

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
FEBRUARY 10, 2020
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 10, 2020 in the Commissioners' room at 811 Washington, Concordia, Kansas with Chairman Bill Czapanskiy, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Shella Thoman present.

County staff attending was: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Rob Walsh, County Attorney; JoDee LeDuc, County Treasurer; Barry Porter, County Appraiser; Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator; Henry Eilert, Maintenance Manager; Jerry Collins, IT Director; Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director; and Dawn Synder, JJA / Community Corrections Assistant Director.

Others attending: Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk; Brad Berk, Public Building Commission Committee; Brett Melton, River Valley Extension District; and Dustin Avey, Piper Jaffray & Co.

Rob Walsh, County Attorney requested to use diversion funds. \$1,500 would be used for the Cloud County Sheriff's deputies e-ticketing licensing software and \$1,500 to assist with the CASA / Hope's Place remodeling. Walsh reported that the KBI investigation is ongoing.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director requested a classification change.

On a motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the classification change for William W. Strait from Recycling Sorter at a rate of \$14.94 an hour to Equipment Operator at a rate of \$15.52 an hour effective February 3, 2020.

Department Head Meeting – 9:15 – 10:22 a.m.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director – Routine business at the Recycling Center and Transfer Station.

Dawn Synder, JJA / Community Corrections Assistant Director – Possible changes in the Department they work under from the state, submitting grant applications.

Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk – Trial scheduled for February 20 – 21st. Working on 1st appearances by video with the Law Enforcement Center, reducing the cost of transportation and staff to the Courthouse. April 7th and 8th the Supreme Court will hold session at the Concordia High School, the public is encouraged to observe. A robing ceremony and the swearing in of Regine Thompson as District Magistrate Judge in Republic County will be February 28th.

Jerry Collins, IT Director – Set up a new page for the District Sanitarian on the County website. Switching anti-virus.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator – Tree work, filling potholes, snow removal, back to full staff. 1st of April work will begin on 260th Road (Ames/Miltonvale road). Looking for approximately 5 acres to use for storage of product.

Barry Porter, Appraiser – Grassland increased 9%, 10% previous year. Values for ag will be mailed about the end of the month.

Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator – Last 3 of 6 new units (out of possible 11) have been installed and can tell a difference inside the building. Working on stop the bleed kits, discussed immunization cooler, flu shots are still available.

Brett Melton, River Valley Extension – Farm bill elections, meeting with producers, new Crop Agent Rebecca Zach has started.

Henry Eilert, Maintenance Manager – Fixed an air handler on the 1st floor, painting touch ups and painted the maintenance office, inventory complete, ice & snow removal, testing generator.

JoDee LeDuc, County Treasurer – Last month for heavy & commercial trucks and last names with the letter A.

Shella Thoman, County Clerk – Filing deadline for the 2020 election is June 1st at noon. All County offices are on the ballot, except for Commission District 1 (Bill Czapanskiy).

Gary Caspers, Commissioner – Discussed the quotes for security camera's in the Courthouse. Majority of the staff believes it is important and the monitor should be in an office that is staffed continuously.

Bill Czapanskiy, Commissioner – Discussed the rebonding of the Law Enforcement Center bonds. Rebonding is being discussed to reduce the interest paid and nothing to do with the ongoing KBI investigation

Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator discussed lights and monitors of the immunization coolers and an upcoming tuberculosis class she'd be attending.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the contract of employment with Dr. Dorothy Breault as Cloud County Health Department Health Medical Director beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020 at a rate of \$126.00 per pay period.

Dustin Avey, Piper Jaffray & Co (by phone conference) discussed the Law Enforcement bonds. Avey reported that the rates came in more favorable than expected and the expenses

were originally underestimated however the savings are \$225,000 over the original estimate. Complete repayment will continue to be no earlier than October 2022. The current payment is \$370,000 with a 2042 mature date. Rebonding with no money down would result in a payment of \$435,000 with a 2035 mature date. Rebonding with a \$1,000,000 down would result in a payment of \$360,000 with a 2035 maturity date. (Amounts rounded.)

On a motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month Proclamation designated February 2020 as the Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month and urging citizens to recognize and assist all those who serve the rights and needs of victims of teen dating violence.

Commissioner Caspers attended the CloudCorp Annual Luncheon on Tuesday February 4th. Commissioner Garrison and Czapanskiy attended the Soil Conservation District Annual meeting on Thursday February 6th.

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Quarterly Publication report as of January 31, 2020 totaling \$12,522,544.83.

Sales tax received January 27, 2020 totaled \$61,099.80 compared to the prior year totaling \$63,448.31.

The Board approved the following payroll expenses totaling \$156,762.89

General Fund – \$81,615.78	Road & Bridge – \$46,073.87
Appraisal - \$5,220.53	County Health - \$16,038.76
Noxious Weed - \$1,726.46	Election - \$1,551.32
Solid Waste - \$4,536.17	

Payroll Deductions & Benefits - \$66,027.55

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

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements 2020-39 thru 2020-45 totaling \$434.62.

On a motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the February 3, 2020 minutes with a correction to read: On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved to extend the executive session another 5-minutes to end at 10:52.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 12:33 p.m., until Tuesday February 18, 2020.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Bill Czapanskiy, Chairman

Gary Caspers, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Bill Garrison, Member