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June 8, 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.
2. Commissioner Wiens moved to approve the agenda and the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously following a second by Commissioner Wilson.
3. No Public comments:
4. The Commissioner's will come in Monday June 18, 2020 at 8:00am to review mid-month vouchers.
5. Commissioner McCloud moved to approve the contract for space used by Tyree Ag. The motion carried unanimously following a second by Commissioner Wiens.
6. Commissioner McCloud moved to enter executive session from 9:40-10:00 to discuss contract negotiations. The Commissioners, Lyons City Administrator Chad Buckley, and Community Development Coordinator Audree Aguilera were present. The motion carried unanimously following a second by Commissioner Wiens. Interim Rice County Counselor Mark Tremaine joined after the session started.
7. Commissioner McCloud moved to extend the executive session from 10:00-10:15 to continue discussion of contract negotiations. The Commissioners, Lyons City Administrator Chad Buckley, Community Development Coordinator Audree Aguilera and Interim Rice County Counselor Mark Tremaine were present. The motion carried unanimously following a second by Commissioner Wiens.
8. Rice County Clerk Aurelia Garcia came to present her quarterly updates. She stated that she has been working with the Secretary of State's office and that 5,100 advance ballot applications were mailed out for the August and November elections. 168 of these have been received back to the office. The mailing was paid for by the Federal Cares Act.

Budget requests have been emailed. She is also in the process of working on her July Abstract Certification.

She also asked if she could hire a temp to help with the upcoming election due to the amount of ballot requests being received. The Commissioner's approved her request.

9. Commissioner McCloud moved to approve to pay the Airport Liability Insurance to First Group not to exceed \$1200. The motion carried unanimously following a second by Commissioner Wiens.
10. County Appraiser Gayla Godfrey came in to discuss NRP and all the extra hours this has added to her job and that she feels she should be compensated for all the NRP work she has done. "It's long overdue.", she stated. She thinks it should come to her in a lump sum each year the plan is active.
11. Commissioner Wiens moved to authorize the application to enact a program to offer cities financial assistance for home demolition at \$1500 per structure. The motion carried unanimously following a second by Commissioner McCloud.
12. Commissioner Wiens moved to enter executive session from 10:55-11:05 to discuss non-elected personnel. The Commissioners, Rice County Interim Counselor Mark Tremaine, Rice County Appraiser Gayla Godfrey, Register of Deeds Rhonda Hunt and Rice County Treasurer Rita Smith were present. The motion carried unanimously following a second by Commissioner Wiens.
13. Rice County Conservation District representative Rena Billington came into discuss her \$30,000 budget request. She also went over expenses from 2019.
14. Rice County Health Administrator/Officer Marci Detmer came in to discuss the "Phase Out" stage of opening to the public.
15. John Prescott, Executive Director of Sunflower Diversified Services presented their 2021 budget.
16. Tim Weaver, Rice County Jail Captain came in to ask a couple of questions regarding his budget. He also provided information showing the cost of having a doctor and a nurse at the jail. Commissioner Wilson adjourned the meeting.

Adjourned.