

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS  
APRIL 9, 2018  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the April meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on April 9, 2018 in the Commissioners' room at 811 Washington, Concordia, Kansas with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Bill Czapanskiy and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Shella Thoman present.

County staff attending was: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director; Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator; Henry Eilert, Maintenance Manager; JoDee LeDuc, County Treasurer; Jerry Collins, IT Director; Barry Porter, County Appraiser; and Jana Roush, Register of Deeds.

Others attending: Tyler Husa, River Valley Extension District; Bruce Graham, CCCC; Mike Gallagher; Angela Bates, Miltonvale Rural Fire District #3 Treasurer; Dan Huff, Callabresi Heating & Cooling, Inc.; Allie Devine, Devine & Donley, LLC; Dennis McAlister, Craig McAlister, Charles Johnson, Norman Johnson, Mikel Henning, Loren Pounds, Garry Pounds, John Cooper, Jewell Naumann, Matthew Martin, Tim Bonneau, Don Bonneau, Marvin & Avis Henning, Mary Margaret Tholstrup, Evonne Moe, Roberta Champlin, Loren Koester, Charles Sjogren, Lorin Schmidt, Steve Schmidt, Blane Schmidt, Karen Spear, Billy Spear, Dorothy Spear, Lance Lagasse, Kerry Henning, Gail Cyr, James Dwyer, David Spear, Justin Schmidt, Lyle Davidson, Ashley Hutchinson, Stacey Forshee, Jeremy Hacker, Galen Deneault, Mike Stein, Brian Berndt, John Peckham, Cy Schmidt, Brian Larsen, Fred Larsen, Alan Snyder, A Jeanette Bergeson, Judy Reedy, Jerry Sorell, Kent Studt, Richard Tensley, Marcia Samples, W.A. Adams, Charles Wilson, Gail Engle, Gary Krier, Darin Gronewoller, Allyn File, Larry LeDuc, Brad Nelson, Michelle Graham, Richard Weaver, Keith Portenier, Brent Halepeska, Deb Halepeska, Joe Reedy, Mike Blochlinger, Jarry & Marcia Jensen, Amy Lange, Quentin Breese.

Mike Gallagher discussed the closing of river access on the north side of the River Bridge and asked if the Board would be supportive of trying to re-open the area. He has been in contact with KDOT, who has ownership of the property. The Board could see the benefits however would like more information on why it was closed to begin with.

Angie Bates, Miltonvale Rural Fire District #3 Treasurer discussed the procedure to appoint and remove Board Members. The Board will discuss the procedure with County Attorney Robert Walsh.

Department Head Meeting – 9:21 – 10:08 a.m.

JoDee LeDuc, County Treasurer – Routine business

Jana Roush, County Register of Deeds – Routine Business

Henry Eilert, Maintenance Manager – Fire alarms were checked, 1 was replaced, routine repairs and the water meter to the chiller was installed.

Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator – Jennifer Giersch and herself are certified to provide vision screens that are part of Kindergarten and Kan-Be Healthy exams. WIC is going to an Ecard. Two employees attended the Governor’s Conference last week.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser – Friday is the last day to submit applications for the Data Collector position. Value hearings are taking place but are mild this year.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator – Ditch work, bridge repairs, finished interviews for an open position. State inspection for Noxious Weed happened last week with no errors.

Jerry Collins, IT Director – Working on switching the Sheriff’s Office server.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director – Transfer Station is busy with City Clean ups. Recycling prices are dropping.

Tyler Husa, River Valley Extension District – 4-H Hazardous Occupation (Tractor Safety) class will be May 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 – 4:30 at Concordia Tractor, Inc. June 6<sup>th</sup> will be the wheat plot set with a meal and tour of Polansky’s in the evening.

Shella Thoman, County Clerk - Filing deadline for offices on the 2018 ballot will be noon on June 1<sup>st</sup> and discussed the budget information sent to departments.

Bill Garrison, County Commissioner – The Board attended the NCK Highway Officials Association meeting on Wednesday, it was a very good meeting.

Also discussed was the procedures of budgeting wages for 2019 and where to obtain comparisons and the County leave policy requiring terminating employees to give a written 2 week notice to receive leave time pay out.

Bruce Graham, Cloud County Community College (CCCC) discussed the Wind Farm Grant application submitted by his department. The Wind Farm industry is rapidly growing. CCCC had 48 new students enrolled in the Windfarm program by June of 2017, 15 additional students enrolled before classes began for the current year. Currently there are 98 new students to begin in the Fall of 2018. CCCC is the top school for the Wind Farm program and more space and equipment is needed.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser presented materials that he would be reviewing at the 11:00 meeting.

Danny Huff, Callabresi Heating & Cooling, Inc dropped off information about Knipp Services, Inc. out of Wichita regarding the Law Enforcement Center.

The Board hosted approximately 74 people to discuss how farm land values are established. Barry Porter, County Appraiser, Elaine Bowers, Kansas Senator – 36<sup>th</sup> District and Allie Devine, Devine & Donley, LLC discussed several handouts including Commonly asked questions about agricultural land Value in Kansas and Dryland Procedures & Sources. Porter explained that the Director of the Division of Property Valuation is required to make a determination of agricultural land values annually and land is valued using an eight-year average of the landlord share of net income, he described the responsibilities of the County Appraiser, reported currently the 8-year average is based on 2009-2016 and that the value is not affected by land sales. Allie Devine included that the appraisal is done by mass, not individually, the Kansas Constitution deems the land is based upon use value, explained land types and the methodology for land value.

The Board recognized the resignation of Kyle Newville, Corrections Officer effective March 31, 2018.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved reclassifying Mitchell McMillan from a part-time Corrections Officer to full-time from \$10.50 to \$13.37 an hour.

Sales tax received March 26, 2018 totaled \$63,152.90 compared to the prior year totaling \$53,127.41. The Board reviewed the Composition of Cash Balances and Investments report and Fund Status report as of March 31, 2018 totaling \$9,501,354.48.

The Board approved the following payroll expenses totaling \$140,892.40

General Fund – \$77,534.45	Road & Bridge – \$40,457.98
Appraisal - \$3,745.44	County Health - \$12,944.54
Noxious Weed - \$511.54	Election - \$1,392.18
Solid Waste - \$4,306.27	

Payroll Deductions & Benefits - \$59,287.64

The Board attended the NCK Highway Officials meeting on Wednesday April 4<sup>th</sup>.

On a motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatement 2018-72 totaling \$7,817.06.

On a motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved the minutes as presented.

The Board adjourned at 1:03 p.m., until Monday April 16, 2018.