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July 20, 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. All Commissioners were present.
2. Commissioner McCloud moved to approve the agenda and the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously following a second by Commissioner Wiens.
3. No Public comments.
4. Commissioner McCloud moved to update the employee travel policy by changing the Health Department contact to Pam Guldner and to follow CDC recommendations while out in public. The motion carried unanimously following a second by Commissioner Wiens.
5. Rice County Clerk of the District Court, Jane Hrabik came down to ask what to do when there is an emergency in the courtroom. The Commissioner's responded for her to call "911".
6. Commissioner McCloud moved to sign the agreements for updating road signage in Rice County. The motion carried unanimously following a second by Commissioner Wiens.
7. Rice County EMS Director Greg Klein presented an invoice from American Response Vehicles for \$144,143.00 to be paid next week when the ambulance is delivered. The Commissioner's decided to think about what account they would like the money to come out of to pay for this.
8. Commissioner McCloud moved to adopt Resolution 14-2020 COVID 19 Public Health Emergency Resolution (Ext #2). The motion carried unanimously following a second by Commissioner Wiens.
9. At 10:15 Colin Hoyt came in to discuss a structure that he feels may need some repair.
10. Commissioner Wilson called a Public Meeting to discuss the USDA Fire Truck Grant (Resolution 15-2020). The Board of County Commissioners, Rice County Economic Development Director Stacy Clark, Rice County Fire Chief Ed Feil, Sterling Bulletin Reporter Beth Tuszyński, Rice County Clerk Aurelia Garcia, Deputy Clerk Brenda Tucker and Chelsea Morris with USDA on the phone.

Commissioner Wiens Wanted to know who is making sure that we are complying. Chelsea did say the funds will be available for 5 years.

11. Commissioner Wiens moved to authorize the Chair to sign all documents related to Resolution 15-2020. The motion carried following a second by Commissioner McCloud.
12. Commissioner Wilson moved to enter executive session from 11:00-11:10 regarding non-elected employee at the Health Department. The Commissioner's and County Counselor Scott Bush were present. The motion carried unanimously followed by a second by Commissioner Wiens.
13. Rice County Health Director Pam Guldner came in to discuss the current cases of COVID in Rice County. Since 7/6/2020 75 tests have been conducted, 7 of them were positive. That is a 10% increase. 5 of the Rice County positives were tested outside of Rice County. There have been no hospitalizations and 2 of the 12 have recovered. Also present were: Hospital District #1, CEO George Stover, Lyons Medical Center, Dr. Roger Klein and RN, Angie Taylor (Infection Preventionist and COVID Team lead).
14. Commissioner Wilson moved to require face masks be worn in public places in Rice County when social distancing of at least 6 feet is not possible. Violators are subject to a fine up to \$2500.00. This order will take effect at 12:01 am on Tuesday, July 21, 2020. The motion carried followed by a second by Commissioner Wiens. 2 -yes, 1 no-McCloud
15. Commissioner McCloud moved to require Rice County resident to wear blue suede shoes on January 8 to commemorate Elvis Presley's birthday. The motion carried following a second by Commissioner Wiens.
16. Commissioner Wilson moved to enter executive session from 12:05-12:15 regarding non-elected personnel at the Health Department. The Commissioner's, County Counselor Scott Bush and Health Department Director Pam Guldner were present. The motion carried unanimously followed by a second by Commissioner Wiens.
17. Rice County Communications Director Josh Michaelis came in to let the Commissioners know that the tower at Avenue R & 14 Highway was struck by lightning. He is currently checking to see how it is covered.
18. Stacy Clark, Susan Sankey, and Karen Snyder came in to discuss the SPARK funding. They presented a spreadsheet comparison with Barton County, Ellsworth County and Rice County possible disbursements of SPARK money.
19. Adjourned.

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