

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS  
MAY 4, 2020  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the May meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on May 4, 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: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director; Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator; Wanda Backstrom, JJA / Community Corrections Director (by Zoom); and James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director

Others attending by Zoom: Kathy Coleman; Dawn Snyder; Dr. Dorothy Breault; Toby Nosker; Kris Price; and James Lowell.

Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator discussed the Health Order restricting public gatherings and closing of dine-in operations. The order requires dine-in facilities to place tables six feet apart, limits table patrons to 10 or under, and does not allow any self-service food or beverages in any business. Residents should wear a mask, should not go out with people outside their family unit and practice hand sanitizing. 76 individuals have been tested with no new positives (4 positives to date). With proper PPE the Recycling Center is okay to reopen.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director presented the delinquent Solid Waste report for approval, delinquent property fees will be added to tax statements in the fall, the recommendation of the Board was to purchase the new loader from who could get it here the soonest to limit the cost of a rental. Hake will contact Foley Equipment. The Recycling Center will open beginning Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> but will not be open Saturdays.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the Solid Waste Delinquent Report totaling \$24,084.00 including fees.

On a motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved an executive session to discuss acquisition of property including Hake and Thoman to end at 9:37 a.m.

Wanda Backstrom, JJA / Community Corrections Director (by Zoom) discussed installing plexiglass in her reception areas. She will get cost quotes.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported that work reinforcing the east end of the U.P. Bridge would begin this week and take approximately 2 weeks. The 1<sup>st</sup> round of sealing was completed on the Ames/Miltonvale Road, another round will be done later, while some

repairs are needed the road is open. Cold mix production will start later in the week. Chemical sales are picking up; residents are calling in what they need, and it is ready for them when they arrive for pick up.

On a motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel including Asch, to end at 10:30 a.m.

The Board discussed preparation of opening the Courthouse. A Courthouse Departmental meeting would be planned for some time this week.

The Board discussed distribution of Windfarm funds. Primary discussions included ways to help area businesses due to the COVID-19 pandemic, aside from In the Cloud Grants, and assistance for the Cloud County Health Center project.

James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director reported that the County would not be receiving the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) as the State is not allowing any new Counties in the program (Cloud County has not applied for several years) as they are too busy with the pandemic. Quillen and Thoman discussed using the new Ver-Mac Message Board to get out a variety of messages and congratulations to Cloud County Seniors in the next few weeks and possibly using it for a birthday greeting in exchange for a donation to the Food Bank, Museum, Tourism, etc.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Garrett A. Kimminau as a full-time Corrections Officer at an hourly rate of \$15.12 effective April 20, 2020.

The Board reviewed a proclamation presented by Pawnee Mental Health to proclaim May as Mental Health Month. Mental Health Month calls upon the businesses, schools, government agencies, healthcare providers, organizations and citizens of Cloud County to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, its relationship to a strong, vibrant community, the steps our citizens can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental health conditions.

On a motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board proclaimed May 2020 as Mental Health Month.

The Board reviewed and approved Gary Caspers, Cloud County Commissioners; Brandi Hake, Judiciary; Chuck Lambertz, City of Concordia; Jennifer O'Hare, Lincoln County; Jenny Parker, County Commissioners; Anthony Perez, Sheriff; Keith Roe, Jewell Commissioners; and Katie Schroeder, Juvenile Defense Attorney as representatives for the Community Corrections /Juvenile Services Board for the term July 1, 2020 through June 20, 2022.

On a motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 2020-14 confirming the members of the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Juvenile / Community Corrections Advisory Board.

The Board received a request for \$4,000 for the 2021 budget from the Concordia Senior Center to supplement the wages of the Centers nutrition staff. The request will be considered when preparing the 2021 budget. Budget requests should be submitted before the end of May.

The Board recognized the resignation of Ralphael Williams effective May 1, 2020.

The Board approved the following payroll expenses totaling \$152,471.74

General Fund – \$79,632.35	Road & Bridge – \$43,570.53
Appraisal - \$5,216.77	County Health - \$16,349.04
Noxious Weed - \$1,726.46	Election - \$1,499.42
Solid Waste - \$4,477.17	

Payroll Deductions & Benefits - \$64,665.43

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

Commissioner Caspers & Czapanskiy participated in the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting by Zoom.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the April 27, 2020 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 12:15 p.m., until Monday May 11, 2020.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

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Bill Czapanskiy, Chairman

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Gary Caspers, Member

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Shella Thoman, County Clerk

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Bill Garrison, Member