

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS  
MARCH 21, 2022  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the March meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on March 21, 2022 in the Commissioners' room at 811 Washington, Concordia, Kansas with Chairman Ron Copple, Members Bill Czapanskiy and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Shella Thoman present.

County staff attending was: Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator; and Andy Asch, Highway Administrator.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; Wonda Phillips & Susan Sutton, National Orphan Train Complex; Eric Gilliland, Cloud County Community College Head Baseball Coach; Chris Atkins, City of Concordia Parks & Recreation Director; Amy Lange, City of Concordia Administrator; Quinten Breese, USD 333 Superintendent; Amber Knoettgen, Cloud County Community College President; Edwin Splichal, Doug Garman & Melvin Jeardoe, Republic County Commissioners and Republic County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek (by phone).

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator requested that federal funds be deposited in the Special Highway Fund to be used for future projects. Reminded the Board of the April 6<sup>th</sup> Highway Association meeting in Ellsworth; Commissioners Czapanskiy and Copple will attend and travel with Asch. Received tire bids from Kansasland Tire & Service, Commercial Tire – Salina, Best One Tire of Salina, Budreau Muffler and Pomp's Tire Service – Lincoln, NE.

Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator reported the new rooftop unit would be installed this week. Received a supplemental Family Grant for mileage and conference fees for the Governor's Conference. Three staff members will attend the Kansas Home Care & Hospice Association Conference in Topeka; the conference will focus on Medicare. Looking into an 8-week grant course.

Wonda Phillips & Susan Sutton, National Orphan Train Complex presented a Wind Farm request for project - annual utilities in the amount of \$10,000. The total project estimate is \$10,267.26. Funding would allow dollars used currently for utilities to be used on projects to grow the mission of the National Orphan Train Complex.

Eric Gilliland, Cloud County Community College (CCCC) Head Baseball Coach and Chris Atkins, City of Concordia Parks & Recreation Director with support from Amy Lange, City of Concordia Administrator; Quinten Breese, USD 333 Superintendent; and Amber Knoettgen, Cloud County Community College President presented a Wind Farm request from the City of Concordia and CCCC in the amount of \$50,000 for installation of synthetic infield turf on Doyen Field at the Concordia Sports Complex. The project will result in a

monetary savings to local public entities, create opportunity of camps/tournaments/ facility rental and could double/triple camp and tournament opportunities, reduce rainouts and the need to search for neutral site games and increase potential to be used for High School and American Legion post season playoff site and attract higher level of talent. Currently 50% of the Kansas Jayhawk Conference community colleges have synthetic turf infields. The total project cost is \$320,000. Multiple funding sources are being used to complete the project and a \$25,000 gift from a Cloud County Baseball alumnus jumpstarted the project.

The Board discussed advertising the upcoming open position of the County Appraiser with Edwin Splichal, Doug Garman & Melvin Jeardoe, Republic County Commissioners and Republic County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek (by phone). The Appraiser position is shared by Republic and Cloud Counties. County Clerk Thoman and Marsicek will create an ad.

The Board received a Wind Farm request from the Clyde Area Foundation for project Clyde Area Foundation – Increasing Our Impact in the amount of \$7,500. The total project is estimated at \$11,000 and will provide grant funds for community improvements and increase development in the Clyde area.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 2022-09 cancelling five outstanding checks that were not cashed totaling \$2,883.98.

Storm Spotter meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at the Cook Theatre at Cloud County Community College.

The Board approved the following payroll expenses totaling \$162,984.97

General Fund – \$80,961.98	Road & Bridge - \$48,070.44
Appraiser - \$5,563.52	County Health - \$19,091.87
Noxious Weed - \$1,793.04	Election - \$1,574.43
Solid Waste - \$5,929.69	

Payroll Deductions & Benefits - \$198,680.25

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

Commissioner Caspers attended the Juvenile Detention Committee meeting in Minneapolis on Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Copple attended the Cloud County Resource Council meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, the Board approved abatements 2022-69 through 2022-70 with a net change totaling \$189.68 and refund totaling \$15.80.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the March 14, 2022 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 12:01 p.m., until Monday March 28, 2022.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

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Ron Copple, Chairman

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Bill Czapanskiy, Member

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Shella Thoman, County Clerk

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Gary Caspers, Member