

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
SEPTEMBER 12, 2022
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the September meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 12, 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: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator; Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director; James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director; Ken Davis, Sheriff; JoDee LeDuc, County Treasurer; Wanda Backstrom, Community Corrections / JJA Director; Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager; and Nancy Owen, Deputy Appraiser.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk; Marlene Stamm, County Sanitarian; Amber Kinney, Extension District; Amy Lange, Concordia City Manager; Ashley McMillan-Hutchinson, Concordia City Mayor; Nicki Reed, CloudCorp Director; Gerald Johnson; Caryn Tyson, Kansas Senate 12th District; Marvin & Mikel Henning; and Howard McMillan.

The Board held the Revenue Neutral Rate and budget hearing and heard comments from Caryn Tyson, Kansas Senate 12th District and Marvin Henning.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the 2023 County Budget to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) of 63.917.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the 2023 County Budget including a budget authority of \$17,135,513, an estimated mill levy of 63.899.

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Budget Authority	\$17,890,083	\$18,758,596	\$17,135,513
Ad Valorem Tax	\$8,074,197	\$8,113,257	\$8,112,421
Estimated Mill Levy	67.832	67.504	63.899

Department Head 9:48 – 10:32 a.m.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director – Crawler broken down. Beginning Monday, September 19th the Recycling Center will return to regular hours 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Sold 36,372 lbs. of cardboard.

James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director – Will be attending Conference this week, working on lockdown procedures and received the Train the Trainer for CERT certification.

Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk – In person hearing on Tuesday.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator – Filled the part-time position and doing ditch projects.

Wanda Backstrom, Community Corrections / JJA Director – Filled one position and will be doing interviews this week for another.

JoDee LeDuc, County Treasurer – Tax distributions left will be small.

Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager – Elevator people made some adjustments, switched fire alarm companies and looking at adding an additional fire alarm, continuing to work on cleaning out the old jail. The Alarm system code has been updated and will take affect September 30th.

Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator – New Immunization Nurse starting October 3rd, new COVID Immunization will be coming soon, confirming flu clinic dates.

Shella Thoman, County Clerk - The RNR and 2023 Budget have been approved, will send a copy to Department heads.

Discussed adding nieces and nephews to the bereavement policy, no decision was made.

Marlene Stamm, County Sanitarian presented the quarterly report.

Amy Lange, Concordia City Manager; Ashley McMillan-Hutchinson, Concordia City Mayor; and Nicki Reed, CloudCorp Director discussed the potential Rural Incentive Housing District (RHID). Studies show that Concordia is in need of 245 moderate income homes and 12 high income homes. Due to the need employers are struggling to fill moderate-to high income jobs. The Cloud County Health Center has agreed to donate the land at 1100 Highland Drive for housing purposes. The RHID program will repay the special obligation bonds that would be issued for public improvements to the area. The RHID would receive the taxes created by the development (not the land taxes) for up to 25 years.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 2022-18 evidencing the support of the City of Concordia to undertake a certain public facilities project to support development of housing within the City.

Gerald Johnson discussed Case No. 2021-CR-000130 and asked the Commissioners to look into how it was handled.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Roger Garrett as a Law Enforcement Center Sergeant at an hourly rate of \$17.00 effective September 9, 2022.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Rex Ellsworth as a Highway Department Utility worker at an hourly rate of \$13.00 effective September 12, 2022.

Recognized the resignation of Robert Jonte effective September 12, 2022.

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$901,485.88`

General Fund – \$47,895.89	Road & Bridge – \$127,328.61
Special Bridge - \$5,713.00	Juvenile Justice - \$438.98
Appraisal - \$842.68	Juvenile Reinvestment - \$19.08
Community Correc - \$445.18	County Health - \$10,058.06
Noxious Weed - \$518.47	Election - \$58.67
Solid Waste - \$26,911.35	Co Tourism & Convention - \$189.93
Employee Benefits - \$1,125.00	Cares – COVID19 Grant - \$679,840.98
Spec Alcohol & Drug - \$100.00	

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

Commissioner Copple attended the Intergovernmental meeting - Rural Housing Incentive District (RHID) information meeting at the City office on Tuesday September 6th and the North Central Regional Planning meeting on Thursday September 8th in Beloit.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved the September 6, 2022 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 1:00 p.m., until Monday September 19, 2022.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Ron Copple, Chairman

Bill Czapanskiy, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Gary Caspers, Member