

Gove County Commissioner Meeting Minutes 12-28-2020- **Approved**

The regular meeting of the Gove County Commissioners was called to order at 8:15 a.m. at the Gove County Office Building meeting room. Members present were Duane Vollbracht, Chuck Kuntz, and Mike Gillespie. Shelly Holaday was present taking minutes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

David Caudill, Mike Haase, Cheri Remington, and Bonnie Cook joined the meeting.

Mike made a motion to approve the agenda. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

David Caudill gave the financial report for the hospital. He reported the hospital has started administrating the COVID-19 vaccine. The hospital will be getting more vaccine this week. The County's COVID-19 numbers are going down. There was discussion on the sales tax. Cheryl Goetz joined the meeting.

Cheryl reported on SPARKS. She reported the County is coming to the end of spending our SPARKS money. There was an extension granted, but we will have ours spent by the original deadline. She reported the COVID-19 vaccine is being administrated and that the County's COVID-19 cases are going down. She reported on the side effects of the vaccine so far. Those being vaccinated are mainly front line workers. Cheri reported Mapes and Miller had sent a contract for the audit of SPARKS' money that is required. The Committee is waiting on another quote from another auditor firm. Cheri reported the equipment that was purchased for the quarantine office at the Office Building. The Commissioners asked some questions about the COVID-19 vaccine.

Cheryl asked about Allan Weber's position being filled. Cheri then explained how the new Sheriff will be appointed.

David Caudill, Cheri Remington, and Cheryl Goetz left the meeting at 8:56 a.m.

Ben Mosher joined the meeting to explain a supplemental insurance option that is available. Ben left the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

David Mendenhall and Denise Wolf joined the meeting at 9:03 a.m. Denise gave the Commissioners end of year resolutions. Chuck made a motion to pass resolution #2020-21, which is transferring money to the Special Highway Improvement Fund and resolution #2020-22, which allows the Commissioners to transfer funds from the Road & Bridge fund to the Special Highway Improvement or Special Machinery Fund. Mike second the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. David and Denise left the meeting at 9:31 a.m.

Matt Wolf joined the meeting at 9:20 a.m. Matt reported the new pickup will need to get the new box put on it. Matt reported they are going to work on picking up trash because

of the wind last week. The sump pit in the Landfill building needs pumped out. Matt is trying to find someone to do it and figure out where to get rid of the waste. The iron pile is getting pretty big. He has called Laner Industrial. They can be at the Landfill within 4 days. They will give us \$133.00 a ton. The Commissioners agreed to have Laner Industrial come down. The Commissioners want Matt to get the Box part of the box truck bought as soon as possible. Matt presented Resolution 2020-23 to transfer money from the Noxious Weed Eradication Fund to the Noxious Weed Capital Outlay Fund. Mike made a motion to sign resolution 2020-23. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. There was discussion on cardboard. Matt is going to look for a cardboard trailer to put at Quinter. The Commissioners told Matt to see what it would cost. Cheri joined the meeting. There was discussion on the Landfill budget. Matt left the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

Cheri went through the budgets with the Commissioners. There was review on expenses out of the Courthouse general. Cheri left the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Mark Schmeidler joined the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

Duane made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 10 minutes. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Shawn Mesch joined the meeting at 11:30 a.m. He wants excess money to be transferred from the Sheriff's budget to the Gove County Sheriff special equipment fund. Duane made a motion to declare the service revolvers of Sheriff Allan Weber as surplus Sheriff Office property. Due to Sheriff Weber having died in the line of duty, the Sheriff's Department is authorized to donate said fire arms in honor of Sheriff Weber to the spouse of Sheriff Weber, Connie Weber. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Shawn left the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Duane made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 10 minutes. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The Commissioners returned to regular session at 12:04 p.m.

The Commissioners recessed for lunch. They will return to regular session at 1:00 p.m.

The Commissioners returned to regular session at 1:10 p.m.

Duane left the meeting at 1:23 p.m. prior to discussion on appointing a new County Appraiser due to conflict of interest. The Commissioners began discussion on appointing a new County Appraiser. Emily Vollbracht joined the meeting at 1:45 p.m. They wanted Emily's input about being appointed County Appraiser. The Commissioners presented their proposal to her. Mike made a motion to approve resolution 2020-24 appointing Emily Vollbracht as interim Gove County Appraiser from January 2, 2021 to June 30, 2021. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0 with Commissioner Vollbracht abstaining. Emily left the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

Duane Vollbracht rejoined the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

Duane made a motion to approve checks numbered 66579 through 66663. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

There was discussion on Jerome Township's letter to the Commissioners.

Mike made a motion to approve the amended minutes of 12-7-2020. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Chuck made a motion to give memorials to employees that pass away while working for the county. A \$100 for anyone who has worked for the County 5 years or less and \$200 for anyone who has worked 6 years or more. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Mike made a motion to approve resolution 2020-25 allowing a transfer of funds from the Sheriff's Fund to the Gove County Sheriff Special Equipment Fund. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Cheri joined the meeting to discuss the carry over for the County. There was discussion on the health insurance premiums.

Chuck made a motion to give a year-end bonus to all employees of \$500.00. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Duane made a motion to approve the administrative agreement with Freedom Claims. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Duane made a motion to approve adds and abates numbered 2020000074, 77-90, 92-93, 95-109, 112-123, 130-131, 148, 151-159, 163-164, 166, 168-176, 178-179, 181, and 187-190. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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Chuck made a motion to adjourn. Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.