

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
JUNE 19, 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 19, 2023 in the Commissioners' room at 811 Washington, Concordia, Kansas with Chairman Gary Caspers, Ron Copple, and County Clerk Shella Thoman present.

County staff attending was: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; and Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director.

Others attending: Michael Cleveland; Toby Nosker, KNCK; Tonya Merrill, Executive Director of the Cloud County Resource Center; Nathan Gentry, Nebraska-Kansas Amateur Radio; Chelsey Wilson and Jenny Pachta, NCK CASA; and Republic County Commissioners: Ed Spichal, Melvin Jeardoe & Doug Garman; and Kathleen Marsicek, Republic County Clerk (by conference call).

Nathan Gentry, Nebraska-Kansas Amateur Radio presented a proclamation for amateur radio week. Gentry invited the public to the event at the Glasco VFW beginning Saturday June 24th at 10:00 a.m. and ending on Sunday June 25th at 10:00 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved proclaiming June 18 – 24 Amateur Radio week in Cloud County.

Tonya Merrill, Executive Director of the Cloud County Resource Center requested an increase of \$5,000 in funding for the 2024 year. The additional funding will allow for a full-time director and an expansion of services. The Board will take the request into consideration when preparing the 2024 budget.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported that the trailer left on 40th road was still there but there was work being done to remove it and discussed the 2022 transfer to the Special Equipment fund.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director presented a new hire, reported that the new generator was installed at the Transfer Station and that the crawler was at Foley's for repairs.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Donald Brannan as Recycling Sorter / Operator effective June 19, 2023 at a 6-month introductory rate of \$15.00.

Chelsey Wilson and Jenny Pachta, NCK CASA presented a 2024 budget request in the amount of \$15,000 and emphasized the need for quality advocacy services for Cloud County children.

Shella Thoman County Clerk requested that the County offices be closed on July 3rd using the County's floating holiday and requested an employee insurance premium free month during the month of July using 15% of the refund dollars that were accumulated in the past. The Board approved.

The Board recognized notification from KCAMP that premiums are anticipated to increase 20-25% in 2024. Additionally, property deductibles will increase to \$5,000, with a wind/hail deductible of \$10,000 per occurrence.

The Board made a call to Republic County to discuss arrangements for County Appraiser interviews.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Brian Mills as a Sheriff Deputy effective June 16, 2023 at a rate of \$18.50 an hour.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Damian Regnier as a Corrections Officer at a rate of \$17.50 an hour effective June 14, 2023.

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$215,137.43

General Fund – \$50,218.13	Road & Bridge – \$108,130.16
Special Bridge - \$17,500.00	Juvenile Justice - \$8,199.80
Appraisal - \$615.22	Juvenile Reinvestment - \$150.00
Community Correc - \$5,262.00	County Health - \$6,353.08
Noxious Weed - \$63.12	Special Alcohol & Drug - \$3,420.00
Special Building - \$7,728.00	Court Services - \$72.00
Solid Waste - \$935.59	Co Tourism & Convention - \$6,269.67
Employee Benefits - \$220.66	

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 June 13th.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the June 12, 2023 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 11:14 a.m., until Monday June 26, 2023.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Gary Caspers, Chairman

Mark Matthew, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Ron Copple, Member