

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS  
JANUARY 8, 2024  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the January meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on January 8, 2024 in the Commissioners' room at 811 Washington, Concordia, Kansas with Members Michael Cleveland 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; Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Kim Winsett, County Appraiser; and Jana Roush, Register of Deeds.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; Roger Hardaway, Praireland Partners; and Casey Fraser, Foley Tractor.

Department Head meeting

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director – Routine business.

Jana Roush, Register of Deeds – Routine business.

James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director – The Emergency Operations Center/Incident Command System Interface course will be held March 12; anyone that would play a part in the EOC should attend. Homeland Security will attempt to penetrate our system during 2024. Waiting on MOU for tower usage.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator – Preparing for this weeks weather.

Ken Davis, Sheriff – Routine business.

JoDee LeDuc, Treasurer – New plates (not the new design) are being issued. Approximately 60% of taxes have been collected which is normal.

Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager – Working on painting projects in the Appraisers Office and the Health Departments lighting problem. Received a quote for replacement of the east elevator.

Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator – Received a \$2,000 award for the food pantry. Working on updating MOU's and will begin to get MCH referrals from Saline County. Having limited COVID vaccine clinics. Participating in the Auburn Caps for Cash program. Roof was leaking, repairs are covered under warrant. Water heater will need to be replaced. Received 55 gallon container of tabs.

Kim Winsett, County Appraiser – Working on final review. Taking applications for a position; must be able to read legal descriptions.

Shella Thoman, County Clerk – Comments from the employee survey will be put in boxes. Discussed closing offices to the public, employees will need to use vacation time if they choose not to work. Continue to collect tabs for the annual employee meeting. Will be developing a training schedule, assignments were issued at the end of December through KCAMP University for employees. Election deadlines will be different for the Presidential Primary in March; voters that want to vote by mail will have to request their ballot earlier than in a primary or general election.

Ron Copple, Commissioner - Would like each Department head to make an appointment once a month to see the Board.

Mike Cleveland - Will be attending the SB 196 Hearing in Senate Tax Committee regarding restoring 100% of LAVTR funds to cities and counties.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed employees not working 40 hours. Cleveland asked about Noble & Oat Roads.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Richard Stromberg as an Equipment Operator at the Highway Department on a 3-month introductory wage of \$17.18 an hour effective January 7, 2024.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director; Roger Hardaway, Praireland Partners; and Casey Fraser, Foley Tractor presented quotes for a new skid steer. Hake will follow up with additional questions regarding each quote. Quotes, including the government discount and trade-in for a new machine

2024 John Deere 324G - \$51,337.63

2024 Caterpillar 262D3 - \$51,777.00

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board proclaimed January 2024 as National Slavery and Human Trafficking prevention month and applauds the efforts of the many victim service providers, police officers, prosecutors, national and community organizations and private sector supporters for their efforts in opposing human trafficking in all its forms.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board proclaimed January 2024 at National Stalking Awareness month.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the Cereal Malt Beverage license for Rick Simpson at the Cloud County Fairgrounds as approved by the Lincoln Township Board.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved the contract for audit services for the year ending December 31, 2023 with Lindburg Bogel Pierce Faris Chartered.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 2024-1 approving the Concordia Blade-Empire as the Official County Newspaper.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 2024-2 concerning waiver of general accepted accounting principles causing the financial statements and reports of Cloud County to be prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements as adjusted to show compliance with cash basis and budget laws of the State.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved 2024-3 designating all Cloud County banks as depositories for public moneys.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the wage change for Andrew Johnson from \$18.20 an hourly to \$18.50 an hour effective December 17, 2023.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the classification change for Christian Davidson from Corrections officer to Deputy with an hourly rate of \$18.50 effective December 28, 2023.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved Transfer No. 2024-1-8-1 to fix the fund on Check 219027 debiting County General/Commission – Commodities and crediting County General /Custodian – Commodities \$599.80.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved Transfer 2024-1-8-2 transferring the 2023 annual funds debiting Commissary profits and crediting Equipment reserve \$65,659.87.

The Board reviewed a quote from TKE to modernize the east elevator equipment totaling \$78,053.11. TKE's replacement parts are expected to be obsolete by June 2024.

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

General Fund – \$98,989.14	Road & Bridge - \$44,555.44
Appraiser - \$5,573.84	County Health - \$20,771.35
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Solid Waste - \$6,455.44	

Payroll Deductions & Benefits - \$76,204.86

The Board reviewed the Fund Status report as of December 31, 2023 and KSA 22-4613 regarding the release of a person in custody and medical treatment.

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

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved abatements 2023-262 thru 2023-68 and 2024-01 thru 2023-06 with a net change in tax dollars totaling \$6,738.50 and refunds totaling \$1,010.72.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the December 28, 2023 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 12:01 p.m., until Monday January 15, 2024.

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