

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
JUNE 5, 2023
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the June meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on June 5, 2023 in the Commissioners' room at 811 Washington, Concordia, Kansas with Chairman Gary Caspers, Member 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; and JoDee LeDuc, Treasurer.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; Sheila Nelson-Stout, Patrick Wallerius, Susan Sprague, and Kendra Krier, OCK Inc; Nicole Reed, CloudCorp Executive Director; and Richard Hubert, Don Menard, Gary Sorrell, Rosella Hubert, Nancy Reynolds and Althea Sicard representing the Cloud County Senior Centers.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed the Road agreement with Grain Belt Express LLC and a trailer that was left on a county road. Asch will discuss the issue with the County Attorney's office.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Marshall Charbonneau as a part-time Equipment Operator at the Highway Department effective June 4, 2023 at a rate of \$16.00

Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator reported that 30 children and 20 adults learned about safe sleep at the Concordia Library's Summer Kick-off, will be attending the Kansas Immunization Conference in Salina next week and are meeting with Healthcare First today. There will be no walk-in Wednesday on June 14th.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the classification change for Latisha Vanous from \$16.00 to \$16.48 an hour; Blythe Atwell from \$16.40 to \$18.08 an hour; and Chelsey Simon from \$17.68 to \$18.34 an hour in accordance with the Health Department pay scale.

Nicole Reed, CloudCorp Executive Director presented a 2024 budget request totaling \$58,000 and reviewed what is happening in the CloudCorp office. CloudCorp is working with the City of Concordia on a moderate-income housing project, continues efforts to increase childcare and worked directly with six new start-up businesses in 2022.

JoDee LeDuc, Treasurer discussed wage changes in her office; she will not be increasing the dollars budgeted but reallocated the payroll dollars.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the classification change for Melissa Chaplin from \$19.04 to \$19.72 effective June 5, 2023.

Sheila Nelson-Stout, Patrick Wallerius, Susan Sprague, and Kendra Krier, OCCK Inc. reported that 4,790 people were served in 2021, 300 more people the previous year. OCCK employed 69 Cloud County residents returning \$3,738,979 to Cloud County in wages, taxes and a goods and services; gave over 10,472 rides, assisted 4 Cloud County residents in becoming employed, and served 580 Cloud County residents. A request was made for of \$107,000 for the 2024 budget year. The request will be considered when preparing the budget.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director reported that roof work was being done at the Transfer Station and 42,362 lbs. of cardboard were sold and continued the discussion of installing a doorway between the Recycling Center buildings.

Richard Hubert, Don Menard, Gary Sorrell, Rosella Hubert, Nancy Reynolds and Althea Sicard representing the Cloud County Senior Centers requested 1 mill from the 2024 budget to support the area Senior Centers.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Abbigale Peterson as a seasonal Administrative Intern in the Attorney's office effective May 30, 2023 at a rate of \$14.00

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the classification change for Andrew Johnson from Corrections to Deputy effective May 13, 2023.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board proclaimed June 2023 as Elder Abuse Awareness month in the County of Cloud and urges all citizens to work together to help protect elder adults from abuse, neglect, and exploitation because it is imperative that we refuse to tolerate the indignity of Elder Abuse.

The Board reviewed the Budget Status report as of May 31, 2023.

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$528,514.45

General Fund – \$54,124.49	Road & Bridge – \$266,213.55
Special Bridge - \$8,750.00	Juvenile Justice - \$2,205.32
Appraisal - \$820.49	Juvenile Reinvestment - \$106.93
Community Correc - \$2,346.56	County Health - \$10,619.50
Noxious Weed - \$12,611.27	Election - \$218.08
Fair - \$13,411.39	Pawnee Mental Health - \$29,384.50
Solid Waste - \$24,204.40	Co Tourism & Convention - \$269.96
Employee Benefits - \$1,150.00	Court Services - \$12.00
Soil Conservation - \$8,299.27	OCCK - \$36,868.86
Historical Museum - \$12,777.58	Services for the Elderly - \$44,120.30

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

Commissioner Copple attended the Pawnee Mental Health Board meeting on Tuesday May 30th by Zoom and assisted with the Cloud County Resource Center garage sale set up on Tuesday May 30th and Thursday June 1st.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the May 30, 2023 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 11:20 a.m., until Monday June 12, 2023.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Gary Caspers, Chairman

Mark Matthew, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Ron Copple, Member