

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

Regular session of the March meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on March 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; Ken Davis, Sheriff; Toby Marco, Appraiser; and Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager;

Others attending: Wonda Phillips & Sue Sutton, National Orphan Train; Kevin Kline; and Gary Bachand.

Toby Marco, Appraiser discussed the valuation mailing. Overall values are up but ag values are down (based on the rolling average). Notices will be mailed on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March and that will begin the appeal period. Marco discussed Flood Plain Management.

Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager provided a bid from Heineken Electric for a whole Courthouse generator and discussed the replacement of the existing hot water heater with an electric hot water heater.

Kevin Kline and Gary Bachand discussed the different classifications of County roads and gravel for those classifications and the Ames/Miltonvale Road.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a resignation and Request & Petition.

The Board recognized the resignation of Charlie Valcoure effective March 3, 2023.

On a motion by Commissioner Matthew, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved a Request and Petition for Dennis Reedy for a Waterline on Lark Road, west of 210<sup>th</sup>.

Wonda Phillips & Sue Sutton, National Orphan Train Complex thanked the Board for the utility assistance the past year and presented a Wind Farm Grant for the National Orphan Train Complex. The Board reviewed the request on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Applications will be received until March 30<sup>th</sup> and will be taken in to consideration after that date.

Ken Davis, Sheriff reported that the door issues have been fixed, the last part to finish the Law Enforcement Center repairs is expected to arrive this week, and discussed creating a new Deputy position for investigation purposes.

On a motion by Commissioner Matthew, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Travis King as a full-time Corrections Officer at a rate of \$17.50 an hour effective March 2, 2023.

Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator reported that Thursday a sewer pipe broke at the Health Department and they updated 37 students immunizations during the outreach clinic at Southern Cloud. Sulanka will be attending the Healthcare Coalition meeting in Salina on Friday and has completed interviews for an open position.

Received a Wind Farm Grant Application for \$658.27 from the Cloud County Historical Museum for the Conference room microphones, speakers & camera recording system project. The total cost is \$658.27. Funds would provide the museum with a new system that provides better sound clarity and multiple microphone users. Microphones will allow the Museum to video record interviews with veterans, people with historical knowledge, and community happenings.

The Board approved the following payroll expenses totaling \$176,939.59

General Fund – \$94,883.63	Road & Bridge - \$47,031.89
Appraiser - \$5,922.73	County Health - \$19,363.77
Noxious Weed - \$1,881.36	Election - \$1,663.62
Solid Waste - \$6,192.59	

Payroll Deductions & Benefits - \$73,802.04

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 Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved abatements 2023-41 thru 2023-43 with a net change of (\$834.60) and no refund.

Commissioner Copple attended the Pawnee Mental Health Board meeting on Tuesday February 28<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Matthew attended the College Board of Trustees regular meeting on Tuesday February 28<sup>th</sup> and the Special meeting on Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

On a motion by Commissioner Matthew, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the February 27, 2023 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Matthew, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 11:09 a.m., until Monday March 13, 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