

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS  
NOVEMBER 20, 2023  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the November meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on November 20, 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.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; Jon Markel & Isaac Wright, Kirkham Michael; Matt Martin; Don Bonneau; and Marvin Henning.

The Board of County Commissioners canvassed the 2023 City School election. Sixteen provisionals were presented; eleven were eligible to be counted. There was a 26% turn out with 1,532 voters casting a ballot. A tie breaker for City Council for the City of Jamestown and the City of Aurora will take place on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the canvassed results of the November 2023 City School election.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator and Jon Markel & Isaac Wright, Kirkham Michael discussed the professional engineering services to evaluate the options to rehabilitate the existing bridge spanning over the Solomon River southwest of Glasco in determining if the bridge may be reopened to vehicle traffic. Cloud County agrees to pay a fee of \$10,000 for the services. Don Bonneau expressed the importance of the bridge to the area residence for vehicle traffic not just a pedestrian bridge; the bridge was built in 1884 in 90-days. Asch reported that they were having a field check on the U.P. bridge today and due to the rain roads are soft.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved the Chairman to sign the agreement for Engineering Services with Kirkham Michael on Cloud County OS Bridge 8522 located approximately .8-mile south and 1-mile west of Glasco spanning over the Solomon River.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved the wage change for Carl Shrontz, Jr. from \$19.28 to 21.08 effective November 19<sup>th</sup> due to the end of the introductory period.

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$251,362.57

General Fund – \$147,028.59	Road & Bridge – \$63,533.77
Special Bridge - \$6,165.00	Juvenile Justice - \$3,548.97
Appraisal - \$174.84	Juvenile Reinvestment - \$11,909.82
Community Correc - \$639.52	County Health - \$3,716.25
Noxious Weed - \$42.74	Court Services - \$90.00
Solid Waste - \$3,399.78	Co Tourism & Convention - \$10,879.65
Employee Benefits - \$233.64	

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

Commissioner Copple attended the Cloud County Resource Council meeting on Tuesday November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Caspers attended the Juvenile Detention Committee meeting in Junction City on Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup>, KWORCC Board of Trustees meeting by Zoom on Thursday November 16<sup>th</sup> and the CASA Board of Directors meeting on Monday November 13<sup>th</sup>.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the November 13, 2023 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 11:00 a.m., until Monday November 27, 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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Shella Thoman, County Clerk

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Ron Copple, Member