

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

Regular session of the September meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 5, 2023 in the Commissioners' room at 811 Washington, Concordia, Kansas with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Michael Cleveland and Ron Copple, and County Clerk Shella Thoman present.

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

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; and Marlene Stamm, County Sanitarian. Others attending by conference call: Jeff Jordan, Foulston Siefkin, LLP

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported that we were denied funding through the Local Bridge Improvement funding for the Glasco bridge. Working on the Aurora Road and Miller Pit and spraying sericea. The Highway Department is responsible for just under 1,200 miles of roads.

Marlene Stamm, County Sanitarian presented the Board with a quarterly report, reported she received a grant for \$1,200 and served on a Sanitarian panel for the Flint Hills Estate group. Discussed a 5% cost of living increase; the Board agreed to the increase.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved a 10-minute executive session for attorney-client privilege to discuss the Law Enforcement Center resuming open session at 9:46 a.m., including Thoman and by conference call Jeff Jordan, Foulston Siefkin, LLP.

Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator reported that they will begin in-person breast feeding clinics, participated in the College's activities night, have flu clinics set up and are looking for grants to refill the crisis food pantry. COVID is ramping up again, but Cloud County is currently in a low transmission rate and they have been working with the College administering TB testing to international students.

The Board agreed to match any funds raised from the County Pumpkin Decorating Contest using Wind Farm funds and donating the funds to the Health Department to use for the Crisis food pantry.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director reported that he would be putting out a reminder that any refrigerators being taken to the Transfer Station need to include the freon removal certification.

The Courthouse will be closed Friday September 8th for training. The Board discussed the 2024 County wide employee training day to be scheduled for the end of January.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 2023-16 appointing Kimberly R. Winsett as the Cloud County Appraiser for the term ending June 30, 2025.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved proclaiming September 2023 as Recovery month in Cloud County and calls upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools to recognize the importance of recovery, and to commit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of substance use and mental disorders and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people.

Sales tax received August 28, 2023 totaled \$97,407.06 compared to the prior year totaling \$87,874.40.

The Board approved the following payroll expenses totaling \$176,661.74

General Fund – \$97,284.05	Road & Bridge - \$44,567.98
Appraiser - \$4,869.60	County Health - \$20,333.84
Noxious Weed - \$1,880.83	Election - \$1,632.78
Solid Waste - \$6,092.66	

Payroll Deductions & Benefits - \$73,686.75

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

Commissioner Cople attended the North Central Regional Planning Commission meeting on Thursday August 31st in Minneapolis. Commissioner Cleveland attended the County Risk Management Committee meeting on Wednesday August 30th.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved the August 28, 2023 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 10:33 a.m., until Monday September 11, 2023.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Gary Caspers, Chairman

Michael Cleveland, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Ron Cople, Member