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February 10, 2020
All Commissioners Present
Commissioner Wilson Presiding

1. Commissioner Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Courthouse.
2. Commissioner McCloud moved to approve the agenda, With the addition of Marci Detmer to the agenda at 12:00 p.m. and the minutes of February 3rd session with the following corrections:
 - a. Paragraph 3 - Rice County Public Works Director Tom Robl discussed the replacement of Ed Fair with Kent Loesch & Tom Frederick with Joshua Brown to fill the 2 spots on the Planning & Zoning Committee.
 - b. Paragraph 3 - Commissioner McCloud moved to approve the bid from Gilmore Solutions to include two desktops, one laptop and installation not to exceed \$7098.45 for the Road & Bridge Department; 2nd by Commissioner Wiens. Motion carried unanimously.
 - c. Paragraph 5 - Rhonda Hunt from the Rice County Register of Deeds office was in for her quarterly report. She stated with increase of recording fees due to mortgage registration phase out recording fees are up.
 - d. Paragraph 6 - Rice County Sheriff Bryant Evans was in to discuss raises for five of his employees and his own salary increase.

The motion carried unanimously following a second by Commissioner Wiens.

3. Sheriff Bryant Evans appeared to discuss The current contract for the Sheriff's office with Gilmore Solutions.
4. Rice County Appraiser Gayla Godfrey requested approval from the Board of County Commissioner to pay for the removal of three hazardous structures in the city of Chase for \$12,660 out of the NRP Administration Fund. Commissioners requested additional information.

5. Rice County Public Works Director Tom Robl and Dalton Peterman appeared to request permission to purchase the following chemicals: 6 boxes of Cornbelt 90 (30 gallons), 3 boxes of Cornbelt defoamer (15 gallons), 1 case of Poly control and 2 boxes of Plateau (4 gallons).

Tom inquired if the Weed department will be selling the chemical tordon. Commissioner Wilson instructed Tom to purchased what the County needed to perform relevant duties during the growing season.

Tom reported unit #88 2003 Dodge spray truck, unit#83 2015 F350 spray truck and unit #81 old three-wheeler belonging to the Weed Department are in need of repairs.

Tom presented a report prepared by Trans Systems and a discussion ensued on the recommendation of road safety.

6. Tom presented a memo from KDOT that states the amount of federal funds available to Rice County this year to be \$93,343.07; these funds can be exchange at a rate of .90. By accepting these funds Rice County will get \$84,008.76. Commissioner McCloud move to approve the acceptance of the Federal Fund Exchange. The motion carried unanimously following a second by Commissioner Wiens.
7. Rice County Emergency Director Greg Klein presented his quarterly updates to the board of Commissioners and presented his quarterly reports. Greg requested permission to transfer \$52,000 from his EMS Special Equipment Reserve to the county Equipment Reserve.

Greg requested permission to purchase a Davis Instruments – Weather Monitoring station; Commissioner Wilson requested additional bids.

8. Audree Aguilera presented a proposal by Burns & McDonnell for the Lyons-Rice County Municipal Airport ALP update for the cost of \$3,500 with a reimbursement of 90% as per FAA requirements for an IFE; Commissioner Wiens moved to approve the proposal. The motion carried unanimously following a second by Commissioner McCloud.

9. Commissioner Wilson moved to enter executive session from 11:20 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for a Non-elected personnel matter regarding pay and will return to open session at 11:30 in the Commissioners room at the courthouse. The motion carried unanimously following a second by Commissioner McCloud. Rice County Register of Deeds Rhonda Hunt was present.
Commissioners returned to open session at 11:30 in the Commissioners Room at the Courthouse.

10. Rice County Communication Director Josh Michaelis appeared to discuss the VHF radios with the Commissioners. Josh stated that all but eight radios were scrubbed at the cost of \$1002. Josh sought a price to resell VHF radios and stated that Lyons Police Department, Fire Departments burn group, MKC and a farmer requested the radios. Josh further stated that he researched the resale price to be \$129 to \$189 per mobile radio. Mobile Radio offered to buy CM300 radios at \$50 but only 62 of the 89 radios.

1. Josh presented a Rice County Emergency Communication Advisory Board amendment to be signed. Commissioner McCloud moved to approve the amendment be signed by Commissioner Wilson. The motion carried unanimously following a second by Commissioner Wiens.

11. Health Administrator Marci Detmer appeared to ask for clarification on the reason for the denial of pay increases for the Rice County Health Department staff and she provided job description for all Rice County Health Department's employees. Marci also asked for clarification on what the definition of Clerk II is. Commissioners will revisit this matter at a later date.

12. Rice County Treasurer Rita Smith appeared to request clarity on employee positioning and pay.

13. Commissioners agreed to meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 13th to approve mid-month vouchers.

14. AAE's were approved at the following values:

Escapes taxes \$510.94, Abates taxes \$9,145.18 and Refunds \$4,858.87.

Commissioner Wilson adjourned the meeting.

Adjourned.