

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
MARCH 13, 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 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; Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator; Toby Marco, Appraiser; James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director; and Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; Nicki Reed, CloudCorp Director; and Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented the Noxious Weed Annual Report and the 2023 Management plan. Asch reported that although chemical sales dollars increased, sales decreased and Eagle Road between 50th and 60th is closed due to culvert failure. Discussed purchasing a 2017 motor grader. Federal Fund Exchange dollars will be \$95,530.56. The Board discussed complaints on Wagon Road to Hollis and from Highway 81 to Huscher.

On a motion by Commissioner Matthew, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication progress report and 2023 Management Plan.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Matthew, unanimous vote the Board approved a Request & Petition for Charles Sjogren for a utility line on 130th Road ¼ mile south of Vale.

Department Head – 9:21 – 9:45 am.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director – Sold \$41,284 lbs. of cardboard at a rate of \$35 a ton.

James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director reported that there was a February 22nd Homeland Security Walk thru at the Courthouse. During Severe Weather Awareness week did giveaways, will be attending the incident Management Team symposium, the Public Information Officers (PIO) class will be April 25 – 27. The cutoff date to register is April 11th and there is a prerequisite class. Visited the Miltonvale Senior Center to discuss Everbridge. June 1st will be an active shooter table top from 9:00 – 1:30 at the hospital. Planning a Cyber Security table top in the fall.

Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk – Continuity Plan is due by the end of the year, jury trial set for March 27th, intern beginning at the end of May and Supreme Court will be in Concordia on April 11th and 12th. The public is invited to observe the Supreme Court from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the High School.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator – Tree work, culvert failure on Eagle Road, has one full-time and one part-time position available.

Toby Marco, Appraiser reported that the value notices have been generated, printed and are being prepared to be mailed on the 17th and information regarding Everbridge and Neighborhood Revitalization were included.

Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager reported the security lighting in the foyers were complete, the expansion tank for the boiler has arrived but is not yet installed and working on Homeland Security suggestion changes.

Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator – Community Baby Shower will be March 26th at 2:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church. Safe Sleep training outreach. Katie Kearn is certified for car seat installation. Will be full-staffed April 3rd. USD 333 is helping with a slide show of services. Office will be closed March 28th & 29th.

Shella Thoman, County Clerk - Legislatures are discussing having a Presidential Primary. Volunteer Kansas begins on April 17th. County wide training day is scheduled for April 18th, all full-time and regular part-time employees should attend. All offices will be closed to the public.

Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator presented a new hire and grant application totaling \$122,119.32.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Matthew, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Rebecca Johannsen as the Float Nurse at the Health Department a wage of \$22.55 effective April 3, 2023.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Matthew, unanimous vote the Board approved the grant applications with Kansas Department of Health (KDHE) totaling \$122,119.32.

On a motion by Commissioner Matthew, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved acknowledging the certificate of Delivery of City of Concordia Ordinance 2023-3196 establishing a rural Housing Incentive District known as St. Joseph Subdivision Rural Housing Incentive District.

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$228,885.54

General Fund – \$65,708.92	Road & Bridge – \$82,921.45
Special Bridge - \$43,730.00	Juvenile Justice - \$578.78
Appraisal - \$471.15	Juvenile Reinvestment - \$20.88
Community Correc - \$2,416.02	County Health - \$10,064.18
Noxious Weed - \$694.12	Election - \$41.76
Solid Waste - \$20,498.92	Co Tourism & Convention - \$589.36
Employee Benefits - \$1,150.00	

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 2023-44 thru 2023-47 with a net change of (\$2,725.82) and no refund.

Commissioner Copple attended the Cloud County Resource Council on Wednesday, March 8th. Commissioners Copple and Matthew attending Jamestown City Hall Open House on Friday March 10th. All Commissioners attended the Cloud Corp Banquet on Monday, March 13th.

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

On a motion by Commissioner Matthew, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 10:57 a.m., until Monday March 20, 2023.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Gary Caspers, Chairman

Mark Matthew, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Ron Copple, Member