

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS  
FEBRUARY 20, 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 20, 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; Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator; Jana Roush, Register of Deeds; and Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported that a transmission needs replaced in a grader at an estimated cost of \$50,000; a new machine is \$370,000. Estimates the cost Onyx road surface treatment for 14 miles on Union Road from Highway 81 to Clyde is estimated at \$327,547. Sand seal on the "Agenda" blacktop is estimated at \$168,929. Discussed CDL training at a cost of \$2,300 using the Beloit Technical school. Receiving quotes for chemical sales.

Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator reported that she and Katie Kearn have been appointed to the NCK Regional Trauma Council and will attend their first meeting. Received an additional \$5,000 for Family planning and plan on using it to purchase birth control and an exam table. The Department is working on the signage for the building that needs to be completed in June. Reported that the demolition of the building next door now owned by the City of Concordia (previously known as the CARES building) is coming down.

Jana Roush, Register of Deeds reported that they have deeds back to 1917 scanned into the computer software and they are reviewing indexing from 1942 – 1997. The office has been paperless since 1998.

Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager reported that the Health Department has a water leak and needs to replace the hot water heater. The Board agreed to the replacement.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Terry Racette as a part-time Highway Department Equipment Operator at an hourly rate of \$16.80 an hour effective February 27, 2024.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Gary Will as Courthouse Maintenance at an hourly rate of \$16.00 an hour effective March 4, 2024.

The Board received a Wind Farm application from the Annual 911 Tribute – Heroes Weekend in the amount of \$5,500. The project total is projected at \$12,500 and will include a cornhole tournament and free concerts. The project honors our Military, Veterans and First Responders that at one time or another have put their life on the line for our county, state, and nation.

The Board approved the following payroll expenses totaling \$180,494.16

General Fund – \$99,820.93	Road & Bridge - \$44,143.80
Appraiser - \$5,531.73	County Health - \$20,862.06
Noxious Weed - \$1,980.14	Election - \$1,726.12
Solid Waste - \$6,429.38	

Payroll Deductions & Benefits - \$221,555.03

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 2024-45 thru 2024-51 with a net change of (\$917.46) and refund of \$907.52.

Commissioner Copple attended the Cloud County Resource Council meeting on Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup>, attended the Jamestown City meeting on Monday February 12<sup>th</sup>; and met with Amy Lange, City of Concordia and Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator regarding the St. Joseph Subdivision.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the February 12, 2024 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 11:34 p.m., until Monday February 26, 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