

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
APRIL 24, 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 24, 2023 in the Commissioners' room at 811 Washington, Concordia, Kansas with Chairman Gary Caspers, Member Ron Copple, and County Clerk Shella Thoman present. Commissioner Mark Matthew joined later by conference call.

County staff attending was: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator; Toby Marco, Appraiser (by conference call); Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager; and Dawn Synder, Assistant Director & Juvenile Community Corrections Supervision Officer.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; Public Building Commissioner Board members: Brad Berk, Joshua Meyer & Charles Johnson; Republic County Commissioners: Ed Splichal, Melvin Jeardoe & Doug Garman & Justin Ferrell, Republic County Attorney (by conference call).

The Board discussed the Law Enforcement Center law suit with the Public Building Commissioner Board (PBC) members: Brad Berk, Joshua Meyer & Charles Johnson. The PBC assigned rights to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) and the BOCC accepted.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved accepting the assignment from the Building Commission to the County of all warranties relating to the Cloud County jail facility or construction thereof, including all warranties from Zahner Hansen Construction Group, Inc. and all Zahner Hansen Construction Group, Inc. subcontractors and suppliers; and Westchester Fire Insurance Co. under the Performance Bond it issued for the project.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented resignations and classification changes; reported the estimate on bridge replacement for the bridge on Merridan Rd between Jade & Key is \$254,455 and will be shared by Clay County. It would be in the fall before work will begin and will be a new structure with a concrete deck. Discussed decreasing staff and increasing wages (no decision was made).

The Board recognized the resignation of Joshua Cornell, Highway Department effective April 28, 2023; and James Workman, Jr, Highway Department effective April 28, 2023.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the wage change for Devin Pearson, Equipment Operator from \$17.18 to \$16.50 effective April 24, 2023.

Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator reported that 3 Bike Rodeo's were scheduled in Cloud County. Saturday May 6th at the Clifton-Clyde High School Parking lot; in Jamestown at 311 Walnut on May 20th; and May 27th in Miltonvale at 14 Spruce. All Rodeo's will begin at 8:30 a.m. and helmets will be available while supplies last. Residents can register in person or online on the Health Departments Facebook event page. Sulanka reported that Cloud County has a high COVID transmission rate and received \$390 in COVID testing funds last month. Reported that currently they are not accepting any Medicare patients due to not being paid from Medicare. Discussed eliminating the Float Nurse position and replacing it with an additional receptionist.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved a 10-minute executive session for personnel exception to discuss non-elected personnel resuming open session at 10:39 a.m., including Robert Walsh, County Attorney and Thoman.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved a 20-minute executive session for personnel exception to discuss non-elected personnel resuming open session at 11:00 a.m., including Republic County Commissioners: Ed Splichal, Melvin Jeardoe & Doug Garman & Justin Ferrell, Republic County Attorney (by conference call); Walsh and Thoman.

Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager discussed using Capital Outlay funds to purchase a new mower. Thoman is waiting on a second quote.

Dawn Synder, Assistant Director & Juvenile Community Corrections Supervision Officer presented Fiscal year 2024 / 2025 grant requests.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the FY2024 Adult Comprehensive Plan Grant for \$407,048.89; FY2024 Juvenile Comprehensive Plan Grant for \$292,469.94; FY 2024/2025 Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board Grant (JCAB) for \$118,002.90 and FY2024/2025 Juvenile Reinvestment Grant for \$99,122.10.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved a 15-minute executive session for personnel exception to discuss non-elected personnel resuming open session at 11:53 a.m., including Republic County Commissioners: Ed Splichal, Melvin Jeardoe & Doug Garman & Justin Ferrell, Republic County Attorney (by conference call); Walsh and Thoman

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved a 10-minute executive session for personnel exception to discuss non-elected personnel resuming open session at 12:10 p.m., including Toby Marco, County Appraiser; Republic County Commissioners: Ed Splichal, Melvin Jeardoe & Doug Garman & Justin Ferrell, Republic County Attorney (by conference call); Walsh and Thoman

Commissioner Matthew joined the meeting by conference call.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Matthew, unanimous vote the Board terminate the contract as County Appraiser with Toby Marco effective immediately.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring David Penn II as a Corrections officer effective April 20, 2023.

The Board received a thank you from the City of Jamestown in reference to the Wind Farm funding.

The Board recognized resignations from Nathaniel Powers, Sheriff – Corrections effective May 1, 2023; and Teresa Benson, Sheriff – Corrections effective April 17, 2023.

The Board recognized the retirement of Deanna Pounds, Treasurer’s Office effective April 28, 2023.

Received a 2024 budget request from the Cloud County Conservation District for \$25,000 (no change from 2023).

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$306,861.02

General Fund – \$48,706.40	Road & Bridge – \$118,360.02
Special Bridge - \$40,110.00	Juvenile Justice - \$17,415.31
Appraisal - \$1,153.81	Juvenile Reinvestment - \$37.45
Community Correc - \$768.50	County Health - \$12,583.32
Noxious Weed - \$25,640.33	Election - \$55.89
Court Services - \$917.45	Special Alcohol & Drug - \$1,062.83
Solid Waste - \$22,370.05	Co Tourism & Convention - \$17,459.00
Employee Benefits - \$220.66	

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

Commissioner Caspers attended the Juvenile Detention Committee meeting in Salina and the Juvenile/Community Corrections Advisory Board meeting by Zoom on Wednesday

April 19th; and the KWORCC Board of Trustees meeting on Thursday April 20th in Topeka. All Commissioners attended the County Wide Training Day on Tuesday April 18th.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the April 17, 2023 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 12:19 p.m., until Monday May 1, 2023.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Gary Caspers, Chairman

Mark Matthew, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Ron Copple, Member