

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
MAY 24, 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 24, 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: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Ken Davis, Sheriff; and Robert Walsh, County Attorney.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; and Kim Reynolds, CloudCorp Director.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney presented a classification change for Jolene Pfeil who has moved into Vicki Kopsa position.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved the wage change for Jolene Pfeil from \$16.38 to \$20.50 effective May 24, 2021.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported that it's likely work on the Ames/Miltonvale Road will be delayed until after wheat harvest. The week prior to the work starting he will meet with the Operations Manager.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Jeff Benyshek for the summer mowing crew at a rate of \$12.50 effective May 25, 2021.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring James Beam as Equipment Operator at a 6-month introductory rate of \$15.52 beginning June 7, 2021.

Kim Reynolds, CloudCorp Director reported that in 2020 CloudCorp administered approximately \$728,000 various Covid Relief grants aiding in approximately 51 businesses and 11 non-profits. In February of 2021 CloudCorp and MECF were the recipients of a \$750,000 Homeowner Rehabilitation Grant through the FHLB's Affordable Housing program. They are continuing work on the new website and have been developing a committee who are working to capitalize off of the forward progress of the hospital. The State of Kansas is in the process of a state-wide housing assessment. In conjunction with the assessment and the housing issue in Cloud County, CloudCorp will be developing a committee to looking into the potential housing developments. Childcare is also becoming increasingly hard to come by making it hard to get young professionals to take positions in the county school districts, cities and medical facilities. There are some residents traveling from Clyde to Concordia for daycare to drive back to Clyde for work. SBDC courses are finishing up tonight; as people have a renewed spirit for business

and entrepreneurship throughout the County buildings are selling quickly. Get in the Cloud applications are due June 15th. Reynolds submitted a 2022 budget request totaling \$58,000, no change since 2016.

Reviewed budget requests from the Maintenance Department and County Clerk. Budget requests for 2022 need to be submitted by June 7th.

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$326,746.15.

General Fund – \$79,840.45	Road & Bridge – \$57,007.03
Foreclosure Sale - \$42.00	Co Tourism & Convention – \$5,567.35
Employee Benefits - \$240.13	Juvenile Reinvestment - \$31.47
Juvenile Justice - \$2,337.20	Fair - \$13,247.67
Community Correc - \$354.43	Appraisal - \$72.90
County Health - \$7,611.58	Noxious Weed - \$126.88
Election - \$43.14	Solid Waste - \$42,247.44
Vending Machines -\$49.00	Pawnee Mental Health – \$28,814.77
Soil Conservation - \$8,299.50	OCCK - \$35,906.94
Historical Museum - \$12,597.45	Services for the Elderly - \$32,308.82

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

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Cople, the Board approved abatement 2020-96 with a net change and refund totaling \$512.72.

Commissioner Caspers attended the Juvenile Detention Committee meeting on Wednesday May 19th participated in KNCK’s Roundtable on Friday May 21st. Commissioner Czapanskiy attended the Safety Meeting at the Courthouse on Thursday May 20th.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved the May 17, 2021 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 10:37 a.m., until Tuesday June 1, 2021.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Gary Caspers, Chairman

Bill Czapanskiy, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Ron Cople, Member