

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS  
JANUARY 9, 2022  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

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

County staff attending was: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director; Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator; JoDee LeDuc, Treasurer; Ken Davis, Sheriff; Toby Marco, Appraiser; James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director; Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager; and Austin Howard.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk; Susie Haver and Michelle Bombardier, Cloud County Tourism.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Matthew, unanimous vote the Board approved a 10-minute executive session for personnel exception to discuss non-elected personnel resuming open session at 9:10 a.m., including Austin Howard and Thoman.

Department Head Meeting - 9:20 – 10:22 a.m.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director – Business as usual.

James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director – EMPG grant packet is complete, talked to the City of Concordia about using the Everbridge notification system (they'll be participating), will have HazMat training for anyone in the County that is interested.

Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk – Business as usual.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator – Funding was approved for the U.P. Bridge to be replaced, doing tree work and asked about wages.

Ken Davis, Sheriff – Getting the new hires training caught up and making calls to bring in more inmates.

Toby Marco, Appraiser - Working on final review. Personal property rendition notices went out on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager – Waiting on the bladder for the new boiler and had a fire inspection last week.

Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator – Immunization outreach clinics at schools. March 26<sup>th</sup> will be the Safe Sleep Baby shower. Cloud County has the highest infant mortality rate in the State at 11%.

JoDee LeDuc, Treasurer – 61% of the tax roll has been collected, 1<sup>st</sup> tax distribution will be out by January 20<sup>th</sup> and has a position open in the Department.

Shella Thoman – Let her know if you want an option for your Department on the Ever Bridge system on the public side.

Gary Caspers, Commissioner – Asked Hake and Asch about the hospital debris, most of the debris will be used for fill at one of the gravel pits.

Mark Matthew, Commissioner – Will be coming around to visit with each of the Departments.

Ron Copple, Commissioner – Requested that the handbook updates be finished this year, would like a Capital Improvement Plan from each Department and information that will be presented at the meeting to be sent ahead of time.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a classification change and utility permit request. Reported that he would be attending association meetings from the Highway and Weed Departments.

On a motion by Commissioner Matthew, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the classification change for Erica Metcalf from part-time Equipment Operator at the Highway Department to full-time Equipment Operator shared between the Highway and Recycling Center with a 6-month introductory rate of \$16.00 an hour effective January 2, 2023.

On a motion by Commissioner Matthew, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the request and petition for a utility permit from Cunningham Communications, Inc. for fiber optic along Cloud County roads as indicated on the provided maps.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director reported that Republic County has been in contact with him about taking their Recycling. The Board suggested that he discuss it more with them and require assistance with sorting.

JoDee LeDuc, Treasurer discussed a Capital Outlay calculation error when calculating Neighborhood Revitalization Plan (NRP) refunds and asked the Board how they'd like her to fix the past years; going forward the error is corrected. The Board asked LeDuc to talk to Computer Information Systems (CIC) about their liability in the system error.

Susie Haver and Michelle Bombardier, Cloud County Tourism presented Committee appointments.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Matthew, unanimous vote the Board approved the appointment of Matt Farmer (Jamestown Wildlife Area), Jane Wahlmeier (Nazareth Motherhouse) and Miranda Frey (Holiday Inn Express) to fill the terms through December 31, 2025 and Catherine Doud (Cloud County Museum) to complete the term of Carman Davis ending December 31, 2023 to the Cloud County Tourism Board.

On a motion by Commissioner Matthew, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved proclaiming January 2023 as National Stalking Awareness month in Cloud County.

On a motion by Commissioner Matthew, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 2023-1 designating the Concordia Blade-Empire as the Official County Newspaper.

On a motion by Commissioner Matthew, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 2023-2 concerning waiver of generally accepted accounting principles.

On a motion by Commissioner Matthew, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 2023-3 designating all Cloud County banking institutions depositories for all public moneys in the hands of the County Treasurer.

On a motion by Commissioner Matthew, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Colton Peterson as a Corrections Officer at an introductory rate of \$17.50 an hour effective January 2, 2023.

On a motion by Commissioner Matthew, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved appointing Michael Haley as the Meredith Township Clerk.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved appointing Mark Matthew to the Chemical Dependency Board, replacing Bill Czapanskiy.

On a motion by Commissioner Matthew, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved appointing Gary Caspers as the Chairman for the Cloud County Board of County Commissioners for 2023.

Reviewed K.S.A. 40-3104 and 40-3105.

The Board reviewed the Budget Status report and Fund Status Report as of October 31, 2022 with an ending cash balance of \$11,753,473.24.

The Board approved the following payroll expenses totaling \$184,389.96

General Fund – \$100,875.90	Road & Bridge - \$49,744.59
Appraiser - \$5,995.39	County Health - \$18,088.99
Noxious Weed - \$1,872.25	Election - \$1,640.77
Solid Waste - \$6,172.07	

Payroll Deductions & Benefits - \$76,513.29

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

On a motion by Commissioner Matthew, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved abatements 2022-199 thru 2022-201 and 2023-1 with a net change of (\$667.38) and refund of \$684.54.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Matthew, unanimous vote the Board approved the December 29, 2022 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Matthew, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 12:11 p.m., until Monday January 16, 2022.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

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Gary Caspers, Chairman

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Mark Matthew, Member

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Shella Thoman, County Clerk

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Ron Copple, Member