

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
MARCH 1, 2021
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the March meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on March 1, 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; Henry Eilert, Maintenance Manager; and Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; Amy Lange, City of Concordia; and Amber Knoettgen, Cloud County Community College.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported he would be attending the Annual Weed Conference this week and is working on the annual report. There are two open positions at the Highway Department. Received all the supplies for the Glasco bridge repair but the crane is not working correctly so they are unable to get started. Discussed replacing the bridge on 240th road ourselves, using the State program or closing the bridge. Asch will talk to the landowners. Midway Motors is bringing a truck to look at this week for the Weed Department.

Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator reported that there was an exposure at State Wrestling. Reported that by the week of March 15th there should be 1,700 people / 20% of the County vaccinated. To date the Health Department has administered 745 doses, the Pharmacy's in Concordia are also receiving and administering vaccinations. There are 767 people on the phase 2 waiting list. Bray stated she preferred that we wait until the end of the month to lift the mask mandate and encourages the public to continue wearing masks through the month. Finishing up on the office projects and requested permission to hire the painting done if maintenance didn't have time. Expected to receive \$140,000 from the State of Kansas for additional COVID relief. Funds could be used for staffing, desks, internet system upgrades, key card system, cameras, bonuses, or phone system upgrades. Talked to NexTech about a phone system last week that could be used by anyone needing to work from home. Participating in the Kansas Home Care Association salary survey and completed NIMS 300 training last week.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved Health Order 2021-08 rescinding the County mask mandate at 1:00 a.m. on Thursday March 4th.

Henry Eilert, Maintenance Manager discussed charges for wiring being paid out of his budget. Thoman will look into transferring these expenses to the Special Building budget.

Reviewed a Wind Farm Funds application from Cloud County – Multi Agency – First Responders for the Cloud County Communications project in the amount of \$211,234.84 total cost of the project is \$211,234.84. The funds will be used to upgrade the communication system for the county to a digital emergency communications system using a two-tier approach. The current system has parts of the county on an analog system and other parts on a digital system.

Sales tax received February 23rd totaled \$71,010.56 compared to the prior year totaling \$66,227.92.

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$82,054.66.

General Fund – \$33,946.91	Road & Bridge – \$20,284.40
Special Bridge - \$32.91	Co Tourism & Convention – \$249.12
Employee Benefits - \$240.13	Juvenile Reinvestment - \$730.30
Juvenile Justice - \$2,557.79	Special Alcohol & Drug - \$1,000.00
Community Correc - \$259.86	Appraisal - \$405.27
County Health - \$5,927.23	Noxious Weed - \$375.91
Election - \$98.01	Solid Waste - \$15,946.82

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

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, the Board approved abatement 2021-58 with a net change and refund totaling \$60.08.

Commissioner Caspers participated in the KWORCC Board of Trustees meeting on Thursday February 25th and the LEPC meeting on Tuesday February 23rd. Commissioner Cople participated in the North Central Regional Planning Commission meeting on Thursday February 25th and the Pawnee Mental Health meeting on Tuesday February 23rd.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved the February 23, 2021 minutes as presented.

The Board adjourned at 11:37 a.m., until Monday March 8, 2021.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Gary Caspers, Chairman

Bill Czapanskiy, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Ron Copple, Member