

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
FEBRUARY 25, 2019
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the February meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on February 25, 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: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; and Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director.

Others attending: Susie Haver, Cloud County Tourism Director.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney reported after researching Attorney General Opinions, the County of Lincoln vs Nielander case and KSA 19-805 it was in his opinion that the Board would need to create a full-time nurse position at the Law Enforcement Center for a classification change to occur. Elected Officials and Department heads must follow the County pay plan that is passed each year.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a classification change and utility permit, reported graders went out at or before 4:00 a.m. on Sunday to clear County roads and trucks went out at 6:00. Commissioner Czapanskiy requested that the road south of the catholic cemetery be looked at for possible repairs. Asch will be attending the Annual Weed Conference next week in Manhattan.

On a motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved the wage change for Richard Stromberg, Equipment Operator, from \$14.44 to \$15.02 effective March 3, 2019 due to his introductory period ending.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board granted a utility permit for Northern Natural gas to install a pipeline .15 miles north of Hwy 24 on 240th Rd.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director reported that he visited with Saline County about the possibility of transferring Solid Waste to their facility. The Saline County facility does not have tippers, requiring Cloud County to purchase different trailers. Hake also reported that he had visited the Recycling Center in Abilene and would like to build bins similar to theirs. The Board did not see a problem with the bins.

Susie Haver, Cloud County Tourism Director presented committee placements to be approved. On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the appointments of Jeannine Branfort (Clyde Hotel), Scott Seifert (Clyde Chamber), Betsy Reed (Kansas Creek Inn) and John

Paul Breault (Brown Grand Theatre) to fill terms through December 31, 2021 and Lyle Pounds to fill the unexpired term of Florence Girard (Cloud County Historical Society Museum). Haver also presented a 2018 year in review. The Tourism gift shop had total sales of \$12,473.45. There were 43 group tours in 2018 totaling 936 visitors, group tours are a guided tour. Additionally, there were 113 small tour arrangements including 415 visitors generating 68 overnight stays from 16 states and Canada. One tour from Colorado involved arrangements for the Courtesy Car at the Airport. The Center had 5,312 visitors and is one of twenty-two community travel information centers approved by Kansas Wildlife, Parks & Tourism. The Committee approved 13 grants for events and marketing/attraction development. Twenty businesses and organizations borrowed tables, chairs, public address systems, projector and screen. They participated in over 3 promotional events or programs and participated in 19 events. Marketing endeavors included billboards on US 81 and US 36 and 2 on I70, and print ads in 20 regional and national publications. In addition to Susie Haver Tourism staffs two part-time employees and welcomes volunteers to help in a variety of ways.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 2019-5 voiding check #206012 on January 22, 2018 in the amount of \$20.00 to Rachel Jane Dalton and Wire #1428 on February 11, 2019 in the amount of \$844.10 to AFLAC as the check/wire were not received by the vendor.

The Board requests that Department Heads turn in their 2020 preliminary budget by April 1st.

The Board approved the following payroll expenses totaling \$156,704.61

General Fund – \$85,430.12	Road & Bridge – \$42,003.59
Appraisal - \$5,082.94	County Health - \$16,462.69
Noxious Weed - \$1,676.46	Election - \$1,461.92
Solid Waste - \$4,586.98	

Payroll Deductions & Benefits - \$192,124.32

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

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Transfer 2018-0225-1, 2019-0225-2 and 2019-0225-3 debiting County General/Jail/Commodities, and crediting County General/Sheriff/Commodities \$2,185.38 to fix fund on Check #208570 to Duis Meat Processing, check #208545 to Bob Barker Company Inc. and Check #208572 to F&A Food Sales, Inc.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements 2019-73 thru 2019-78 totaling \$1,328.14.

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 11:15 a.m., until Monday, March 4, 2019.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Gary Caspers, Chairman

Bill Czapanskiy, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Bill Garrison, Member