

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
OCTOBER 9, 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 9, 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; Ken Davis, Sheriff; Kim Winsett, County Appraiser; Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager; and Jolene Pfeil, Paralegal.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; and Arlene Clayton.

Department Head Meeting - 9:17 – 10:23 a.m.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director – Routine Business.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator – It'll be approximately a month before the leveling course on the Ames / Miltonvale road begins. Doing tree work, pipe work, started filling in the old jail demolition hole, and a soil saver project. Bridge repair is complete on 60th and guard rail on Camp road is replaced.

Jolene Pfeil, Paralegal – Working with an outside company to complete the tax foreclosure sale; no date is set for the sale.

Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager – Waiting on information from the gas company for costs associated to a whole building generator (at the Courthouse); air conditioning will be shut off in the next week or two, waiting on the elevator company for information on repairs.

Kim Winsett, County Appraiser – Working on analysis, will be doing drive by final reviews (desktop reviews have been done in the past). Have a color printer available for any department that might need one.

Shella Thoman, County Clerk – Pumpkin Decorating contest begins on the 18th. Open to the public with a cash prize, will still have a day off to the 3 employees that raise the most money. Discussed work compensation and possible needed changes to where we send employees. Election Day is November 7th, advanced voting begins on October 18th.

Emergency Preparedness report: LEPC was awarded a grant of \$25,500 from the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness program for a HazMat functional or full-scale exercise, will need to be completed by September 30, 2024. Completed the hazard

Mitigation Grant for a generator to power the entire Courthouse; match will be 25% of cost; and does not include the gas line. December 5th & 6th will be a cybersecurity training; the training is open to the public.

Ken Davis, Sheriff – Additional KDOC inmates will be arriving.

Ron Copple – Department heads should email all contracts to Shella prior to the meeting.

Mike Cleveland – Discussed the inventory system. Inventory should be complete by December 31st. Thoman reported that Quillen was looking into brining in a trainer and will have a template to upload current items that may be in a worksheet.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed a request and petition for Joe Reedy with Reedy Farms. The Board wanted to research the request before making a decision.

Arlene Clayton told the Board that the yard work completed at the entrance of the building looked really nice.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Christian Davidson as a Corrections Officer effective October 16, 2023 at an introductory rate of \$18.20.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved the tax roll corrections to add 435 E 2nd and 429 E 2nd in Concordia back to the tax rolls following the sale of property to Brandon Snavley and Jessica Tripp.

The Board reviewed the Budget Status report and Fund Status Report as of September 30, 2023 with an ending cash balance of \$13,447,376.83.

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$145,466.18

General Fund – \$62,558.27	Road & Bridge – \$29,615.65
Juvenile Justice - \$589.71	Court Services - \$572.39
Appraisal - \$5,096.86	Juvenile Reinvestment - \$904.95
Community Correc - \$436.81	County Health - \$13,005.64
Noxious Weed - \$5,986.73.	Election - \$258.65
Solid Waste - \$24,746.03	Co Tourism & Convention - \$544.49
Employee Benefits - \$1,150.00	

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

Commissioner Copple attended the Abate Toy Run Saturday October 7th.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the October 2, 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 16, 2023.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Gary Caspers, Chairman

Michael Cleveland, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Ron Copple, Member