

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
MAY 15, 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 15, 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; Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director; Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator; Chelsey Simon, Health Department Office Manager; and Shea McMillian, Appraiser Office Manager.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; Jeff Reece, Lindburg Vogel Pierce; and Casey Fraser, Foley Tractor.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented 2 classification changes and discussed roof estimates.

On a motion by Commissioner Matthew, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved a classification change for Carl Schrontz, Jr. from Equipment Operator to Road Supervisor effective May 21, 2023 with an intro change of \$19.28.

On a motion by Commissioner Matthew, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved a classification change for James (JD) Beam from Mechanic to Equipment Operator effective May 15, 2023 at a recommended wage of \$17.18.

Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator and Chelsey Simon, Health Department Office Manager reported that the 1st Clyde bike rodeo was a success with 12 bikers attending; Jamestown Bike Rodeo will be May 20th starting at 8:30. The COVID pandemic is now an endemic. COVID supplies for at home testing are available while supplies last. Tracing, isolation, quarantine and reporting have all ended. The annual Medicare audit was last week, all the paperwork looked good, auditor suggested switching billing providers. Presented resignations.

Acknowledged the resignation of Rebecca Johannsen effective May 10, 2023 and Kyah Summers effective May 5, 2023 from the Health Department.

Casey Fraser, Foley Tractor thanked the Board for the business.

Jeff Reece, Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris Chartered discussed the 2022 audit that they'll be working on this week.

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 10:06 a.m., including Thoman.

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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 10:35 a.m., including Shea McMillan & Thoman.

Received a 2024 budget request from:

Maintenance - \$73,250.00 (excluding payroll)

Emergency Preparedness - \$24,977.00 (including reimbursements & excluding payroll)

Reviewed statute 25-1606 regarding all vacancies in the office of trustee, clerk or treasurer of any township shall be filled by appointment by the Board of County Commissioners. The following Township offices need filled: Colfax Trustee & Clerk; Lyon Trustee; and Starr Clerk. Interested electors can contact the County Clerk's office.

The Board approved the following payroll expenses totaling \$170,869.77

General Fund – \$91,645.63

Road & Bridge - \$43,677.32

Appraiser - \$4,694.35

County Health - \$21,163.50

Noxious Weed - \$1,880.48

Election - \$1,631.82

Solid Waste - \$6,176.67

Payroll Deductions & Benefits - \$197,519.88

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

Commissioner Copple attended the Cloud County Resource Council meeting on Tuesday May 9th. Copple reported that Pawnee Mental Health will host Pancakes for Pawnee on June 3rd. Commissioner Matthew attended the Chemical Dependency Committee meeting on Friday May 12th.

On a motion by Commissioner Matthew, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the May 8, 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 May 22, 2023.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Gary Caspers, Chairman

Mark Matthew, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Ron Copple, Member