

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS  
DECEMBER 13, 2021  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the December meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on December 13, 2021 in the Commissioners' room at 811 Washington, Concordia, Kansas with Members Bill Czapanskiy and Ron Copple, and County Clerk Shella Thoman present.

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

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK

Department Head – 9:19 – 10:12 a.m.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director – Full-time and part-time open positions are filled. Possibly will have the Solid Waste agreement with Republic County next week to present.

James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director – LEPC meeting on Monday. Has been attending the mass communications training and the system should be ready to implement in January. Will have an interview for the USDA grant on Tuesday. Will be attending a National conference in Denver at the end of February, all expenses are paid. Will be attending the Emergency Preparedness classes in January, February and March.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator – 240<sup>th</sup> North of Highway 9 is closed, hope to have the project finished by the end of the week. Looking for a part-time employee to run the skid-steer, discussed making the position full-time.

Barry Porter, Appraiser – Received ag values today. Dryland is down 2%, Irrigated is down 5% and grass is up 4%.

Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator – Family Planning Nurse position open. Will not accept Walk ins Wednesday December 15<sup>th</sup>, staff will be in training. As of Friday the County had a total of 1,730 positive cases in the COVID-19 pandemic to-date and currently 9 known hospitalizations. Vaccinated individuals are still susceptible to the virus however in most cases recovered faster.

Henry Eilert, Maintenance Manager – Installed a bench for the Law Enforcement Center. Asbestos removal from the old jail has been pushed back and the new boiler for the Courthouse is out 14 – 15 weeks.

Shella Thoman, County Clerk – Any Department that wants to encumber 2021 funds needs to present those by the December 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. The KBI has returned the seized items from the Law Enforcement case, working with KCAMP on moving forward with the claim. If any Department has a use for Computers or Ipads let the Clerks office know. Reminder that employees need to look at the Benefit guide, information about the new Employee Assistant program (EAP) is included.

Bill Czapanskiy – Wants to be sure the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) is known to be available and would have liked to see it in the tax statements. Porter said he would talk to the Treasurer but didn't think the information could be included, but can include it in the value notices.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director discussed purchasing a new heater and new lighting for the Recycling Center. The Board agreed he could move forward. Presented two new hires.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Robert L Jonte part as Recycling Center Sorter at \$11.00 an hour effective December 10, 2021.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Cople, the Board approved a 5-minute executive session for personnel exception to discuss non-elective personnel including Hake and Thoman to resume open session at 10:21 a.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Cople, the Board approved hiring Shelby Hagen at full-time Recycling Center Equipment Operator to fill an open position effective January 3, 2022 at an hourly rate of \$15.00 during a 6-month probation.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported that he sent Resolution 2021-34 regarding Commercial vehicle use.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Heidi M Boyer as the Sheriff Administrative Assistant at the Law Enforcement Center effective January 3, 2022 at a rate of \$17.50 an hour.

Accepted the resignation of Jerry Collins, IT Director effective February 7, 2022.

The Board approved the following payroll expenses totaling \$202,446.17

General Fund – \$105,102.88	Road & Bridge - \$57,970.11
Appraiser - \$7,666.88	County Health - \$19,941.41
Noxious Weed - \$2,013.96	Election - \$1,859.17
Solid Waste - \$7,891.76	

Payroll Deductions & Benefits - \$89,334.22

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 2021-252 thru 2021-257 with a net change of \$347.90 and refund totaling \$15.58.

Commissioner Copple attended the Cloud County Resource Council meeting on Wednesday December 8<sup>th</sup> and participated in the Pawnee Mental Health Board meeting by Zoom on Tuesday December 7<sup>th</sup>.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved the December 6, 2021 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 10:59 a.m., until Monday December 20, 2021.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

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Gary Caspers, Chairman

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Bill Czapanskiy, Member

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Sheila Thoman, County Clerk

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Ron Copple, Member