******September 17, 2025 ******

The Board of County Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, September 17, 2025. Commissioner Culbertson; Commissioner Reid, Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Dove are present; Commissioner Stieben is present by phone; Also present: Mark Loughry, County Administrator; Misty Brown, County Counselor; Bill Noll, Infrastructure and Construction Services; Fran Keppler, County Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jessica Shockey-Donaldson and Tom Putthoff commented.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Smith spoke about funds to the Port Authority.

Fran Keppler updated the Board on voter registration.

Commissioner Dove visited with Farm Bureau and they will notify the Board when their meetings are held.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Dove to accept the consent agenda for Wednesday, September 17, 2025 as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Bill Noll requested approval of an agreement with KDOT for an Innovative Technologies Program grant for the purchase of a laser cleaning machine.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Reid to approve the agreement with KDOT for Innovative Technologies Program grant for project 52C-5380-01 for the purchase of a laser cleaning machine.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Noll requested approval of the purchase of a roadside boom mower tractor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Reid to approve the purchase of a roadside boom mower tractor from Heritage Tractor in the amount of \$210,154.00.

Motion passed, 5-0.

Mr. Noll presented a revised 5-year capital improvement plan.

Commissioner Stieben ended his phone participation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve a revised 5-year capital improvement plan for road and bridge improvement projects.

Motion passed, 4-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to set aside the participatory dust abatement projects for 1 year.

Motion passed, 3-1 Commissioner Reid voting nay.

Mr. Noll requested approval of a contract for the replacement of bridge T-50.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reid and seconded by Commissioner Dove to approve the design and construction engineering contract with Finney and Turnipseed for the replacement of bridge T-50 located on Stranger Road.

Motion passed, 4-0.

Mr. Noll presented the IKE transportation program.

It was the consensus of the Board to support the projects presented.

Commissioner Reid spoke about voter turnout.

Commissioner Dove addressed the port-a-potty rental for the Veteran's Day Parade.

Mark Loughry indicated he has reached out to the committee to get a definite price amount.

A motion was made by Commissioner Culbertson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to adjourn.

Motion passed, 4-0.

The Board adjourned at 10:08 a.m.