

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
MARCH 20, 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 20, 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; and Ken Davis, Sheriff (by call).

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; Mark Budreau, Budreau Construction; Melissa Swenson, Director of the Brown Grand Opera House; Darren Hill, The 5th Street House LLC; and Jordan Budreau, 12 x 12 Recovery, LLC and The 5th Street House LLC.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator received Tire Bids from Kansasland Tire, Poms, Commercial Tire Center, Budreau Muffler, and Best One Tire. Asch will review the bids and report back. Asch discussed decking & beam cost from Husker Steele totaling \$44,774, the cost share program for the Ames/Miltonvale road and reported that chemical quotes were sent out last week.

Mark Budreau, Budreau Construction discussed repairs due to broken water pipes during upgrades when the old heating system failed and the final repair needed for completion of the Law Enforcement Center repair project.

Darren Hill, The 5th Street House LLC and Jordan Budreau, 12 x 12 Recovery, LLC and The 5th Street House LLC presented Wind Farm grants and discussed the services provided by both houses.

Jordan Budreau, 12 x 12 Recovery, LLC presented a Wind Farm Grant for the 12 x 12 Recovery LLC for \$68,946.23 for Recover facilities improvements, staff training, safety feature installation and shuttle vehicle. The total cost of the project is \$68,946.23. The funds will be used for roof repair/replacement, window repair/replacement and a vehicle to be used for shuttling residents to/from necessary appointments.

Darren Hill, The 5th Street House LLC; Jordan Budreau, 12 x 12 Recovery, LLC and The 5th Street House LLC for \$82,100 for Renovation of women’s crisis structured sober living home project. The total cost is \$113,350.00. The funds will be used to renovate the home in an effort to provide women of this community, as well as the surrounding communities, who find themselves in difficult circumstances a safe, stable and a healthy environment in which they may prosper. The project will fund heating/air, flooring, kitchen, bathroom remodels and safety features (security system and interconnected fire alarms).

Melissa Swenson, Director of the Brown Grand Opera House presented a Wind Farm Grant for the Brown Grand Opera House, Inc. for \$11,281.00 for Renovation for the Brown Grand Gallery Restrooms project. The total cost is \$11,281.00. The funds will be used to renovate the two restrooms on the second floor (Gallery).

Ken Davis, Sheriff (by phone) discussed removing the pile of dirt/rock east of the Law Enforcement Center.

The Board reviewed bids for demolition of the jail building located at 103 W 8th. Two bids were received, Smith Construction Services totaling \$57,300.00 and DT Specialized Services, Inc for \$97,400; an additional \$3,400 can be deducted if running concurrent with the CCHC demolition project.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Matthew, unanimous vote the Board approved accepting the bid from Smith Construction Services in the amount of \$57,300 for the demolition of the Cloud County jail building at 103 W 8th Street. The bid includes demolition of building down to basement level, including the basement floor & foundations; removal of all wood, concrete and metal debris and no backfill material will be used (Highway Department will take care of backfill).

On a motion by Commissioner Matthew, second by Commissioner Cople, unanimous vote the Board approved appointing Janice “Jan” McCormick to an open position on the North Central -Flint Hills Area of Aging Board of Directors.

On a motion by Commissioner Matthew, second by Commissioner Cople, unanimous vote the Board approved accepting the bid from Heineken Electric for replacement of the 2nd floor & basement electric panels.

The Board approved the following payroll expenses totaling \$178,500.15

General Fund – \$94,291.93	Road & Bridge - \$48,735.77
Appraiser - \$5,926.47	County Health - \$19,887.32
Noxious Weed - \$1,881.88	Election - \$1,632.78
Solid Waste - \$6,144.00	

Payroll Deductions & Benefits - \$214,239.70

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 2023-48 thru 2023-50 with a net change of (\$94.32) and refund of \$84.32.

Commissioner Caspers attended the Juvenile Detention Committee meeting on Wednesday March 15th in Washington.

On a motion by Commissioner Matthew, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the March 13, 2023 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Matthew, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 11:17 a.m., until Monday March 27, 2023.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Gary Caspers, Chairman

Mark Matthew, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Ron Copple, Member