

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
FEBRUARY 24, 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 24, 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; Barry Porter, County Appraiser; Brian Marks, Sheriff; Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator; and James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director.

Others attending: Kim Reynolds, CloudCorp Director; Garth Hermann, Gilmore Bell; Charles Johnson, Brad Berk and Josh Meyer, Public Building Commission; Jon Halbgewachs, Kirkham Michael; and Toby Nosker, KNCK.

Garth Hermann, Gilmore Bell answered questions on refinancing the Law Enforcement Center Series 2012 bonds. Refinancing of the Law Enforcement Center (LEC) bonds is not related to the ongoing KBI investigation at the LEC, but to reduce the over all cost of the Center. Bond payments will be approximately the same as currently being paid, a decrease of interest rates and a \$1,000,000 applied to the 2020 refinance the projected pay off decreased from the year of 2042 to 2035.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 2020-6 authorizing the County to enter into a supplemental lease with the Cloud County, Kansas, Public Building Commission; and authorized the execution thereof and certain related documents in connection with the issuance by the public building commission of its taxable refunding revenue bonds, Series 2020.

Bond documents were signed by the Board and attested by the Clerk.

Brian Marks, Sheriff discussed the 2018 resolution relating to burning in Cloud County.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator and Jon Halbgewachs, Kirkham Michael discussed preparing options for replacement of the UP bridge and the Kansas Department of Transportation cost share program. This first step is estimated to cost \$13,500. Asch reported that the County would be receiving \$85,084.69 from the Federal Fund Share program and is still considering the purchase of the skid steer with the tree attachment and discussed the cost of a replacement Low Boy. Asch asked about the Counties policy relating to employees and volunteer firefighting.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the request and petition for Twin Valley Telephone, Miltonvale

Kansas with plans to place a fiber optic line for .2 of a mile going north from Bell on 120th, and going east of 120th .8 of a mile on Bell and from 679 N 65th Rd go south .3 of a mile on 65th Rd.

Kim Reynolds, CloudCorp Director and Barry Porter, County Appraiser discussed renewing the Neighborhood Revitalization Program that expires at the end of the year. The current program was renewed for 3 years when first set up it was a 5 year program. Reynolds asked if there was any objection to renew for 5 years if that was still an option. Reynolds reported that since 2010, 130 applications have been received for the program, 99 qualified, 21 were in progress or not yet valued and 10 did not qualify. Total increased value for the 99 qualifying projects is \$12,282,690. The program has a \$200 fee and the value must increase \$20,000 to qualify. If accepted the annual rebates of taxes paid on the incremental value of the new investment are 95%, 70%, 60%, 50%, & 20%, respectively from the participating taxing entities.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved moving forward with the renewal of the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan for 3 – 5 years to best suit the County.

Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator discussed the replacement monitors for the Immunization coolers and the possible new Childcare Licensing position.

The Board discussed upcoming meetings with James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Elsie K Feight as a part-time Corrections Officer at a intro wage of \$13.00 an hour effective February 29, 2020.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Transfer 2020-224-1 debiting County General/ General Expenses – Contract Services and crediting County General/District Court – Contract Services \$250.42 to fix fund on Check 210924.

The Board approved the following payroll expenses totaling \$154,255.75

General Fund – \$80,703.62	Road & Bridge – \$43,959.75
Appraisal - \$5,241.02	County Health - \$16,594.86
Noxious Weed - \$1,726.46	Election - \$1,499.42
Solid Waste - \$4,530.62	

Payroll Deductions & Benefits - \$183,497.71

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

Commissioner Caspers attended the Juvenile Detention Committee on Wednesday February 19th in Junction City and KWORCC Board of Trustees meeting in Topeka on Thursday February 20th.

On a motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the February 18, 2020 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 1:12 p.m., until Monday March 2, 2020.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Bill Czapanskiy, Chairman

Gary Caspers, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Bill Garrison, Member