

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS  
FEBRUARY 22, 2021  
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 22, 2021 in the Commissioners' room at 811 Washington, Concordia, Kansas with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Bill Czapanskiy and Ron Cople, and County Clerk Shella Thoman present.

County staff attending was: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Ken Davis, Sheriff; Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator; and James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; Charles Johnson, Brad Berk and Josh Meyer, Public Building Committee; Eric Johnson, Campbell & Johnson Engineers, P.A.; and Wyatt Hoch, Foulston Siefkin, LLP.

James Quillen, Emergency Management Director presented a disaster declaration in the event federal dollars come available. Reported that there will be an LEPC meeting on Tuesday. March 1 – 5 is severe weather week and storm spotter training is available online. The Emergency Communications group is working on updating equipment for the entire County; the project is estimated to cost \$211,000 and they are looking for grants.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved signing Resolution 2021-7 a proclamation of State of Local Disaster Emergency for Cloud County for a period of seven (7) days unless terminated earlier or renewed by consent of the governing body.

Ken Davis, Sheriff discussed contracting with a company for fire inspection. While preparing for an inspection exposed wire was found in multiple locations. They are sliding the drop ceiling to check for more issues. Due to the pandemic and Court not incarcerating as many people KDOC has 1,500 beds open and are having budgeting issues and will be pulling inmates out of the Law Enforcement Center. They expect to return late summer. Have been in contact with other counties regarding housing inmates. Cople will touch base with Hood's on a quote for the filtration system. Discussed the generator, it did not start in the cold weather.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Cople, unanimous vote the Board approved wage changes for Austin Howard, Jail Administrator from \$18.90 to \$19.25 and Kirk Barr, Deputy Sheriff from \$17.08 to \$17.33 effective February 14, 2021.

Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator discussed the KDHE situation report and discussed the mask mandate. Individuals 75 and older should be vaccinated by the end of next week. Did not receive last week's vaccines due to the weather. Tressie Robbins is

retiring March 19<sup>th</sup>. Discussed a quote received for filing cabinets, books cases and conference/desk.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator (by conference call) reported that railcars for bridge work would be approximately \$63,000. Checking on the cost of crane rental. More of the center line on the Ames/Miltonvale road is settling.

Recessed from 11:29 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Conference with Wyatt Hoch, Foulston Siefkin, LLP, Eric Johnson, Campbell & Johnson Engineers, P.A; Ken Davis, Sheriff; and Charles Johnson, Brad Berk and Josh Meyers, Public Building Committee (PBC) to discuss repairs at the Law Enforcement Center (LEC). Hoch and Johnson discussed the Request for Proposal (RFP) for remedial construction services. It's impossible to define the work due to not knowing what needs to be done until panels are removed from the roof. A Committee of 3 – 6 should be established to rate the RFP's that are received. The PBC has no source of funding so assignments of rights should be transferred from the PBC to the County; both should be listed when filing suit. There is no statute of limitations. Johnson and Hoch will further review the RFP and report to the Board in the next week or two.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Brandi Peterson as an Administrative Assistance in the County Attorney's office at a rate of \$15.88 effective February 18, 2021.

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$209,429.12.

General Fund – \$116,216.96	Road & Bridge – \$20,442.27
Special Bridge - \$949.00	Grants - \$5,000.00
Employee Benefits - \$1,100.00	Juvenile Justice - \$18.00
Community Correc. - \$18.00	Appraisal - \$340.39
County Health - \$4,631.27	Noxious Weed - \$1,320.69
Election - \$6,884.56	Solid Waste - \$40,703.69
Vending Machines -\$26.00	Co Tourism & Convention – \$2,303.29
Special Alcohol & Drug - \$100.00	Clerk Tech Fund - \$375.00

The Board approved the following:

CARES-COVID19 expenses totaling \$31,490.23.

Cloud County – \$20,589.24	Concordia City – \$10,900.99
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The Board approved the following payroll expenses totaling \$163,295.20

General Fund – \$85,598.95	Road & Bridge – \$43,250.79
Appraisal - \$5,434.25	County Health - \$20,005.60
Noxious Weed - \$1,763.96	Election - \$1,585.87
Solid Waste - \$5,655.78	

Payroll Deductions & Benefits - \$206,698.62

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

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Copple, the Board approved abatements 2021-52 thru 2021-57 with a net change totaling \$508.32 and refund totaling \$322.94.

Commissioner Caspers participated in KNCK Community Roundtable on Friday February 19<sup>th</sup> and the LEPC meeting on Tuesday February 16<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Copple participated in the LEPC meeting on Tuesday February 16<sup>th</sup> and the Resource Council meeting on Wednesday February 10<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Czapanskiy participated Communications Committee meeting on Thursday February 11<sup>th</sup>.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved the February 8, 2021 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 3:06 p.m., until Monday March 1, 2021.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

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Gary Caspers, Chairman

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Bill Czapanskiy, Member

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Shella Thoman, County Clerk

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Ron Copple, Member