

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
FEBRUARY 12, 2024
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the February meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on February 12, 2024 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; Kim Winsett, County Appraiser; James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director; Jana Roush, Register of Deeds; and Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; and Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk.

Department Head – 9:18 – 10:00 a.m.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director – Discussed cell phone usage at work, using ear buds and employees not working a full week.

James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director – Pipeline Association training is this week. March 4 – 8th is Severe Weather week. March 6th will be the Statewide Tornado drill. March 4th is the deadline to sign up for the G0191 Emergency Operations Center/Incident Command system Interface Course, the course is March 12th. Quillen will be attending the Incident team Symposium next week. Table top exercise will be June 5th from 10:00 – 2:00 and the full-size Functional Exercise will be October 28th, 29th and 30th. All community organizations that would be part of a disaster should attend. All County Departments and some 2nd in command should attend.

Jana Roush, Register of Deeds – Routine Business.

Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk – Couple jury trails scheduled for the month.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator -Continuing to repair roads from last month's storms.

Kim Winsett, County Appraiser – Will be mailing personal property notices March 1st with hearings to follow. Continuing to drive the county for final review. Discussed the new mapping system that Department heads are able to use.

Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager – Working on painting projects and have a maintenance position open.

Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator – Walk in Wednesdays are still available. COVID testing is by appointment and is free; it also includes a full respiratory

panel. The Community Baby shower will be April 7th from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Several employees will be attending the Governor’s Conference March 4th – 6th.

Shella Thoman, County Clerk - Preparing for the Presidential Preference Primary that will be March 19th. Working on budget worksheets, budgets should be turned in by April 10th.

Gary Caspers, Commissioner – April 10th the Commissioners will host a meeting for area Commissioners.

Mike Cleveland, Commissioner – The County Risk Management team will meet on February 21st. Reiterated the importance of attendance at the Tabletop in June and full-size exercise in October.

Ron Copple – Requested Department heads bring new employees in to meet them.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed rock and gravel cost. Reported that a pad will need to be built for work on the U.P. Bridge and work will begin on the County line bridge this week; cost will be split with Clay County. Waiting on bids for an overlay on Noble Road and the road to the brick plant; Commissioner Copple asked to get a bid to extend the black top around the curve.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director presented three (3) bids for replacement pick-ups at the Recycling Center and the Transfer Station.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved purchasing two (2) 2023 Ford F150 pick-up trucks for \$41,712.00 each and to be paid equally from County General – Capital Outlay and Solid Waste – Capital Outlay.

Kim Winsett, County Appraiser presented a contract with Kimble Mapping, Inc. to assist with the parcel and ag use realignment and correction of the existing Geographic Information system (GIS) data. The Board will review the contract.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board designates February 2024 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness month and urges citizens to recognize and assist all those who serve the rights and needs of victims of teen dating violence.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the CDBG #23-CVR-002 CDBG CVR Grant Business plan / Criteria

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the updated Cloud County Purchasing Policy.

Recognized the resignation of Raquel Roop, Corrections Officer effective February 6, 2024.

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$453,102.18

General Fund – \$312,120.62	Road & Bridge – \$77,415.83
Juvenile Justice - \$1,774.29	Offenders Reg – Sherrif’s Dep - \$264.46
Appraisal - \$13,894.34	Juvenile Reinvestment - \$1,038.49
Community Correc. - \$2,096.33	County Health - \$18,818.40.
Noxious Weed - \$657.39	Election - \$200.07
Court Services - \$36.00	Special Law Enforce Trust - \$778.46
Solid Waste - \$21,354.28	Co Tourism & Convention - \$1,478.22
Employee Benefits - \$1,175.00	

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

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved abatements 2024-32 thru 2024-38 and 2024-40 thru 2024-44 with a net change of (\$653.52) and refund of \$488.54.

Commissioner Cleveland attended County Legislative day in Topeka on Thursday February 8th. Commissioner Copple attended the Pawnee Mental Health Board meeting on January 23rd and attending the City of Glasco meeting on Tuesday February 6th. Commissioners Cleveland and Copple attend the CloudCorp annual banquet on Tuesday February 6th. Commissioners Cleveland and Caspers attend the Incident Support team site visit on February 7th.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the February 5, 2024 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 11:06 a.m., until Tuesday February 20, 2024.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Gary Caspers, Chairman

Michael Cleveland, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Ron Copple, Member