

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS  
APRIL 10, 2023  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the April meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on April 10, 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; Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator; Toby Marco, Appraiser; Chelsey Simon, Health Department Office Manager; and Robert Walsh, County Attorney.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; Republic County Commissioners: Melvin Jeardoe (by phone) & Doug Garman; Justin Ferrell, Republic County Attorney; Kathleen Marsicek, Republic County Clerk; and Casey Fraser, Foley Tractor.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, 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 9:22 a.m., including Republic County Commissioners Doug Garman & Melvin Jeardoe, Cloud County Attorney Robert Walsh and Republic County Attorney Justin Ferrell.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Matthew, unanimous vote the Board approved an additional 10-minute executive session for personnel exception to discuss non-elected personnel resuming open session at 9:33 a.m., including Republic County Commissioners Doug Garman & Melvin Jeardoe, Cloud County Attorney Robert Walsh and Republic County Attorney Justin Ferrell.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Matthew, unanimous vote the Board approved an additional 10-minute executive session for personnel exception to discuss non-elected personnel resuming open session at 9:46 a.m., including Republic County Commissioners Doug Garman & Melvin Jeardoe, Cloud County Attorney Robert Walsh and Republic County Attorney Justin Ferrell.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, 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 9:57 a.m., including Republic County Commissioners Doug Garman & Melvin Jeardoe, Cloud County Attorney Robert Walsh, Republic County Attorney Justin Ferrell and County Appraiser Toby Marco.

Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator and Chelsey Simon, Health Department Office Manager reported that there were only 4 County Health Departments in attendance at the Governor's conference that continue to provide Home Health services and none of them are being paid by Medicare. Sulanka discussed switching back to our previous billing

contractor as we were being paid by Medicare with that provider. Sulanka will report back to the Board.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Matthew, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Teryn Tracy as a CNA/HHA at an introductory wage of \$16.00 an hour effective April 24, 2023.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator and Casey Fraser, Foley Tractor discussed the adjusted offer for a 2017 motor grader. Foley Tractor agreed to split the trade-in allowance change with the County. Asch discussed bridge replacement cost estimates for the bridge on the Cloud/Clay line; cost will be shared by Clay County.

On a motion by Commissioner Matthew, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board rescinded the motion on March 27, 2023 and accepted the adjusted quote for a 2017 120 M2 Motor grader with 2,208 hours for \$166,433 and allow Asch to sign bank paperwork.

The Board discussed a memorandum from the Department of the Air Force regarding the notice of public meetings and intent to prepare an Environmental Impact statement for the B-21 Bomber Beddown Main operating base (MOB) 2 or MOB 3 at Dyess Air Force Base (AFB), Texas or Whiteman AFB, Missouri. The comment period has been extended to May 10, 2023.

The Board reviewed the Budget Status report and Fund Status Report as of March 31, 2023 with an ending cash balance of \$11,342,078.45.

On a motion by Commissioner Matthew, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Tyler Reed as a Corrections Officer at an hour rate of \$18.20 effective April 12, 2023.

Recognized the resignation of Brenda Thomas, Corrections effective April 12, 2023.

On a motion by Commissioner Matthew, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board proclaimed April 2023 as Sexual Assault Awareness month in Cloud County and urge citizens to participate in observance.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, 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 11:23 a.m., including Thoman.

The Board reviewed the final pay request from Budreau Construction, Inc. totaling \$102,958.47. This was the retainage amount agreed upon until completion of the project.

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$266,434.60

General Fund – \$52,998.81	Road & Bridge – \$76,136.08
Juvenile Justice - \$638.66	Co Tourism & Convention - \$369.28
Appraisal - \$227.15	Juvenile Reinvestment - \$89.70
Community Correc. - \$1,249.08	County Health - \$7,333.25
Noxious Weed - \$472.48	Election - \$155.20
Special Building - \$102,958.47	Court Services - \$1,550.87
Solid Waste - \$22,255.57	

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

Commissioner Copple attended the North Central Regional Planning Commission meeting on Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> in Beloit and the Pawnee Mental Health Board meeting on Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> in Clay Center. Commissioner Matthew attended the Cloud County Community College Board meeting on Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.

On a motion by Commissioner Matthew, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the April 3, 2023 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Matthew, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 12:03 p.m., until Monday April 17, 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