick, District 1

Commissioner Robert Vidricksen, District 2

Commissioner Rodger Sparks, District 3

Commissioner James L Weese, District 4

Commissioner Joe Hay, Jr., District 5

Jamie R Doss, County Clerk