

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
AUGUST 10, 2020
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the August meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 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; Barry Porter, County Appraiser; Jerry Collins, IT Director; Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator; and James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director.

Others attending: Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk; Toby Nosker, KNCK; Chris Morris and Rorik Peterson, EDP Renewables; Amy Lange, Concordia City Manager.

Department Head – 9:15 – 10:02 a.m.

Jerry Collins, IT Director – Setting up new computers.

James Quillen, Emergency Management Director – Reimbursement from the 6/26 storms is unlikely, water damage to homes in Glasco, direct aid and reimbursements for Corona Relief Funds (CRF) are due this week. Setting up grants for businesses and non-profits. Courthouse breakroom will be locked.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator – Working on flood repairs, repairs are complete on the Ames/Miltonvale road, sealing this week.

Barry Porter, Appraiser – Working on annual reinspection of 1/6 of the County, every 2 years photos are completed for ag use, and irrigation view. Mailing worked better than door hangers for data collection, will plan on continuing this procedure.

JoDee LeDuc, County Treasurer – Reviewing CRF spreadsheets. Delinquent real estate will be published 3 times in August. Received positive feedback on security measures taken in their office.

Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk – Working on a 2nd grant for working at home costs. One person is in the office while others work from home. When hiring freeze lifts there will be an open position in the department. The State judicial branch is looking at a new email system. Virtual hearings and the new door (with plexiglass) are both working well. Task force is working on jury trial procedures.

Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator – 1st COVID -19 related death was Saturday for Cloud County. Drive thru testing for specified people will be Tuesday, not open to the public. Mass testing today. 37 positives, 717 negatives and 7 pending today

are in the system (110 testing today and tomorrow). Turned in grant for awning for drive up testing area, removed bushes on the west side of the drive and working on interviews to fill an open receptionist position.

Shella Thoman, County Clerk – Mailed out over 900 ballots for Tuesday’s primary. Audit Board will meet Wednesday to audit 3 races. Canvass will be Monday August 17th. Look into decreasing the 2020 budget numbers. Leave time sheets should be submitted to Departments prior to the leave being taken when possible.

Gary Caspers, Commissioner reported a complaint from a resident regarding sorting at the Recycling Center.

Chris Morris and Rorik Peterson, EDP Renewables discussed the Plum Nellie Wind Farm project. All the land needed has been secured under long term lease or agreements. Studies are ongoing or completed. The Wind Farm will be a 200-megawatt farm and likely have 45-50 turbines. Working on potential electricity customers. The project may start as early as 2022. Preliminary property tax estimates from year 12 and beyond are estimate at over \$1,700,000. EDP would enter into a PILOT/gift agreement with Cloud County for the first 10 years.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a utility permit and reported Coughlin will pay for the sealing of the repairs.

On a motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the request and petition for Black Hills Energy to install gas line on 210th north of Oat Road.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote to allow the Chairman to sign the Coronavirus Relief Fund Memorandum of Understanding between Cloud County and the City of Concordia.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Abatements 2020-81 thru 2020-83 totaling \$822.30.

The Board approved the following payroll expenses totaling \$159,004.74

General Fund – \$81,854.07	Road & Bridge – \$45,105.72
Appraisal - \$5,216.77	County Health - \$17,633.98
Noxious Weed - \$1,726.46	Election - \$2,155.09
Solid Waste - \$5,312.65	

Payroll Deductions & Benefits - \$66,851.41

The above expense detail is available at the County Clerk’s office and the Clerk’s Public Records webpage.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the August 3, 2020 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 1:45 p.m., until Monday August 17, 2020.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Bill Czapanskiy, Chairman

Gary Caspers, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Bill Garrison, Member