

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
MARCH 8, 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 8, 2021 in the Commissioners' room at 811 Washington, Concordia, Kansas with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Bill Czapanskiy and Ron Copple, and Deputy County Clerk Cathy Davis present.

County staff attending was: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Barry Porter, County Appraiser; Jerry Collins, IT Director; Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director; Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator; and James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director.

Others attending: Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk; Toby Nosker, KNCK

Department Head – 9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director – Busy with tree limbs and working construction pit with dirt.

Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk – Has an open position, will be advertising.

Jerry Collins, IT Director – Finishing up on the Emergency Operation Center (EOC), and working with the Health Department on their network.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator – Working on tree projects; holes; dirt/ditch work; working on filling 2 open positions.

Barry Porter, Appraiser – Discussed subsidized housing guides; mailed value notices; working on appeals.

Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator – Working on getting COVID vaccines done, a couple of pharmacies are also vaccinating; getting more vaccine in; will have 2 clinics in the First United Methodist Church basement Wednesday the 10th & Thursday the 11th, by appointment; previously had clinics in Clyde & Miltonvale. Kansas is in Phase 2 with COVID vaccines, high contact critical workers & 65 and older. Call the Health Department if you want to know if you are in this phase or you want on the COVID vaccine list. Approximately 50% of nursing home workers have received the vaccine. Family Planning had an outreach clinic at the Concordia Middle School on Friday the 5th. Working on grants, phone system, getting 2 more laptops and painting in the evenings.

James Quillen, Emergency Management Director – Attending NIMS classes and storm-spotter meetings.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed the transfer of Federal funds to KDOT funds; road and bridge matters; is purchasing a pickup for the Weed Dept; routine employee matters; attended a conference by Zoom for credit hours. Presented a personnel new hire for Jeff Cook, equipment operator, at a rate of \$15.52 an hr., for an introductory 6-month period, effective March 29, 2021.

On a motion by Commissioner Cottle, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Jeff Cook as an Equipment Operator, at a rate of \$15.52 an hour, for an introductory 6-month period, effective March 29, 2021.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director reported he received a call about the City of Clyde needing more wire/cage containers for recycling. He will look into the matter. Grant money may be available. He also received a call regarding cardboard and how many hours it takes his personnel to break it down after collecting. Discussed Household Hazardous Waste procedures and if it was viable for Cloud County.

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Quarterly Report ending February 2021 with an ending cash balance of \$13,502,955.96.

The Board approved the following payroll expenses totaling \$165,678.11

General Fund – \$87,123.06	Road & Bridge – \$43,968.06
Appraisal - \$5,434.40	County Health - \$20,210.11
Noxious Weed - \$1,755.79	Election - \$1,536.92
Solid Waste - \$5,649.77	

Payroll Deductions & Benefits - \$69,981.50

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

On a motion by Commissioner Cottle, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, the Board approved abatements 2021-59 thru 2021-73 with a net change totaling \$2,028.94 and refund of \$1,819.96.

Commissioner Caspers attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the new hospital at College Drive on Monday March 1st and participated in the LEPC meeting Tuesday March 2nd by Zoom. Commissioner Cottle attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the new hospital at College Drive on Monday March 1st.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Cottle, unanimous vote the Board approved the March 1, 2021 minutes as presented.

The Board acknowledged the \$300,000.00 check from EDP Renewables North America, to be used for Wind Farm Grant Fund.

The Board adjourned at 11:02 a.m., until Monday March 15, 2021.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Gary Caspers, Chairman

Bill Czapanskiy, Member

Cathy Davis, Deputy County Clerk

Ron Copple, Member