

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
OCTOBER 2, 2023
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the October meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on October 2, 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; Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator; JoDee LeDuc, Treasurer; Ken Davis, Sheriff; and James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; Russell Gannon, Blade Empire; and Bricen Benyshek, Bethany Demars, Megan Barr, Brianna Hake, Kristi Benyshek, K'Lynn Barr, & Stacy Letourneau, 4-H.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported that there are 228 miles of Class B roads in the county and would cost an estimated \$1.2 million to gravel all of them with no cost share. Discussed repairs to the Glasco historical bridge.

Bricen Benyshek, Bethany Demars, Megan Barr, Brianna Hake, Kristi Benyshek, K'Lynn Barr & Stacy Letourneau presented a proclamation for 4-H week.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board proclaimed October 1 – 8, 2023 as National 4-H Week throughout Cloud County, and encourage all of our citizens to recognize 4-H for the significant impact it has made and continues to make by empowering youth with the skills they need to be a lead for a lifetime.

James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director demonstrated the Salamander system for tracking County inventory and discussed the Continuity of Operations (COOP) plan. Thoman reported that KSA 19-2687 requires each county officer and department head to make a personal investigation, inspection and inventory of the kind of all personal property owned by the County and shall be taken during the month of December and filed with the County Clerk before December 31st. Furthermore, during the month of February, the Board of County Commissioners shall view and check each item of personal property with the inventory reported.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved all County Departments to use the Salamander system for tracking inventory of any items with a \$200 value or more.

Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator reported that she attended the Health Officers of Kansas conference, that Katie Kearn is now Safe Sleep certified, and they will begin school inspections in the summer of 2024 and flu clinics around the County have begun.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, 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 10:47 a.m., including Ken Davis, Sheriff and Thoman.

JoDee LeDuc, Treasurer presented a classification change.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved classification change for Emily Thoman from Treasurer Clerk at a rate of \$18.08 to Cloud County Motor Vehicle Deputy at a rate of \$18.72 an hour effective September 24, 2023.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Sarah Sanders as a Corrections Officer with an introductory wage of \$17.50 effective September 25, 2023.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Shelby Lamb as a Corrections Officer with an introductory wage of \$18.20 effective October 9, 2023.

Recognized the resignation of Madison Sibley effective September 25, 2023.

Sales tax received September 26, 2023 totaled \$82,434.99 compared to the prior year totaling \$110,354.15.

The Board reviewed the preliminary energy analysis on the Courthouse prepared by Energy Solutions Professionals (ESP).

The Board approved the following payroll expenses totaling \$173,635.92

General Fund – \$91,083.55	Road & Bridge - \$45,511.13
Appraiser - \$6,659.87	County Health - \$20,874.04
Noxious Weed - \$1,875.75	Election - \$1,668.57
Solid Waste - \$5,963.01	

Payroll Deductions & Benefits - \$124,010.63

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

Commissioner Caspers attended the CASA Board meeting on Wednesday September 27th, the KWORCC Board of Trustees meeting in Topeka on Thursday September 28th and the public service stakeholders listening session for the City of Concordia Comprehensive Plan update

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved the September 25, 2023 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 11:01 a.m., until Monday October 9, 2023.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Gary Caspers, Chairman

Michael Cleveland, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Ron Copple, Member