

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
FEBRUARY 6, 2023
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the February meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on February 6, 2023 in the Commissioners' room at 811 Washington, Concordia, Kansas with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Mark Matthew and Ron Copple, and County Clerk Shella Thoman present.

County staff attending was: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator; and James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator received the 2023 annual approval and met the requirements as the Cloud County Weed Director. Purchased a 2014 Mastic machine for \$39,000. Discussed mileage paid to employees and presented a resignation. Has a full-time and part-time position open.

Acknowledged the registration of Erica Metcalf effective February 2, 2023.

James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director reported that he's met all the requirements as a Kansas Certified Emergency Manager; the certificate is valid for two years. Quillen has completed 10 hours in Cyber Incident Analysis and Response and is a certified EMT. Homeland Security will be here February 22nd for a walk-thru and then will recommend changes with the department heads. March 30th there will be a table top with KDEM for Recovery after a Disaster in Salina; a Public Information Officer class will be April 25-27th and June 1st an Active Shooter preparedness workshop conducted by the Department of Homeland Security.

Quillen presented a HazMat grant application to financially support an exercise that would increase multi-jurisdictional coordination, operational coordination, information and public warning and intelligence and information sharing between jurisdictions. The proposed exercise would include Cloud and Republic County's with a crop dusting accident including a wind turbine, spilling of insecticide and a fire. The grant totaled \$25,500.

Quillen presented a HazMat grant application to financially support two classes that would bring 60 first responders within Cloud and surrounding counties to be trained in proven methods that will allow them to quickly identify and respond effectively to any size or type of chemical hazard that may occur within our county or surrounding counties. The grant totaled \$7,900.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Matthew, unanimous vote the Board approved applying for two Kansas Division of Emergency Management hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness grants totaling \$7,950 and \$25,500.

Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator reported that they met by Zoom with the CFO of Champs Software and are getting their issues resolved. Will be receiving \$840 for 28 COVID tests in January. Will be attending the Governor's Conference and Billing Symposium in March and April. Has a full-time nursing position open.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Matthew, unanimous vote the Board approved designating February 2023 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness month and urges citizens to recognize and assist all those who serve the rights and needs of victims of teen dating violence.

Acknowledged the resignation of Dona Schultz as the Clerk of Starr Township.

Acknowledged the termination of the Community Corrections / JJA Transport Drivers position for Bruce Snyder, Amanda Waterman, Richard Anderson, and David Whitley effective February 2, 2023.

Reviewed KSA 22a-226 – 22a-229 regarding to District Corners.

The Board approved the following payroll expenses totaling \$181,244.73

General Fund – \$92,245.15	Road & Bridge - \$54,742.59
Appraiser - \$6,123.81	County Health - \$18,486.25
Noxious Weed - \$1,873.82	Election - \$1,637.35
Solid Waste - \$6,135.76	

Payroll Deductions & Benefits - \$75,767.93

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

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Matthew, unanimous vote the Board approved abatements 2023-24 thru 2023-27 with a net change of (\$49.78) and refund of \$49.78.

Commissioner Matthew attended the Soil Conservation Dinner on Thursday February 2nd. Commissioner Caspers attended Employee Handbook committee meeting on Thursday February 2nd.

On a motion by Commissioner Matthew, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the January 30, 2023 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Matthew, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 10:41 a.m., until Monday February 13, 2023.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Gary Caspers, Chairman

Mark Matthew, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Ron Copple, Member