

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
MAY 1, 2023
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the May meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on May 1, 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 Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; Marlene Stamm, County Sanitarian; and Washington County, Clay County & Marshall County Commissioners' and Clerks (by Zoom).

Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager requested using \$2,518 of Capital Outlay funds to purchase a new Hustler mower. The purchase price of the mower is \$5,918; the Highway Department will purchase the current mower for \$3,400.

On a motion by Commissioner Matthew, second by Commissioner Cople, unanimous vote the Board approved a Capital Outlay request of \$2,518 to purchase a Hustler mower from Budreau Muffler Automotive & Tow.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a waterline permit and reported that there are 216 miles of roads classified as B roads in Cloud County with gravel that are part of the cost share program.

On a motion by Commissioner Matthew, second by Commissioner Cople, unanimous vote the Board approved a Request and Petition from Clinton Fraser with the Cloud County Rural Water District #1 for a waterline 900 ft west from 130th on Camp Road.

Marlene Stamm, Cloud County Sanitarian presented a 2024 budget estimated at \$11,825.53 and inquired what percentage of increase should be budgeted. Commissioners from Clay, Marshall and Washington reported they were considering a 3 – 5% increase for wages. Washington County, Clay County & Marshall County Commissioners' and Clerks were present by Zoom.

Received a budget request from the North Central Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging Inc. for administrative funding totaling \$3,107 and in Home service funding totaling \$2,234.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Matthew, unanimous vote the Board approved proclaiming May 2023 as Motorcycle Awareness Month and ask all motor vehicle operators to unite in this effort to keep our streets and highways safe as motorists and motorcyclists share the roadways of Cloud County.

On a motion by Commissioner Matthew, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Larry Meadows as a Corrections Officer at an introductory rate of \$17.50 effective April 24, 2023.

Sales tax received April 27, 2023 totaled \$80,012.62 compared to the prior year totaling \$74,329.22.

The Board approved the following payroll expenses totaling \$183,443.32

General Fund – \$101,880.55	Road & Bridge - \$44,938.37
Appraiser - \$6,293.59	County Health - \$20,627.29
Noxious Weed - \$1,868.39	Election - \$1,652.77
Solid Waste - \$6,182.36	

Payroll Deductions & Benefits - \$75,905.53

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 2023-52 thru 2023-55 with a net change of (\$1,460.58) and refund of \$938.56.

Commissioner Copple attended the North Central Regional Planning Commission meeting on Thursday, April 27th in Courtland and the Pawnee Mental Health Board meeting in Clay Center on Tuesday April 25th. Commissioner Matthew attended the Cloud County Community College Board meeting on Tuesday April 25th and the Cloud County Health Needs Committee on Thursday April 27th.

On a motion by Commissioner Matthew, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the April 24, 2023 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Matthew, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 12:19 p.m., until Monday May 8, 2023.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Gary Caspers, Chairman

Mark Matthew, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Ron Copple, Member