

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
JULY 6, 2023
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the July meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 6, 2023 in the Commissioners' room at 811 Washington, Concordia, Kansas with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Michael Cleveland and Ron Cople, and County Clerk Shella Thoman present.

County staff attending was: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director; Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator; JoDee LeDuc, Treasurer; Ken Davis, Sheriff; Shea McMillan, Interim Appraiser; James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director; Jana Roush, Register of Deeds; Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; and Nicki Reed, Cloud Corp Director.

Nicki Reed, Cloud Corp Director presented the July Slate Selection. The Grant Committee reviewed applications and according to the guidelines recommends awarding the following projects: CJ's Car Wash for a tunnel carwash in the amount of \$50,000; Elk Creek Gardens for a one-of-a-kind Garden store in the amount of \$26,000; Warehouse 315 for an event center in the amount of \$26,000; LCP & I for a facial aesthetics clinic in the amount of \$26,000; Roots and Wings for a ground up daycare facility in the amount of \$11,000; and LeDuc Properties LLC for a 40 x 60 shop for precast concrete in the amount of \$11,000.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved distributing \$150,000 of Wind Farm funds to the Get in the Cloud Small Business grants as recommended by the Committee.

Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator reported that she applied for \$120,000 in grants were approved for an approximate total of \$58,000. Is receiving \$80,629.98 in a Workforce grant and discussed ideas of using the money including a generator. Will be talking to the Concordia Senior Center regarding an outreach clinic during the month.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported that he received another quote for the Ames / Miltonvale road at approximately \$1.4 million.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Cople, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Greg Lagasse as a part-time equipment operator at the Highway Department at an hourly rate of \$16.00 effective July 10, 2023.

Shella Thoman, County Clerk presented the Board with employee suggestions for the \$1,000 donation to a non-profit for winning the Kansas Gives Back Challenge. The Board approved donating the funds to the Concordia Lions Club to support the Wednesday night

suppers. Presented the State of Kansas mileage rates effective July 1, 2023; the board approved raising the rates to \$.0655 per mile for privately owned automobiles.

Department Head – 10:34 – 11:28 a.m.

Ken Davis, Sheriff – Adding additional signage for KDOC.

James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director – September 12th is the elected official's tabletop and August 8th is the Active Shooter table top. Commissioners should attend both tabletops and someone from each Courthouse Department should attend the active shooter table top.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director – Routine business.

Jana Roush, Register of Deeds – Routine business.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator – Five full-time positions open, researching what can be done on the Ames / Miltonvale road and how to pay for it.

Shea McMillan, Interim Appraiser – Routine business.

JoDee LeDuc, Treasurer – Delinquent letters have been sent out. 97.5% of taxes have been collected to date; \$504,000 of real estate is not collected.

Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager – Work has begun on tearing down the old jail.

Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator - Will be talking to the Concordia Senior Center regarding an outreach clinic during the month.

Shella Thoman – Department heads met and worked on the 2024 budget. A motion will need to be made on July 17th to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate, with a hearing to be set in September.

The Board reviewed the Budget Status report and Fund Status Report as of June 30, 2023 with an ending cash balance of \$14,897,290.78.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved a 15-minute executive session for personnel exception to discuss non-elected personnel resuming open session at 10:20 a.m., including Republic County Commissioners: Ed Spichal, Melvin Jeardoe & Doug Garman; and Kathleen Marsicek, Republic County Clerk; (by conference call) and Thoman.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved a 5-minute executive session for personnel exception to discuss non-elected personnel resuming open session at 10:26 a.m., including Republic County

Commissioners: Ed Spichal, Melvin Jeardoe & Doug Garman; and Kathleen Marsicek, Republic County Clerk; (by conference call) and Thoman.

Acknowledged receipt of notification from the City of Concordia for the possible de-annexation from the City of Concordia for a tract of land located on the south side of Union Road and west of 150th road.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 2023-09 voiding check #217015 on December 9, 2022 in the amount of \$252.55 to Creative Product Source, Inc. as it was not received by the vendor.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Cople, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Garrett Kimminau as a Corrections Officer effective June 13, 2023 at an hour rate of \$18.20.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Cople, unanimous vote the Board approved a 2-minute executive session for personnel exception to discuss non-elected personnel resuming open session at 11:42 a.m., including Thoman.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 2023-10 appointing Quentin Breese as Education Representative to the 12th Judicial District Community Correction Juvenile Services Advisory Board, replacing Jeff Travis.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Cople, unanimous vote the Board approved the appointment of Katherine Budke to the Cloud County Commission on Aging Board effective June 30, 2023 replacing Nancy Reynolds.

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$403,057.48

General Fund – \$46,683.52	Road & Bridge – \$209,874.67
Special Bridge - \$27,748.03	Juvenile Justice - \$1,040.31
Appraisal - \$170.74	Juvenile Reinvestment - \$464.84
Community Correc - \$1,876.85	County Health - \$14,365.19
Noxious Weed - \$3,262.11	Election - \$46.20
Solid Waste - \$40,550.52	Co Tourism & Convention - \$211.54
PATF - \$858.41	Special machinery & Equip - \$55,652.00
DARE – Sheriff’s Dept - \$252.55	

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

Commissioner Caspers participated in the KWORCC Board of Trustees meeting on Thursday June 29th. Commissioner Cople attended the Pawnee Mental Health Board meeting on Tuesday, June 27th. Commissioner Cleveland attended the City of Concordia’s

Police Department open house on Wednesday June 28th and met with Mark Headrick regarding the Cloud County race track.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved the June 26, 2023 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 4:20 p.m., until Monday July 17, 2023.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Gary Caspers, Chairman

Michael Cleveland, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Ron Copple, Member