

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
NOVEMBER 14, 2022
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the November meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on November 14, 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; and Leann Kolle, Home Health RN; Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager; and Austin Howard, Jail Administrator.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; and Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a Request and Petition for a utility line.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the Utility request for Benson Keil to install a water line near 180th and Vale.

Department Head – 9:15 – 10:00

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director – Sold 74,772 lbs. of cardboard and received estimates for the Transfer Station Roof.

Kristi Benyshek – Business as usual.

James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director – Will be in Wichita for the last training before applying for the Emergency Management Certification. Continuing training on the Everbridge system, hoping to open the public side at the end of the year. Homeland Security is purchasing an inventory system that can be used to assist in FEMA tracking in the event of an emergency but can also be used for regular inventory purposes. KDEM will be hosting a Public Information Officers class April 25 – 27th for anyone that is need of training.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator – Chemical prices are anticipated to increase next year and they have a full-time and part-time position open.

Ken Davis, Sheriff – Multiple positions open.

Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager – Boiler is being installed this week. Finished upgrades in the men's basement bathroom.

Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator – Testing numbers are down, Community is in the red, flu shot numbers have increased. Continuing Walk in Wednesdays for shots. Friday is National Injury Prevention Day and encourage residents to wear green. Retirement party for Christy Rogers on Thursday from 1:00 – 4:00.

Shella Thoman, County Clerk – We are 30 days out from the deadline to have the safety inspection items rectified, please turn in your completed forms. The General Election had a 54% turnout, in the next week and a half the Audit, public post test, and canvass will be held. The County is signed up to ring Salvation Army bells December 8th. Re-enrollment for County benefits will be November 30th.

Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator and Leann Kolle, Home Health RN discussed the jail contract and the duties that are expected.

Ken Davis, Sheriff and Austin Howard, Jail Administrator discussed a staff shortage that results in being unable to house additional inmates, the food service contract cost, and increasing wages for Corrections Officers and Deputy's. There are six full-time positions currently open.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Brenda Thomas as a Corrections Officer at an introductory rate of \$16.00 effective November 10, 2022.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved raising all current and new hires for the position of Correction Officer and Deputy to \$17.50 an hour effective 11/20/22. Sheriff Deputy's will be moved to \$18.00 an hour after they have passed the Academy.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved the 2023 contract with Pawnee Mental Health Services with an approximate payment of \$80,555.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the continuation of the 2023 insurance premiums be split 85% paid by the County, 15% paid by the Employee.

The Board approved the following payroll expenses totaling \$163,562.60

General Fund – \$82,482.60	Road & Bridge - \$46,820.39
Appraiser - \$5,659.67	County Health - \$19,060.47
Noxious Weed - \$1,796.91	Election - \$1,704.84
Solid Waste - \$6,037.72	

Payroll Deductions & Benefits - \$69,218.06

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

Commissioner Copple attended the North Central Regional Planning Commission 50th Anniversary Banquet on Thursday November 10th and the Cloud County Resource Council Wednesday November 9th.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved the November 7, 2022 minutes as presented.

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

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Ron Copple, Chairman

Bill Czapanskiy, Member

Sheila Thoman, County Clerk

Gary Caspers, Member