

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS  
OCTOBER 30, 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 30, 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; James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; and Rhys Baker, Meadowlark Hospice Volunteer Coordinator; Amy Burr, Meadowlark Hospice Director; and Meadowlark Hospice Volunteers Gwen Miller, Sister Susan Marie Stoeber, Sister Loretta Clare Flax and Michelle Graham.

James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director discussed applying for a grant in the amount of \$25,500 and the repeater tower at Miltonvale.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved Emergency Preparedness to apply for the 2023-2024 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant in the amount of \$25,500.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported that the mower guys will finish for the season.

Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator reported that November 16<sup>th</sup> will be the Great American Smokeout and National Rural Health Day. Discussed an activity for County Employees for Mental Health Awareness. Flu vaccine numbers have increased and there will be no Walk in Wednesday on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director reported that they sold 43,127 lbs. of cardboard at \$90.00 a ton. KDHE presented Hake with the Solid Waste Association of North American – Kansas the Solid Waste Outstanding Solid Waste Management Award for 2023.

Rhys Baker, Meadowlark Hospice Volunteer Coordinator; Amy Burr, Meadowlark Hospice Director; and Meadowlark Hospice Volunteers Gwen Miller, Sister Susan Marie Stoeber, Sister Loretta Clare Flax and Michelle Graham presented a proclamation.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved proclaiming November 2023 as National Hospice and Palliative Care Month and encourage citizens to increase their understanding and awareness of care at the end of life, discuss their end of life wishes with their families, and observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board named Gary Caspers the voting delegate and Michael Cleveland as alterate at the KWORCC 2023 annual meeting and any special meetings.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board nominated Stan McElroy, Northwest District; Wayne Wilt, South Central District; Rob Roberts, Southeast District; and Gary Caspers, North Central District to serve on the KWORCC Board of Trustees.

Sales tax received October 26, 2023 totaled \$92,032.65 compared to the prior year totaling, \$74,250.31.

The Board approved the following payroll expenses totaling \$174,057.57

General Fund – \$91,868.78	Road & Bridge - \$45,731.92
Appraiser - \$5,422.15	County Health - \$21,304.88
Noxious Weed - \$1,874.35	Election - \$1,632.97
Solid Waste - \$6,222.52	

Payroll Deductions & Benefits - \$73,004.81

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

Commissioner Copple attended the North Central Regional Planning Commission meeting and Solid Waste meeting in Salina on Thursday October 26<sup>th</sup> on and the Pawnee Mental Health Board meeting in Clay Center on Tuesday October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Caspers attended the KWORCC Board of Trustees meeting by Zoom on Thursday October 26<sup>th</sup>.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the October 23, 2023 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 11:26 a.m., until Monday November 6, 2023.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

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Gary Caspers, Chairman

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Michael Cleveland, Member

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Sheila Thoman, County Clerk

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Ron Copple, Member