

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
SEPTEMBER 11, 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 11, 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; Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator; JoDee LeDuc, Treasurer; Kim Winsett, Appraiser; James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director; Jana Roush, Register of Deeds; and Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager;

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; Bill Czapanskiy; and Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk.

The revenue neutral rate hearing and budget hearing was opened at 9:00 a.m. with questions heard from Bill Czapanskiy.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 2023-17 authorizing the tax rate to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate of 61.240 mills for the 2024 budget.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved the 2024 budget with a budget authority of \$18,448,526 including an estimated ad valorem tax of \$8,718,191 and an estimate levy of 65.797 mills.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented vehicles bids from Concordia Chevy. Farm Country Farm and Beloit Auto Truck for 3 pick-up trucks.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved the purchase of 1 Crew Cab pickup for \$51,824.72 and 2 extended cab pick-ups for \$50,437.72 each from Farm Country Ford.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved project agreement 015 C-5215-01 for replacement of Bridge No. 150375 on 190th Road located 1.7 miles north and 4.4 miles east of Concordia Kansas over the Republic River, also known as the UP bridge.

The Project agreement includes removing or permanently closing bridge no. 150811003788 on 270th Road, located 1.1 mile east and 5.2 miles north of Miltonvale over Mulbery Creek.

Department Head meeting

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director – Regular hours at the Recycling Center will resume Monday September 18th. Regular hours are 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The Recycling Center will be Closed on September 23rd.

James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director – 402 Elected Officials course will be Tuesday September 12th. December 5 & 6th the County will host a Cyber Security class, participants must sign up prior. In the process of preparing for an active shooter drill. Will be attending the Emergency Management Association conference this week. Working on a grant for whole Courthouse generator.

Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk – Routine business

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator – Have 6 open positions.

Jana Roush, Register of Deeds – Routine business.

Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager – Cannon was installed on the west side of the Courthouse, finishing up rock work and the jail demolition is in process. Discussed adding lighting and switching existing hall way lighting to LED and adding additional outdoor cameras.

Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator – Community baby shower will be October 22nd from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church. Walk in flu shots will be available beginning October 4th and each following Wednesday. Any donations to the crisis pantry are appreciated. Basement repairs will begin this week. COVID transmission is low, more supplies are being sent and the State will be paying the County for testing. There are some old monitors in storage that will go to recycling unless anyone is need of a monitor, contact the Clerk's office or Maintenance.

Kim Winsett, Appraiser – The Appraisers door is always open to any residents having questions and are in need of some desk top scanners.

Shella Thoman, County Clerk – November 7th will be the City / School General election. The new website is up and going, Departments should report any changes or additions needed. KCAMP University classes have been assigned; an Everbridge message was sent to employees with assignments. The pop machine will be removed from the Courthouse. Employee pumpkin decorating contest will be held during October, funds raised will be matched by the Wind Farm and donated to the Health Department pantry.

Gary Caspers – There are a few County employees that are delinquent on real estate taxes and asked that employees stay up-to date.

Kim Winsett, County Appraiser discussed significant repairs that were needed on the County Appraiser vehicle.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved a 10-minute executive session for personnel exception to discuss non-elected personnel resuming open session at 11:03 a.m., including Kim Winsett, County Appraiser and County Clerk Shella Thoman.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Cople, unanimous vote the Board approved the Management Representation Letter with Lindburg Vogel Piere Faris, Chartered for the year ending December 31, 2022.

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$204,316.49

General Fund – \$55,548.32	Road & Bridge – \$66,605.07
Special Bridge - \$8,750.00	Juvenile Justice - \$592.62
Appraisal - \$1,031.73	Juvenile Reinvestment - \$3.08
Community Correc - \$317.02	County Health - \$14,011.39
Noxious Weed - \$108.17	Election - \$598.03
Special Building - \$20,000.00	Spec Highway Improvement - \$2,887.80
Solid Waste - \$23,415.89	Co Tourism & Convention - \$266.93
Employee Benefits - \$9,865.44	Over/Under payment - \$315.00

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

Commissioner Cleveland attended the Courthouse Training on Friday September 8th and the Cloud County Coop Association Meeting on Wednesday September 6th.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Cople, unanimous vote the Board approved the August 5, 2023 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Cople, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 11:50 a.m., until Monday September 18, 2023.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Gary Caspers, Chairman

Michael Cleveland, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Ron Cople, Member