

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
NOVEMBER 9, 2020
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the November meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on November 9, 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; Henry Eilert, Maintenance Manager; JoDee LeDuc, County Treasurer; Jana Roush, Register of Deeds; Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator; and James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director.

Others attending: Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk; Toby Nosker, KNCK; Eric Johnson, Campbell & Johnson; Tom Richard; Brad Berk; Kathy Coleman; Ric Fredrickson; and Kim Reynolds, CloudCorp.

Eric Johnson, Campbell & Johnson presented an agreement for Technical Services related to repairs for the Law Enforcement Center (LEC). Johnson, Tom Richard and Brad Berk discussed the project. Sections of the roof and insulation will be removed, replaced and resealed prior to the end of the day to accommodate inmates inside LEC.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the revised Technical Service Agreement with Campbell & Johnson to include in Section 6 an hourly and mileage rate.

Department Head - 9:35 – 10:56 a.m.

Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk – Preparing the courtroom and procedures for jury trials.

James Quillen, Emergency Management Director – Reminder to complete NIMS training. Monday will be an LEPC meeting at 11:00 a.m. Table top training for winter storms and new officers will be elected.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator – Finishing rock and tree work. Coughlin will be here on the 23rd and have reimbursed \$22,000 on the chip seal expenses.

Barry Porter, Appraiser – Final Review work.

Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator – Working on contact training and discussed the need for a mask mandate.

JoDee LeDuc, County Treasurer – Preparing to process tax statements, hoping to mail next week.

Henry Eilert, Maintenance Manager – Receiving bids for CARES funding, tested the generators and got the boiler ready to go.

Jana Roush, Register of Deeds – Routine business.

Shella Thoman, County Clerk – Election went well, the audit will be Tuesday and canvass will be next Monday. New time clocks will be installed at each building. Training will be the week of December 14th. Each employee will receive training, as well as Department heads and office clerks. Open enrollment will be planned for this month, additional information will be sent out.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding a mask mandate and the overwhelmed health care system.

Kim Reynolds, CloudCorp Director presented a CBVG grant request.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved funding from CBVG funds for the Cloud Community Bar & Grill in Glasco in the amount of \$11,094.67.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 2020-28 Supporting Public Health efforts to mitigate disease spread within Cloud County.

Immediately Cloud County residents and businesses are encouraged to model behavior consistent with the recommendations of public health officials for the purpose of exercising community leadership by supporting public health officials during a public health emergency, slowing the spread of COVID-19 and the cold and flu viruses that traditionally increase during the fall and winter, maintaining a manageable patient load within our local and regional hospital, and keeping our schools and businesses operational through patronage by the general public.

James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director, Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator, Kathy Coleman, and Ric Fredrickson as part of the ESF-8 team encouraged the Commissioners to show their support of the stressed Health Care system.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel ending at 12:28 p.m. including Brandi Bray.

Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator discussed additional pay for the 417 extra hours that she has put in since the pandemic began. An ELC grant totaling \$21,543.29 to cover hours and other payroll expenses was acquired earlier in the year. Following a

lengthy discussion, based on an hourly rate of \$25.65 Bray will be compensated for additional hours worked.

On a motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved additional compensation for Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator due to additional hours related to COVID-19 to be paid by the ELC grant in the amount of \$16,569.90 for the calendar dates of March 1st through November 7, 2020.

Shella Thoman, County Clerk reported that she received a \$5,000 grant from the Center for Tech and Civic Life to be used for the purpose of planning and operationalizing safe and secure elections in Cloud County.

On a motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 2020-29 approving the participation in and adoption of the Solid Waste management committee update for the region served by the North Central Kansas Solid Waste Management plan.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Jolene Pfeil as an administrative assistance for the County Attorney's office at a rate of \$15.88 an hour effective November 9, 2020.

On a motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the reclassification of CARES funding to include the purchase of Champ software, election mail ballot envelopes, election postage, and Emergency Operations Center (EOC) enhancements totaling \$36,326.40.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved matching the total raised from the employee pumpkin decorating contest in the amount of \$215.00 using Wind Farm funds. Funds will be donated to the Cloud County Resource Center.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved a letter of support to the Senior Center to acquire a grant for Transportation.

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$189,093.51.

General Fund – \$122,966.18	Road & Bridge – \$34,898.39
Special Bridge - \$990.88	Employee Benefits - \$1,000.00
Juvenile Reinvestment - \$46.35	Vending Machine - \$26.00
Juvenile Justice - \$153.40	Community Correc - \$875.86
Appraisal - \$262.46	County Health - \$9,357.49
Noxious Weed - \$125.94	Election - \$8,744.17
Solid Waste - \$5,929.91	Co Tourism & Convention – \$268.66
Fair - \$450.46	Pawnee Mental Health - \$520.76
Soil Conservation - \$350.33	OCCK - \$1,118.67
Historical Museum - \$340.49	Services for the Elderly - \$667.11

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 \$10,966,811.69.

The Board reviewed the October 31, 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 Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the November 2, 2020 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 2:25 p.m., until Monday November 16, 2020.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Bill Czapanskiy, Chairman

Gary Caspers, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Bill Garrison, Member