

Richland County Board
December 8, 2022

Convene

Chairman Dennis Graves called the meeting of the Richland County Board to order at 7:00pm on December 8, 2022 at the Jail Meeting Room. The meeting was proclaimed open, the Pledge of Allegiance recited and Prayer/Moment of Silence was offered. Attendance: Dennis Graves, Present; Brian VanBlaricum, Present; Shawn Rose, Present; Morgan Henton, Present; Steve Schonert, Present; Travis Paddock, Present; Cindy Given, Present.

Motion/Vote – Agenda

District 1 Brian VanBlaricum made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. District 5 Morgan Henton seconded the motion. The motion was passed by vote: Brian VanBlaricum (Yes), Morgan Henton (Yes), Dennis Graves (Yes), Steve Schonert (Yes), Travis Paddock (Yes) Shawn Rose (Yes), Cindy Given (Yes).

Open

(nothing)

Consent Agenda

District 5 Morgan Henton made a motion to approve all items under the consent agenda. District 4 Cindy Given seconded the motion. The motion was passed by vote: Brian VanBlaricum (Yes), Morgan Henton (Yes), Dennis Graves (Yes), Steve Schonert (Yes), Travis Paddock (Yes) Shawn Rose (Yes), Cindy Given (Yes). Items approved were the minutes of November 10 for County Board and December 1 for Road and Bridge; the county officer reports; the liquor license for Richland County Country Club; tax deed resolutions; and Bid for Diesel Fuel Delivery in 2023.

Finance Committee

Morgan Henton questioned Animal Control receipts. Andrea with Animal Control was able to resolve all questions. Steve discussed projected increase for property tax, school and city. Steve all discussed the 5% reduction in several office's budget, including county board. Schonert also stated that Mental Health 708 budget may need to be increased in the future. Lauren McClain stated that she felt reconsideration for an increase in 708 is important as well. Schonert suggested 220K for mental health and he discussed a projected decline in bail bonds. Morgan mentioned that mental health also trickles down to the Sheriff's department. Schonert suggested \$292K for budget instead of \$150K. District 5 Morgan Henton made a motion to approve all county claims; 2023 Budget; 2023 Levy. District 1 Brian VanBlaricum seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Brian VanBlaricum (Yes), Morgan Henton (Yes), Dennis Graves (Yes), Steve Schonert (Yes), Travis Paddock (Yes) Shawn Rose (Yes), Cindy Given (Yes).

States Attorney's Report

Jury trials in January, working with everyone to get a plan in place.

Animal Control

Andrea with Animal Control thanked the board for the power washer. She also stated that out of 14 lights, only 3 ½ are working. She also stated that the drain issue is getting worse.

Sherriff's Report

Nothing to report

Highway Department Business

County Engineer Dan Colwell discussed the replacement of the 2006 model Ford F350 with a 2023 Ford F450 for a total of \$64,364.00 from ARPA Funds. The 2006 F350 will be approved for sale by sealed bid or auction after the new truck is entered into service. Brian made a motion to approve the purchase of F450. Travis Paddock seconded the motion. The motion was passed by vote: Brian VanBlaricum (Yes), Morgan Henton (Yes), Dennis Graves (Yes), Steve Schonert (Yes), Travis Paddock (Yes) Shawn Rose (Yes), Cindy Given (Yes).

Board Committee Reports

Nothing to report

Old Business

Morgan Henton stated that he thought the state provides cyber protection and further discussion is needed with Corey. Steve Schonert discussed ARPA funds and changed to include the F450 truck.

New Business

TB office stated that they are needing the Holiday schedule approved to continue scheduling appointments. John Clark stated that a Judge declared Holidays so there is not much anyone can do to change the days. Morgan stated that he wanted the wording changed from Spring Holiday to Good Friday. Amanda Troyer explained the Electric Energy Aggregate switching from Goodenergy to Constellation. Morgan Henton made a motion to accept Holiday schedule with the exception of Christmas Eve. Steve Schonert seconded the motion. The motion was passed by vote: Brian VanBlaricum (Yes), Morgan Henton (Yes), Dennis Graves (Yes), Steve Schonert (Yes), Travis Paddock (Yes) Shawn Rose (Yes), Cindy Given (Yes).

Executive Session

The motion to enter executive session to discuss negotiations was made by Steve Schonert then seconded by Morgan Henton. This passed unanimously with the board entering ES at 8:16 PM.
At 8:55 PM

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Brian and seconded by Travis Paddock. The meeting adjourned at 8:56

Amanda Troyer
County Clerk

Dennis Graves
County Board Chairman

