

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
OCTOBER 13, 2020
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the October meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on October 13, 2020 in the Commissioners' room at 811 Washington, Concordia, Kansas with Chairman Bill Czapanskiy, Member Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Shella Thoman present. Member Gary Caspers was absent.

County staff attending was: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Barry Porter, County Appraiser; Henry Eilert, Maintenance Manager; Jerry Collins, IT Director; Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director; and James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; Alisha Bond, HUB International; Kelly Leister, Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS); Darren Coughlin, Coughlin Company (by conference call).

Department Head – 9:15 – 10:05 a.m.

Alisha Bond, HUB International and Kelly Leister, Blue Cross Blue Shield presented the 2021 BCBS renewal rates with an estimated 8% increase and a \$350,000 reserve. If \$60,000 was used for renewal the increase would be approximately 4%. Reviewed changes to the plan. The vision and AUL plans have no rate changes. Discussed the Mobile Benefit Spot and options for emergency transportation costs.

Barry Porter, Appraiser – Routine business.

Jerry Collins, IT Director – October is Cyber Security Awareness month and demonstrated how easy it is to click on a link you didn't know was there. Reminded Department heads to review the website for changes.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director – Sold 44,380 lbs. of cardboard, filled open position and presented an agreement for the rental of farm ground.

James Quillen, Emergency Management Director – Discussed classes for NIMS and PIO training. Submitted the EMPG grant documents and getting items ordered this week for the EOC (funds will be used from grants).

Henry Eilert, Maintenance Manager – Routine maintenance, removed benches to be replaced with new from CARES funding and working with District Court to prepare for jury trials.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator – Completing rock jobs for residents, patching and done with sealing for the year.

Shella Thoman, County Clerk – Last day to register to vote for the 2020 General election is today. Advanced voting at the Courthouse will begin on Wednesday, October 14th and will end Monday November 2nd at noon. Over 1,100 ballots will be mailed out on October 14th to voters.

Bill Czapanskiy, Commissioner – Asked opinions on using funds to buy down the BCBS renewal.

The Board participated in the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) 2021 Legislative policy statement review as part of the 2020 virtual conference event.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator and the Board called Darren Coughlin, Coughlin Company regarding the condition of the Ames/Miltonvale road. Czapanskiy stated that as a tax payer and a Commissioner he is not happy with the work and asked about the long-term plan. Cloud County will not reduce the billing to Coughlin for work and equipment usage that we incurred. The Board recommended that Coughlin look at the road himself and he intends to but will wait until fall harvest is completed. Coughlin asked for a list of items that were not acceptable and a breakdown of the billing.

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$164,176.66.

General Fund – \$26,309.13	Road & Bridge – \$53,799.76
Special Bridge - \$36,650.00	Employee Benefits - \$1,000.00
Juvenile Reinvestment - \$87.56	Auto Special - \$34.00
Juvenile Justice - \$227.00	Community Correc - \$612.01
Appraisal - \$389.89	County Health - \$18,636.32
Special Building - \$1,750.00	Election - \$812.07
Solid Waste - \$20,741.23	Co Tourism & Convention – \$269.02
Court Services - \$2,755.98	Vending Machines - \$26.00
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The board approved the following CARES expenses totaling \$312,626.38

Cloud County - \$155,330.04	City of Concordia - \$111,459.79
CCCC - \$31,534.51	USD #333 - \$8,249.23
USD #334 - \$6,052.81	

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

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Quarterly Report with an ending cash balance of \$11,851,020.84.

The Board reviewed the September 30, 2020 Budget Status Report. The report can be found on the County's website on the Clerk's public record page.

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

On a motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 12:05 p.m., until Monday October 19, 2020.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Bill Czapanskiy, Chairman

Gary Caspers, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Bill Garrison, Member