

Caldwell County Fiscal Court
March 15, 2024

Judge Executive Dakota Young called the meeting to order and led the pledge to the American Flag. Magistrate District 3, Brent Stallins led the opening prayer.

Roll Call was answered by:

Judge-Executive	Dakota Young	present
Magistrate District 1	Elbert Bennett	present
District 2	Jeff Boone	present
District 3	Brent Stallins	present
District 4	Jeff Simms	present
County Attorney	Roy Massey IV	present
Road Supervisor	David Waldrum	present
Treasurer	Kasey Oliver	present

Motion made by Boone to approve today's agenda. Second was made by Stallins. See attached.

Vote: yes, unanimous

Motion passed

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2024 regular meeting was made by Simms, second by Stallins.

Vote: yes, unanimous

Motion passed.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Motion to approve payment of Bond Anticipation Note – Series 2022B (tornado expense), was made by Boone. Second was made by Bennett. See attached. Motion

Vote: yes, unanimous

Motion passed.

Motion to approve 2023 Fee Settlement of Don Weedman, Caldwell County Sheriff, was made by Simms, with a second by Stallins. See attached.

Vote: yes, unanimous

Motion passed.

Boone made a motion to approve the Annual Order Setting Maximum Salaries submitted by County Clerk Hale. Second was made by Stallins. See attached.

Vote: yes, unanimous

Motion passed.

The court approved Hales Fee Office Budget submitted for 2024. Simms made a motion, with second by Stallins, to approve. See attached.

Vote: yes, unanimous

Motion passed.

Ordinance 03-15-2024-01- Budget Amendment #2

An amendment to increase the budget for 2024 receipts of the General Fund by \$220,160.02. This is due to receipts from the US Treasury, AOC Annex Repair, and Phase II HB 1 Jail Arraignment Equipment Grant. Motion to approve First Reading was made by Boone, second by Simms.

Ordinance 03-15-2024-02 – Establishing Licensure Requirements for Solar Energy Systems

Judge Young conducted first reading of the ordinance. This is to follow the statute to codify the requirements. Local board will be created to administer. Motion to approve made by Boone, second by Stallins.

The roll call vote by Clerk Hale was answered as follows:

Judge-Executive	Dakota Young	yes
Magistrate District 1	Elbert Bennett	yes
District 2	Jeff Boone	yes
District 3	Brent Stallins	yes
District 4	Jeff Simms	yes

Vote: yes, unanimous Motion passed.

Ordinance 03-15-2024-03 Policies and Procedures – Animal Shelter: Second Reading

Motion made by Stallins, second by Boone.

Vote: yes, unanimous Motion passed.

The Road Committee report concerning Wildwood Point was presented to the court, pursuant to Ordinance 03-23-99. Serita Jagers and Kelsey Crisp (residents) again questioned the Road Committee's recommendation to not add it to the County road system. Committee Chairman addressed their concerns. Jagers and Crisp asserted that no other road had ever been rejected by the court. Simms stated that this court could not be held responsible for actions taken by previous courts, but that this court intended to uphold the ordinance. Judge Young thanked the citizens for voicing their concerns. No further action was taken.

Motion to authorize Treasurers Transfers was made by Bennett, second by Stallins.

Vote: yes, unanimous Motion passed.

Motion to pay bills as presented made by Boone, second by Simms. See attached.

Vote: yes, unanimous Motion passed.

Kevin Lane presented an award to Miranda Johntry, employee at the County Animal Shelter for going above and beyond duty by rescuing a dog while not on duty at work.

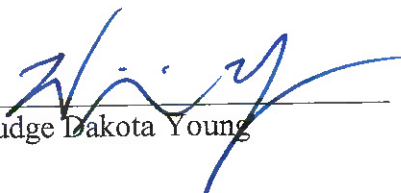
County Clerk Hale informed the public of the use of the Butler Gym as a new location for a Vote Center in the May primary election. She added that all polling places are considered Vote Centers now with the addition of the Print on Demand printers awarded to the county through a state grant. Any voter can vote at Butler Gym; Crossroads Christian Church; Donaldson Baptist Church; and the Fredonia Lions Club. This move was necessary due to the former Vote Center, Southside Lifecenter, being unavailable for early voting this year.

Early Excused absentee voting will take place 5/8, 5/9, 5/10, 5/13, 5/14, and 5/15 in the clerks office from 8:00am to 4:00pm in the clerk's office. Early no-excuse absentee voting will take place 5/16 and 5/17 from 8:00 to 4:00; and 10:00 to 6:00pm on 5/18. Election day is 5/21; polls open at 6:00am and close at 6:00pm.

Sheriff Weedman addressed the problem of dumping in the county, and urged citizens to stop, for they will be prosecuted. Judge Young stated that he is working on a solution for the loss of the county's processing power at the Recycling Center.

Judge Young announced the court's next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 26, 2024. Paperwork is to be turned in by Friday, March 22, 2024, by noon.

Motion made by Boone and second by Stallins to be adjourned.
Court adjourned.



Judge Dakota Young