



BOARD AGENDA
BOARD OF WRIGHT COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
Monday, August 26, 2024

Tina Diedrick, District 1
Derek Vetsch, District 2
Jeanne Holland, District 3
Nadine Schoen, District 4
Michael Kaczmarek, District 5

- I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- II. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- III. TIMED AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. Designate a Temporary Qualified Newspaper for Periods when the County's Official Newspaper Does Not Meet the Criteria of a Qualified Newspaper Under State Statute.
- IV. ADJOURNMENT

Destination and Workflow

Meeting Type: *

Board Meeting

Requestor Name

Clay Wilfahrt

Requestor Title

Assistant County Administrator

Department (please use dropdown to select department) *

ADMINISTRATION

Target Meeting Date *

8/26/2024 8:30 AM – Board of Wright County
Commissioners

Agenda Item Type

☒ RFBA ☐ Minutes Submission ☐ Warrants Submission

Target Section

☐ Consent Agenda ☐ Timed Agenda
☒ Item for Consideration

Originator

CTW4081

Item Details

Board Action Requested (this is what will appear on the Agenda) *

Designate a Temporary Qualified Newspaper for Periods when the County's Official Newspaper Does Not Meet the Criteria of a Qualified Newspaper Under State Statute.

Short Title (what will appear on Agenda outline – 250 character max.) *

Designate a temporary qualified newspaper for periods when the County's Official Newspaper does not meet the criteria of a qualified newspaper under state statute.

Value Stream the request primarily aligns with:

Optimize Civic Engagement

Briefly describe how the request aligns with the selected value stream.

The County needs to designate a newspaper in order to effectively notify the public.

Describe the impact on staffing resources.

None

Fiscal Impact:

There will be an increase in costs when the County is required to publish in the Monticello Times.

Background/Justification:

In January 2023, the County conducted a bid process for its public notices and approved of an official newspaper. At that time, three entities submitted bids, the Delano Herald Journal, the Herald Journal (Howard Lake), and the Monticello Times. The County Board selected the Delano Herald Journal as its official newspaper effective through the end of 2025.

As of this week, both Herald Journal newspapers have indicated that they are going to publish on-line only editions on August 30th 2024. According to our legal counsel, the newspapers would not meet the criteria of a qualified newspaper under statute if they don't publish a print version, and therefore some notices published would not meet statutory notification requirements. The County has some notices that need to be published in the August 30th edition to remain in compliance with statutes.

Staff is asking the Board to appoint the other bidder from the January 2023 bid process, the Monticello Times, as a temporary qualified newspaper during times when the current official newspaper does not meet the criteria of a qualified newspaper under state statute. This designation will be effective for the duration of the current three-year agreement. This will allow staff to publish notices in the Monticello times for the August 30th edition, and subsequent editions the Delano Herald Journal does not publish in print.

Route for Review and Approval

☐ County
Administrator

☐ Assistant
County
Administrator

☐ Finance
Review

☐ Legal Review

☐ Risk Mgmt
Review

☐ Skip Workflow

Agenda Item Attachments (0)

Document Name

Attachment Type

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RFBA Review

Assistant County Administrator Review

Assistant County Administrator Decision

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