

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
DECEMBER 11, 2023
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the December meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on December 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: Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director; Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator; JoDee LeDuc, Treasurer; Ken Davis, Sheriff; James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director; and Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk; Nicole Reed, CloudCorp Director; and Bri Beck, Project Administrator, North Central Regional Planning.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director discussed replacing the computer at the transfer station and the contract for hauling trash.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved the 2024 Solid Waste hauling contract with Owen Trucking at \$537.00 per load.

Department Head Meeting – 9:25- 10:03 a.m.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director – Routine business.

James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director – The Local Emergency Preparedness Committee (LEPC) will meet on Monday; Cyber Security training went well last week. Storm Spotter class will be March 7th at 6:30 p.m.; location is to be determined.

Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk – Court system is still down will possibly be up next week.

JoDee LeDuc, Treasurer – Busy collecting taxes. December 20th is the deadline date; payments can be dropped in the drop boxes to save waiting time.

Ken Davis, Sheriff – Completing the PRIA certification.

Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager – The ladies restroom is closed in the basement due to a broken window.

Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator – There's an up tick in COVID. Free testing is available at the Health Department and includes a respiratory panel. Received 2 \$1,000 grants for cribs and the crisis pantry. Thanked the Commissioners for the premium free month. Open position for a receptionist.

Shella Thoman, County Clerk – PIE in the face Teams: Courthouse – Andy Asch; Solid Waste / Recycling / Health Department – Shella Thoman; Sheriff – Rob Walsh; Road & Bridge – Andy Asch.

Ron Cople, Commissioner – Thanked everyone for attending the Cyber security training.

Nicole Reed, CloudCorp Director and Bri Beck, Project Administrator, North Central Regional Planning presented the grant agreement with the State for the COVID Resilience grant.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved the Chairman to sign an acknowledgment letter for being selected to receive the 2023 Small Cities Community Development Covid Resilience funds and Grant agreement No. 23-CVR-002 between the State of Kansas Department of Commerce and Cloud County.

James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director reported that Cloud County will receive \$19,796 for the 2023 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program through the Kansas Division of Emergency Management and Shawnee County donated 9 800 radios to be used in the County.

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 11:08 a.m., including Thoman and Quillen.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved 85% of the EMP Grant be distributed to James Quillen over 26 pay periods in 2024.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Cople, unanimous vote the Board approved appointing James Quillen as Cloud County delegate on the North Central Regional Homeland Security Council for the 2024-2026 term.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved the classification change for Lacey Huff from Health Department Receptionist to Office manager including a wage change from \$16.00 to \$17.10 effective December 11, 2023.

The Board reviewed the Budget Status report as of November 30, 2023.

The Board approved the following payroll expenses totaling \$216,755.12

General Fund – \$112,931.63	Road & Bridge - \$57,030.98
Appraiser - \$5,851.95	County Health - \$23,226.04
Noxious Weed - \$2,226.63	Election - \$6,912.46
Solid Waste - \$8,575.43	

Payroll Deductions & Benefits - \$97,894.36

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

Commissioner Copple attended the Pawnee Mental Health Board meeting on Tuesday December 5th. Commissioner Cleveland and Caspers attended the Kansas Association of Counties annual conference December 5th and 6th. Commissioner Cleveland attended the Chemical Dependency Committee meeting on Friday December 8th.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the December 4, 2023 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 11:28 a.m., until Monday December 18, 2023.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Gary Caspers, Chairman

Michael Cleveland, Member

Sheila Thoman, County Clerk

Ron Copple, Member