

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS  
FEBRUARY 13, 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 13, 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; Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director; Ken Davis, Sheriff; Nancy Owen, Deputy Appraiser; James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director; Jana Roush, Register of Deeds; Dawn Snyder, JJA / Community Corrections Assistant Director; Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager; Stacie LaBarge, Deputy Election Clerk; Cathy Davis, Deputy County Clerk and Deanna Pounds, Deputy Motor Vehicle Clerk.

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

Dawn Snyder, JJA / Community Corrections Assistant Director discussed the Quarterly Grant budget amendment report and requested approval.

On a motion by Commissioner Matthew, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved JJA Community Corrections Fiscal year 2022 unexpended funds award totaling \$11,469.75.

Department Head – 9:17 – 9:36 a.m.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director – Business as usual. Part-time position open.

Nancy Owen, Deputy Appraiser – Setting values.

James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director – March 19<sup>th</sup> Storm Spotter class in Cook Theatre; LEPC meeting March 21<sup>st</sup>; Public Information Officers class April 25 – 27<sup>th</sup> (prereq to be taken ahead of time); KDEM table top in Salina on March 30<sup>th</sup>, Severe Weather Awareness Week March 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>.

Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk – Preparing for a visit from the Kansas Office of Judicial Administration and Supreme Court will hold court in the evenings at the Concordia High School on April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator – Working with Hall Brothers regarding the Ames/Miltonvale road, putting together a plan for overlays. Discussed the increase in cost to materials with FEMA; work must be complete by August. NCK Highway Association meeting is April 5<sup>th</sup> in Geary County. Part-time and full-time position open.

Ken Davis, Sheriff – Housing 60 inmates. In contact with KDOC to bring back inmates. Sedgwick County increased payments to \$40.00 per inmate housed.

Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager – Updating the breakroom, installed new lights in the foyer, annual inspection on the lift is complete and a new gas meter will be installed.

Jana Roush, Register of Deeds – Routine Business.

Shella Thoman, County Clerk – Employees will be recognized for 8, 16, 24 and 44 years of service at today’s meeting. Waiting on location confirmation for the all-employee training to be on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director discussed solid waste fees for RV parks and if it was necessary to have the annual Solid Waste meeting.

Ken Davis, Sheriff discussed invoiced received for repairs and issues with the concrete on the northside of the building.

The following employees were recognized for their years of service. 8 years of Service: Stacie LaBarge, Deanna Pounds, & Wanda Backstrom; 16 years of Service: Cathy Davis, Doug Colby, & Larry Sulanka; and 44 years of Service: Perry Pearce.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Matthew, unanimous vote the Board approved a 15-minute executive session for personnel exception to discuss non-elected personnel resuming open session at 10:45 a.m., including Asch and Thoman.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Matthew, unanimous vote the Board approved a 5-minute executive session for personnel exception to discuss non- elected personnel resuming open session at 11:05 a.m., including Asch and Thoman.

Received a Wind Farm Grant Application for \$20,000 from Parkvilla Nursing Home for the Parkvilla Call Light Project. The total cost is \$30,000. The current system is over 25 years old and only alarms at the nurse station that is disruptive to the residents in the living room. The alarm cannot be heard down the hall if nurses are working with a resident and creates an institutional feel instead of a home like atmosphere.

The Board reviewed the Budget Status report for 2022 and period 13 of 2022.

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$227,139.87

General Fund – \$58,544.21	Road & Bridge – \$114,981.74
Special Bridge - \$.	Juvenile Justice - \$564.11
Appraisal - \$1,718.82	Juvenile Reinvestment - \$278.80
Community Correc - \$390.77	County Health - \$17,397.64
Noxious Weed - \$882.79	Election - \$10,750.63
Employee Benefits - \$1,150.00	Court Services - \$50.00
Solid Waste - \$20,242.21	Co Tourism & Convention - \$188.15

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 2023-28 thru 2023-36 with a net change of (\$1,392.52) and refund of \$622.36.

Commissioner Copple attended the Cloud County Resource Council meeting on Wednesday February 8<sup>th</sup>, attended the Jamestown Library Soup Supper on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> and the Glasco City meeting on Tuesday February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Matthew attended Kansas Associations of Counties County Days in Topeka on Thursday February 9<sup>th</sup>, the Chemical Dependency Committee meeting on Friday February 10<sup>th</sup> and Concordia High School mentoring on Wednesday February 8<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Caspers attended the County Handbook Committee meeting on Thursday February 9<sup>th</sup>.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Matthew, unanimous vote the Board approved the February 6, 2023 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Matthew, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 11:12 a.m., until Tuesday February 21, 2023.

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