

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
MARCH 27, 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 27, 2023 in the Commissioners' room at 811 Washington, Concordia, Kansas with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Mark Matthew and Ron Cople, and County Clerk Shella Thoman present.

County staff attending was: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; and Toby Marco, Appraiser.

Others attending: Casey Fraser, Foley Tractor; Chelsey Wilson & Jennifer Kindel, NCK CASA; Charles Johnson, Public Building Committee; Wyatt Hoch, Foulston Siefken, LLP (by conference call); Republic County Commissioners: Ed Spichal, Melvin Jearde & Doug Garman; Travis Boyer, Republic County Human Resource Officers; Justin Ferrell, Republic County Attorney; and Kathleen Marsicek, Republic County Clerk.

On a motion by Commissioner Matthew, second by Commissioner Cople, unanimous vote the Board approved a 10-minute executive session for attorney-client privilege to discuss the Law Enforcement Center resuming open session at 9:14 a.m., including Charles Johnson, Public Building Committee; Wyatt Hoch, Foulston Siefken, LLP (by conference call); and Shella Thoman, County Clerk.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator and Casey Fraser, Foley Tractor discussed purchasing a used grader. Purchase price is \$219,900 for a 2017 120 M2 AWD with a trade allowance of a 2007 and 1985 Caterpillar of \$59,935.00. Asch reported on tire bids received last week. Bids accepted included Budreau Muffler totaling \$15,215.44 and Kansasland totaling \$5,118.00. Chemical orders will be put in this week and the regional spring meeting will be April 5th. Cople reported he looked at roads with Kevin Kline and discussed road classifications.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Matthew, unanimous vote the Board approved purchasing a 2017 120 M2 Motor grader with 2,208 hours for \$160,965.

On a motion by Commissioner Matthew, second by Commissioner Cople, unanimous vote the Board approved requesting \$4,000 from the Frank & Leva Duclos Foundation for the Governor Frank Carlson Hometown Heritage Sign project.

On a motion by Commissioner Matthew, second by Commissioner Cople, unanimous vote the Board proclaimed April as Child Abuse Prevention month and recognizes the important role CASA volunteers have in advocating for the best interests of abused and neglected children in Cloud County.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Matthew, unanimous vote the Board approved the Chairman to sign the Designer 179D Tax Deduction Public Building Allocation form for Orazem & Scalora Engineering, P.A.

The Board and County Clerk traveled to Republic County to meet with the Republic County Commissioners.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Matthew, unanimous vote the Board approved a 30-minute executive session for personnel exception to discuss non-elected personnel resuming open session at 10:48 a.m., including Republic County Commissioners: Ed Spichal, Melvin Jeardoe & Doug Garman; Travis Boyer, Republic County Human Resource Officers; Justin Ferrell, Republic County Attorney

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, 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 11:03 a.m., including Republic County Commissioners: Ed Spichal, Melvin Jeardoe & Doug Garman; Travis Boyer, Republic County Human Resource Officers; Justin Ferrell, Republic County Attorney

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Matthew, unanimous vote the Board approved a 10-minute executive session for personnel exception to discuss non-elected personnel resuming open session at 11:52 a.m., including Republic County Commissioners: Ed Spichal, Melvin Jeardoe & Doug Garman; Justin Ferrell, Republic County Attorney and Toby Marco, County Appraiser.

The Board received a Wind Farm grant application from the City of Jamestown for \$14,000. The total cost of the project is \$64,000 for the Community building HVAC replacement project. The project would replace rooftop heating and air-conditioning units on several community rooms/buildings; including the library, after-school room, community room, senior center and food pantry.

The Board received a Wind Farm grant application from the City of Jamestown for \$18,000. The total cost of the project is \$22,000 for the fueling station update project. The funds would be used to updated the card readers and fueling station pumps as well as update the lighting and provide compressed air.

The Board received a Wind Farm grant application from the City of Jamestown for the Jamestown 4th of July Celebration project for \$6,000. The total cost is \$16,000. The funds will be used to assist with costs associated with the yearly 4th of July celebration. The event has a community free will BBQ, live music, raffle, dancing, cornhole tournament, horseshoe tournament, bounce houses, carnival games, book grab, firework display and other activities; such as the 2022 Youth Booth Challenge.

The Board received a Wind Farm grant application from the City of Glasco for the Idle Awhile RV Park for \$43,629. The total cost of the project is \$43,629. The funds will be used to revitalize the R.V. park including electrical upgrades, purchase and installation of a storm shelter, new concrete pads, water hydrants, lighting, gravel for roadways and culverts.

Recognized the wage change for Sarah Yungeberg, Adult Intensive Supervision Officer, from \$25.47 to \$26.12 effective March 26, 2023.

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$96,879.60

General Fund – \$38,749.87	Road & Bridge – \$20,155.21
Juvenile Justice - \$2,559.97	Special Alcohol & Drug - \$1,550.00
Appraisal - \$122.31	Juvenile Reinvestment - \$31.43
Community Correc - \$298.27	County Health - \$3,528.75
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Solid Waste - \$24,228.90	Co Tourism & Convention - \$3,316.45
Employee Benefits - \$1,214.66	

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

Commissioner Caspers attended the CloudCorp Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday March 21st.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Matthew, unanimous vote the Board approved the March 20, 2023 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Matthew, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 12:55 p.m., until Monday April 3, 2023.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Gary Caspers, Chairman

Mark Matthew, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Ron Copple, Member