

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
FEBRUARY 26, 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 26, 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; and James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; and Arlene Clayton.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed traffic count and sealing the Aurora and St Joe Roads and the Ames/Miltonvale south of Jade to Highway 24 at an estimate cost of \$340,000. Will do patching on Camp Road. The Annual Weed Conference is this week and the Regional Highway Officials meeting will be next month. Received estimates for from Hall Brothers for Noble Road (\$455,280) and 160th to Quail (\$196,867).

Kim Winsett, County Appraiser discussed the mapping proposal.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved the proposal with Kimble Mapping, Inc. for the re-alignment of the County's existing Geographic Information System (GIS) data.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved a 5-minute executive session for personnel exception to discuss non-elected personnel resuming open session at 9:57 a.m., including Megan Affolter and Thoman.

Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator reported that they were receiving Medicare payments and discussed the water leak in the basement.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Caspers, motion passed with Commissioners Cleveland and Caspers voting in favor, Commissioner Copple abstained for reasons of conflict of interest, approving a wage increase for Stacey VandenBroeder from \$23.92 to \$24.63 in accordance with the pay scale for 5 years.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved a 5-minute executive session for personnel exception to discuss non-elected personnel resuming open session at 10:32 a.m., including Sulanka and Thoman.

Acknowledged the resignation of Megan Affolter, Immunization Nurse effective March 7, 2024.

James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director reported that he'd be at the Incident Management Team Symposium this week in Wichita and the Storm Spotter training will be at the Hospital. Discussed the Emergency Operations Center/Incident Command system Interface Course and removing the wall in the Courthouse meeting room to make the room larger for bigger meetings.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved a 5-minute executive session for personnel exception to discuss non-elected personnel resuming open session at 11:12 a.m., including Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the Chairman signing a letter of support for Cunningham Telephone & Cable's fiber broadband network application to the Kansas Office of Broadband Development's Broadband Acceleration Grant.

Acknowledged the retirement of Wanda Backstrom, Director of Community Corrections / Juvenile Services effective March 15, 2024.

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$297,012.90

General Fund – \$83,964.39	Road & Bridge – \$105,552.55
Juvenile Justice - \$2,747.76	Election Capital Outlay - \$8,009.17
Appraisal - \$320.46	Juvenile Reinvestment - \$40.01
Community Correc - \$485.97	County Health - \$5,479.06
Noxious Weed - \$59.83	Election - \$4,921.42
Special Building - \$347.75	Spec Alcohol & Drug - \$290.55
Solid Waste - \$64,849.57	Co Tourism & Convention - \$19,756.20
Employee Benefits - \$188.21	

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 2024-52 with a net change of (\$129.00) and refund of \$129.

Commissioner Cleveland attended the County Risk Management meeting on Wednesday February 21st. Commissioner Caspers attended the Juvenile Detention Committee meeting on Wednesday February 21st in Junction City.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the February 20, 2024 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 11:41 a.m., until Monday March 4, 2024.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Gary Caspers, Chairman

Michael Cleveland, Member

Sheila Thoman, County Clerk

Ron Copple, Member