

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2019  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the September meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 23, 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; Jana Roush, Register of Deeds; Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director; Robert Walsh, County Attorney; and Jerry Collins, IT Director.

Others Attending: Charles Lindberg; Judge Kim Cudney; Joe Detrixhe; Loren Schmidt; Catherine Newland; and Florence Girard.

JoDee LeDuc, Treasurer presented the Composition of Cash Balances and Investments report and Fund Status report as of July 31, 2019 totaling \$11,961,977.30.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney and Judge Kim Cudney discussed the necessity of moving the County Attorney's office from the District Court server to the County server and possible internet charges to the District Court.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director reported that the Transfer Station road had repairs made on Friday with a possibility of additional spots that might need concrete. Discussed procedures of a contractor behind on payments to the County. Reported that the Recycling Center hours will change on September 30<sup>th</sup> to 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Inquired about a piece of land owned by the County on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported that the work on 11<sup>th</sup> street was finished up today by the Contractor and the County would finish sealing the remaining of the day and Tuesday, discussed white line striping on Union Road, were spraying and will attend the CAT Care workshop on Thursday at the Fairgrounds.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Contract for Preliminary Engineering Design Services for Project 15 C-4966-01.

Asch, Joe Detrixhe, Loren Schmidt, Catherine Newland, and Florence Girard discussed the future of the Pott's Ford Bridge south of Glasco. The group presented a signed petition to take necessary action to insure the beauty and integrity of one of the county's oldest bridges. Suggested steps: Utilizing an appropriate barrier, restrict vehicles weighing more than the posted limit for accessing the bridge. Eliminate woody vegetation from growing near and under the bridge. Work with the citizens of Cloud County to restore the physical beauty and integrity of the bridge and approaches. The

Pott's Ford bridge was placed on the National list of Historic Places in January 1990. Asch reported that a height limitation would be set and that heavier traffic had access to cross the Solomon River 1-mile east.

Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator reported that the air quality testing was completed. Bray was getting a quote for clean-up for 1 spot that was severe and a couple of minimal areas. Bray reported they were applying for a grant for bicycle safety and discussed purchasing the Health Department building and known items that would need immediate care.

Jerry Collins, IT Director discussed the Attorney's Office returning the County server, the history of why they were on the District Court server and the cost exchange between the two Departments. Collins reported that the County has 26 Computers and District Court has 24.

Jana Roush, Register of Deeds presented a history of Mortgage Registrations and Fees.

The Board recessed for 15 minutes at 12:05 p.m. to look at the work done on 11<sup>th</sup> Street.

The Courthouse House orphan train statue will be unveiled on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. The Statue is Paul Young Clithero, March 10, 1908 – July 5, 1963, Rider to Clyde, Kansas 1911. Paul Young arrived in Clyde, Kansas, at the age of two. The tiny lad with auburn hair and a freckled nose found a home with Boyd and Louise Clithero. In Concordia, the Clitheros owned a grocery store and the Keystone Apartments directly west of the Cloud County Courthouse. Young Paul quickly found a friend next door, Norman Lewis. The two boys made the news with their antics; they threw parties in the Barons House ballroom and attempted to canoe the Republican River. Paul attended Concordia High School and performed vocal solos for area clubs. The Clithero Family made automobile trips all over the United States. Paul served in the United States Navy aboard the U.S.S. Indiana during World War II. After leaving the Navy Paul was an insurance salesman. He married late in life and the couple had no children. Paul Clithero died in Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1964 and is buried there at the National Cemetery. The Statue will be placed on the front side of the Courthouse behind the Memorial ball looking toward Keystone Apartments. The Statue sponsored by the Cloud County Board of Commissioners made possible by the Meridian Way Wind Farm gift. The public is invited to attend the unveiling as part of the Fall Fest celebration. A reminder to citizens that the statues and benches are not to be stood, sat or played on.

The Board approved the following payroll expenses totaling \$160,895.05

General Fund – \$86,416.02	Road & Bridge – \$45,703.81
Appraisal - \$5,056.19	County Health - \$16,110.03
Noxious Weed - \$1,676.46	Election - \$1,470.32
Solid Waste - \$4,426.22	

Payroll Deductions & Benefits - \$103,595.01

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$238,056.49.

General Fund – \$54,067.79	Road & Bridge – \$112,688.19
Election - \$564.90	Juvenile Reinvestment - \$22.70
Juvenile Justice - \$514.58	Community Correc - \$445.12
Appraisal - \$639.13	County Health - \$12,528.58
Noxious Weed - \$26,154.23	Co Tourism & Convention - \$6,076.89
Solid Waste - \$22,986.36	Court Services - \$340.02
Employee Benefits - \$1,000.00	Vending Machines - \$28.00

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 hiring Shawn Russell Sprayberry as a part-time Corrections Officer at a rate of \$12.50 an hour effective September 23, 2019 to fill an open position.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the Chairman to sign the management Representation letter to the County Auditors, Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris, Chartered.

On a motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved the Request for Capital Outlay funds for the Sheriff / Jail in the amount of \$10,952.61 for additional parts, labor, and installation fees for camera system in the Law Enforcement Center.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved nominating Gary Caspers, North Central District; Stan McEvoy, Northwest District; Wayne Wilt, South Central District; and Rob Roberts, Southeast District for the KWORCC Board of Trustees.

Commissioner Caspers attended the CloudCorp Board meeting on Tuesday September 17<sup>th</sup> in Concordia, the Juvenile/Community Corrections Board meeting on Wednesday September 18<sup>th</sup> in Mankato and participated in the KWORCC Board of Trustees teleconference on Thursday September 19<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Czapanskiy attended the Cloud County Resource Council meeting on Wednesday September 18<sup>th</sup>.

On a motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements 2019-130 totaling \$248.50.

On a motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved the September 9, 2019 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 1:00 p.m., until Monday September 30, 2019.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

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Gary Caspers, Chairman

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Bill Czapanskiy, Member

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Shella Thoman, County Clerk

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Bill Garrison, Member