

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
OCTOBER 11, 2021
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the October meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on October 11, 2021 in the Commissioners' room at 811 Washington, Concordia, Kansas with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Bill Czapanskiy and Ron Cople, and County Clerk Shella Thoman present.

County staff attending was: Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director; James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director; Barry Porter, County Appraiser; JoDee LeDuc, County Treasurer; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Henry Eilert, Maintenance Manager; and Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK.

Department Head – 9:15 – 10:20 a.m.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director – Recycling market is good right now and have cleared out what they can.

James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director – Homeland Security will provide a mass communications system for the County with multiple users; this would be similar to the Textcaster system we share expenses with the City of Concordia. Received a portable light tower from Homeland Security. Submitted a Dane G Hansen grant request for the remaining costs of the radio communication expenses. Severe weather is expected on Tuesday evening.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator – Working on repairs to the Ames/Miltonvale Road. Commissioner Cople discussed 150th road and asked Asch to look at it and discussed having truck drivers working on spraying and cutting.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser – Real estate sales have been selling over value and shared a spreadsheet of sales and percentages over. Sales are 10% over value state wide. He expects more payments by protest.

Henry Eilert, Maintenance Manager – Routine maintenance and finishing up carpentry work at the Health Department. Cople asked Eilert to look into purchasing winter salt locally.

JoDee LeDuc, County Treasurer – The last tax distribution of 2021 will happen this month and will be a small distribution.

Shella Thoman, County Clerk – City / School election will be November 2nd. Last day to register to vote is Tuesday October 12th and advanced voting will begin on Wednesday October 13th. Working on setting levies.

Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator – The updates and repairs to the building are looking good. Have a Family Planning position open, planning on rearranging positions to fill the position. Flu clinics will continue this week and next week and will be starting COVID boosters. Feminine products are available to residents in need, pick up at the entrance of the Health Department.

Ron Copple, Commissioner – Requested a memo by the Friday before the meeting on anything that needs to be approved at the meeting.

Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator discussed department wages and presented a possible pay scale. Bray reported she is having a difficult time filling positions for RN's at a wage of \$20.86. No decision was made.

Thoman shared the pumpkin contest flyer for employees with the Board and asked that the Windfarm funds match the money raised. The Board agreed to the match.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved appointing Alice Bachand to a four-year term as a representative of Cloud County to the Central Kansas Library System Board.

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$191,631.63.

General Fund – \$89,302.07	Road & Bridge – \$74,516.76
Special Bridge - \$400.00	Auto Special - \$35.00
Court Services - \$592.00	Co Tourism & Convention – \$283.77
Employee Benefits - \$1,100.00	Juvenile Reinvestment - \$42.11
Juvenile Justice - \$167.19	Solid Waste - \$1,175.78
Community Correc - \$279.32	Appraisal - \$799.25
County Health - \$20,496.91	Noxious Weed - \$123.88
Election - \$2,317.59	

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

Acknowledged the resignation of Claudia M Laverde, Corrections Officer effective September 23, 2021.

The Board reviewed the Fund Status Report and Composition of Cash Balances & Investments as of September 30, 2021 with an ending cash balance of \$13,366,868.21.

Commissioner Caspers participated in the KWORCC Board of Trustees on Thursday September 30th by Zoom. Commissioner Czapanskiy participated in the Chemical dependency Committee meeting on Friday October 1st.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved the October 4, 2021 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 12:14 p.m., until Monday October 25, 2021.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Gary Caspers, Chairman

Bill Czapanskiy, Member

Sheila Thoman, County Clerk

Ron Copple, Member