

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
JULY 6, 2021
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the July meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 6, 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 Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; Kim Reynolds, CloudCorp Director; and Susie Haver & Marian Condray, Co-Directors Cloud County Tourism.

Kim Reynolds, CloudCorp Director presented a resolution for the Rural Opportunity Zone for approval. In 2019 the County committed to funding the program for 5 years, no additional dollars will be committed for 2021.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 2021-19 authorizing participation in the Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) Student Loan Repayment program allocating no additional dollars.

Marian Condray & Susie Haver, Co-Directors Cloud County Tourism presented a budget request for 2022, Tourism funding comes from bed tax and not property tax. Discussed The Big Dig and Prairie Plowing Days that will be hosted south of Concordia at the Kurt Kocher Farm August 27th – 29th. The event will draw attendees from not only the area but worldwide. Tourism encourages residents to attend. Presented a Board change.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved appointing Joan Fraser to fill the unexpired position previously held by Ellen Anderson to the Cloud County Convention and Tourism Committee.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed repairs to the Ames/Miltonvale road. The last discussion Asch had with Coughlin Company they agreed not to do the repairs but to do an overlay at their cost. Total out of pocket cost to the County would be \$350,000 - \$375,000. No decision was made. Discussed the lease or purchase for 2 trucks that have been ordered. No decision was made and does not need to be made until next spring when the trucks are available. Working on patching and spraying for Johnson grass.

Ken Davis, Sheriff discussed an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 application for Law Enforcement Center repairs. Davis will submit the request on the application.

Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator discussed quotes received for ARPA applications she previously submitted. Gave a COVID update. During the month of June there were 2 COVID related deaths; deaths are not being reported at the time of death for privacy of the family. The Delta variant is 60% more transferable and the UK variant has been in Cloud County. the State average of vaccinated residents is 39%; Cloud County is at 39.49%. 3,186 people are completely vaccinated.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Cople, unanimous vote the Board approved 2 Capital Outlay requests for IT totaling \$4,674.95 for computer related equipment. The Requests include 3 Lenovo ThinkCentre M720q desktop computers for \$4,158.95 and 4 24' ONN Roku TV's totaling \$516.00

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Cople, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 2021-20 voiding check #213947 on June 21, 2021 in the amount of \$200 to the Kansas Supreme Court as the vendor does not accept checks as payment.

Received American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 applications from:

- Transfer Station – Wage Increase – \$8,320.00
- Transfer Station – Backhoe - \$45,000.00 or less

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$195,475.01.

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| General Fund – \$32,600.56 | Road & Bridge – \$94,952.29 |
| Court Services - \$2773.04 | Co Tourism & Convention – \$241.90 |
| Employee Benefits - \$1,100.00 | Juvenile Reinvestment - \$191.56 |
| Spec Alcohol & Drug - \$542.50 | Juvenile Justice - \$8,513.98 |
| Community Correc. - \$6,539.24 | Appraisal - \$195.10 |
| County Health - \$6,350.35 | Noxious Weed - \$13,179.16 |
| Election - \$86.42 | Solid Waste - \$28,208.91 |

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 2021-187 with a net change and refund totaling \$518.00.

Commissioner Czapanskiy participated in the NACO American Rescue Funds guidelines presentation by Zoom on Tuesday June 29th.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved the June 28, 2021 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 11:57 a.m., until Monday July 12, 2021.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Gary Caspers, Chairman

Bill Czapanskiy, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Ron Copple, Member