

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
JANUARY 14, 2019
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the January meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on January 14, 2019 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; Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator; Barry Porter, County Appraiser; Henry Eilert, Maintenance Manager; JoDee LeDuc, Treasurer; Jerry Collins, IT Director; Jana Roush, Register of Deeds; Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk; Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director; and Eric Voss, Emergency Preparedness.

Others attending: Greg Carter (by phone); Ryan Weber and Ron Madison, Coughlin Company

The Board received a call from Greg Carter from Neosho County regarding the County's Windfarm. Carter asked if they would be willing to share the good and bad in writing and send it to him, Commissioner Caspers will prepare a letter.

Department head – 9:19 – 9:46 a.m.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director – Routine business, Transfer Station is very muddy due to the weather, interlocal agreement signed from Republic County.

Jerry Collins, IT Director – Fixing problem areas, asked that everyone review the phone list so that it's up to date, contact immediately for new and departing employees so that authorities can be removed, computers will be updated to a 30-day password change, all Windows 7 computers will be changed out this year.

Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk – Introduced herself.

JoDee LeDuc, Treasurer – Tax distribution completed, just over \$11 million distributed. Collected 60% of taxes to date.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator – Continuing working on roads, snow removal, getting price comparisons for Ames/Miltonvale road.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser – Shared a spreadsheet showing the change in ag values, values will increase but not as much as the prior year. Approximately 30 – 35 payment under protest hearings to date.

Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator – Roof issues continue from the snow, shoveled the roof clean on Sunday afternoon to decrease problems. Flu shots are still available, working on grants that are due this week. Milk and Cookies group will meet on January 22nd.

Henry Eilert, Maintenance Manager – Servicing air handlers and routine business.

Jana Roush, Register of Deeds – Fees will remain the same for 2019. Zero mortgage registration fees.

Shella Thoman, County Clerk - Biometric time clocks are planned to be installed in the Courthouse, Health department and Law Enforcement Center this week. Discussed ideas of birthday cards or a catalog for employee appreciation. County offices will be closed on Monday for the final day of the food bank challenge, in the event an office needs to work it will not be holiday pay and the time will be used at a later time.

Bill Czapskiy, Commissioner – Took the Oath of office this morning for the new term and has enjoyed working with all the department heads. Food bank is anticipating an influx if the government shut down continues, received permission to use Wind farm funds to assist if needed.

Department heads extended appreciation of the pay increases given to County employees.

Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator discussed beginning the process for a NCRPC grant.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director presented the Solid Waste disposal interlocal agreement with Republic County to be approved. On a motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Czapskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved the Solid Waste disposal interlocal agreement between Cloud County and Republic County for 2019 at a cost of \$66.02 per ton, plus Republic County's share of the fuel compensation cost.

Eric Voss, Emergency Preparedness reported that the State did not qualify for any FEMA funds from last years blizzard, employees can come to the City building January 22nd prior to the LEPC meeting at noon to have employee badges printed, he is working on the State Grant and discussed ideas on how the County can use Textcaster.

Henry Eilert, Maintenance Manager presented a proposal for water treatment recommendations from ChemTreat. The Board asked Eilert to discuss the service with others that are using the company.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator along with Ryan Weber and Ron Madison, Coughlin Company discussed the work done on Union Road and possible work to the Ames/Miltonvale blacktop. Asch will be sending bids out for a replacement low boy.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 2019-1 designating all Cloud County banks of depositories for public money.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 2019-2 concerning waiver of generally accepted accounting principles.

On a motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 2019-3 designating the Concordia Blade-Empire the Official County Newspaper.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved renewing the contract with Gerald Collins as the County Informational Technology (IT) Director at an hour rate of \$16.72.

On a motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved reappointing Gary Caspers as Chairman for 2019.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the Real property relief application for the 2018 tax year for Alan Johnson and Lesli Martin for property destroyed by fire at 428 East 11th.

Cloud County Offices will be closed on Monday January 21st.

The Board approved the following payroll expenses totaling \$158,337.57

General Fund – \$87,624.82	Road & Bridge – \$42,231.22
Appraisal - \$5,109.82	County Health - \$15,596.69
Noxious Weed - \$1,676.46	Election - \$1,461.92
Solid Waste - \$4,636.64	

Payroll Deductions & Benefits - \$68,462.87

The above expense detail is available at the County Clerk's office.

Commissioner Czapanskiy attended the Cloud County Resource Council meeting on Wednesday January 9th and the Chemical Dependency Committee meeting on Friday January 11th.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements 2019-26 totaling \$9.58.

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

On a motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 12:55 p.m., until Tuesday, January 22, 2019.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Shella Thoman, County Clerk