

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
MAY 10, 2021
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the May meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on May 10, 2021 in the Commissioners' room at 811 Washington, Concordia, Kansas with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Bill Czapanskiy and Ron Copple, and County Clerk Shella Thoman present.

County staff attending was: Robert Walsh, County Attorney; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Henry Eilert, Maintenance Manager; Jerry Collins, IT Director; Ken Davis, Sheriff; Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director; Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator; Wanda Backstrom, JJA/Community Corrections Director; and James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director.

Others attending: Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk; Toby Nosker, KNCK; Eric Johnson, Campbell & Johnson; Wyatt Hoch, Foulston Siefkin (by conference call) and Robbin Cole, Pawnee Mental Health Executive Director.

Robbin Cole, Pawnee Mental Health Executive Director requested \$87,290 for Pawnee Mental Health for the calendar year of 2021. The request will be considered when preparing the budget. This is the same request as last year and is approximately \$10 annually per capita and \$165.63 annually per resident served. Five hundred twenty-seven (527) unduplicated Cloud County residents were provided mental health and substance use treatment.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board proclaimed May 2021 as Mental Health month. The proclamation calls upon the businesses, schools, government agencies, healthcare providers, organizations and citizens of Cloud County to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, its relationship to a strong, vibrant community, the steps our citizens can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental health conditions.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved a 15-minute executive session for Attorney Client privilege to discuss the Law Enforcement Center and including Eric Johnson, Rob Walsh, Wyatt Hoch and Shella Thoman, returning to open session at 9:34 a.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board extended the executive session for 5-minutes returning to open session at 9:40.

The Board requested Eric Johnson start the process of working with a contractor to move forward with the repairs at the Law Enforcement Center as no bids were received.

Ken Davis, Sheriff, Robert Walsh, County Attorney discussed the working of a Resolution protecting the 2nd amendment in Cloud County. Walsh will report back to the Board.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director presented the 2020 Solid Waste delinquent list to be considered to be applied to the tax rolls. Reported that 42,735 lbs. of cardboard were sold.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved the 2020 delinquent Solid Waste report totaling \$29,331.00

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported that the Glasco bridge #526 on Blaze road was opening and they were repairing curb at the Law Enforcement Center. They are hauling rock for jobs and a new house. Mowers are starting on the 24th and they will know mid-May about overlay funding from the State.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved opting out of the 49-County Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area Partnership.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 2021-12 appointing the following members to the 12th Judicial District Juvenile/Community Corrections Advisory Board for the term July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023: Ric Fredrickson, Police Representative; Andrew Grabon, Beloit City council Representative; Chuck Lambertz, City of Concordia Representative; Mark Rothfuss, Mental Health Representative; Guy Steier, Judiciary Representative; Regine Thompson, Belleville City Commissioners Representative; Jeff Travis, Education representative; Robert Walsh, Prosecution Representative; Scott Zabokrtsky, Washington County Commissioners Representative.

Department Head –

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director – Sold 42,735 lbs. of cardboard.

James Quillen, Emergency Management Director – Rescue funds should be available today. Trailer should be finished this week. Sending out the base & ESF functions sent out to responsible parties.

Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk – Legislatures passed a funding increase for judicial branch pay to market rate over the next 2 years, with no employee receiving more than 12% raise in the first year.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator – Hauling rock and gravel. Working with Coughlin, expected to be here around June 7th.

Wanda Backstrom, JJA/Community Corrections Director – Short 2 juvenile intake workers and is hiring for a part-time office position.

Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator – Continue to test and administer vaccines. Approximately 1,300 people have been vaccinated. Receiving grant from the Patterson Family Foundation that can be used for exam tables, furniture, room dividers, ect. Had a fire walk through and all doors will remain closed.

Henry Eilert, Maintenance Manager – Pressure washed cooling tower and have it running. Will be pouring a cement pad at the LEC. Sheriff's office gave them one of the trucks. Department thanked the Board for the free insurance premium month.

Shella Thoman, County Clerk – Attended the Clerk and Elections officials conference last week. SB 13 passed changing the tax lid to a hearing and notices that will need to be sent to all tax payers if the governing body is to exceed its revenue neutral rate. One notice will be sent for all entities.

Jerry Collins, IT Director – Haven't had any problems getting computers that are needed but is unable to get smaller TV's for the EOC.

The Driver's license office will be moving out of the Courthouse in the near future.

Ron Copple, Commissioner – Requested information from each Department about their Department while preparing the budget, discussed the purchasing policy and handbook changes.

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Quarterly Report with an ending cash balance of \$13,451,025.67 and the Budget Status by Fund/Dept Summary report for April.

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$147,414.21.

General Fund – \$26,672.90	Road & Bridge – \$102,726.66
Special Bridge - \$936.37	Dare – Sheriffs Dept - \$550.00
Employee Benefits - \$2,200.00	Juvenile Reinvestment - \$45.97
Juvenile Justice - \$360.00	Co Tourism & Convention – \$585.98
Community Correc - \$471.58	Appraisal - \$747.32
County Health - \$8,595.49	Noxious Weed - \$838.35
Election - \$78.91	Solid Waste - \$648.12
Court Services - \$1,956.56	

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 2021-91 thru 2021-94 with a net change totaling \$1,246.34 and \$1,399.78 refund.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved the May 3, 2021 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 12:51 p.m., until Monday May 17, 2021.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Gary Caspers, Chairman

Bill Czapanskiy, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Ron Copple, Member