

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
JUNE 7, 2021
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the June meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on June 7, 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; Barry Porter, County Appraiser; Henry Eilert, Maintenance Manager; Jerry Collins, IT Director; Ken Davis, Sheriff; Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director; Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator; JoDee LeDuc, County Treasurer; and James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director.

Others attending: Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk; Toby Nosker, KNCK; and Nancy Reynolds, Barbara Henry, Gary Sorell, Althea Sicard, Roger Barrett, Rosella Humbert, Joyce Menard, Don Menard, Cindy Francis, Blanche Wilson, and Donald Girard, Cloud County Senior Center's; and Eric Johnson, Campbell & Johnson Engineering.

Department Head – 9:19 – 10:00 a.m.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director – Summer hours at the Recycling Center will begin. Monday June 14th. Hours will be 6:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

James Quillen, Emergency Management Director – The incident command trailer is done and they are working on a delivery date.

Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk – Retirement celebration for Sue Peltier will be June 14th from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Hiring for her replacement. Preparing remote work agreements. Filing cabinets available for any Department that needs one.

JoDee LeDuc, County Treasurer – Compared 2019 and 2020 vehicle titles for the first 5 months of the year and they were up 386 in 2020. People are buying vehicles and paying delinquent tax bills.

Jerry Collins, IT Director – Phishing emails have been going around. Increased the speed of internet at the Courthouse, Law Enforcement Center and Health Department.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator – Summer crews started. Hall Bros should be starting cold mix soon. Looking at purchasing a copier and a dump truck. Chip sealing over sand seal would be a \$34,000 difference for the Ames/Miltonvale Road. At full staff starting today. A couple roads were torn up from kids, asked the Sheriff what could be done.

Barry Porter, Appraiser – Certified values to the County Clerk. Rural property needs to have 3 acres of land on a deed for sanitary purposes.

Ken Davis, Sheriff – Bike Rodeo in Miltonvale was well received.

Henry Eilert, Maintenance Manager – Concrete pad at the LEC is complete, moved furniture around for departments, working on the Memorial ball, cleaned the parking lot and will be replacing parts on the chiller.

Shella Thoman, County Clerk – Preparing the budget information for all County taxing entities. No primary election in August for City / School elections. Aurora city and the College will both have write-ins as not enough people filed for office.

Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator – Emergency food pantry is in high demand. Vaccinations are by appointment Monday – Thursday; appointments for the younger generation are available. Myra Brooks is the new provider for Family planning. Medicare survey and audit went well. Getting ideas for wind damage repairs. Cloud County had a COVID out-break that included vaccinated and unvaccinated people.

Bill Czapanskiy, Commissioner – Would like additional information on the budgets and not the previous years information moved over.

Ken Davis, Sheriff requested a \$1.00 increase for all the employees excluding himself and the nurse. The Department would be excluded from any increase in wages for County employees in 2022. No decision was made.

Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator requested pay raises for Katherine Kearn and Melissa Miller.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved the wage change for Katherine Kearn from \$11.52 to \$12.52 effective June 7, 2021 due to passing the Home Health aide class.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved wage change for Melissa Miller from \$20.36 to \$20.86 effective January 21, 2021 due to the end of her probationary period.

Nancy Reynolds, Barbara Henry, Gary Sorell, Althea Sicard, Roger Barrett, Rosella Humbert, Joyce Menard, Don Menard, Cindy Francis, Blanche Wilson, and Donald Girard, Cloud County Senior Centers presented a 2022 budget request for 1 mill. Funds are distributed by population to Concordia, Clyde, Glasco, Jamestown and Miltonvale's centers. In 2019 the population of citizens over 69 was 21.6%, in 2021 the percentage increased to 27.4%. Approximately 18,780 meals a year are prepared in the Concordia center.

Eric Johnson, Campbell & Johnson Engineering discussed the contract with Orazem & Scalora Engineering, P.A for design work for the HVAC system at the LEC.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved the Chairman to sign an agreement with Orazem & Scalora Engineering, P.A. (OSE) to do design work for the HVAC system at the Law Enforcement Center totaling \$47,300.

Received a thank you from the Concordia Senior Center for the Wind Farm fund grant.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved the wage change for Brandi Peterson from \$15.88 to \$18.04 effective June 7, 2021 due to her probationary period ending.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Cople, unanimous vote the Board approved Transfer No. 2021-6-7-01 debiting Special Law Enforcement and crediting County General – Sheriff/Vehicles to fix the fund on receipt #21484.

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$79,050.16.

General Fund – \$34,591.84	Road & Bridge – \$15,921.56
Court Services - \$1,968.56	Co Tourism & Convention – \$518.29
Employee Benefits - \$1,100.00	Juvenile Reinvestment - \$90.11
Auto Special - \$334.50	Juvenile Justice - \$1,229.10
Community Correc - \$1,852.66	Appraisal - \$195.35
County Health - \$5,494.43	Noxious Weed - \$14,741.15
Election - \$316.53	Solid Waste - \$696.08

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

The Board reviewed the Fund Status and budget report.

Received budget requests from Recycling, Solid Waste, Register of Deeds, Noxious Weed, Road & Bridge, R&B Other, Recycling, Solid Waste, Treasurer, Sheriff & Law Enforcement Center.

Received American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 applications from:

Emergency Preparedness - \$224,698.86 for Cloud County First Responder Communication equipment upgrades

County Appraiser - \$100,000 for Countywide GIS Mapping

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved the June 1st minutes as presented.

The Board adjourned at 11:49 a.m., until Monday June 14, 2021.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Gary Caspers, Chairman

Bill Czapanskiy, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Ron Copple, Member