

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
APRIL 1, 2024
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the April meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on April 1, 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; James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director and Robert Walsh, County Attorney.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; Marian Condray & Barbara Shunn, POW Camp Concordia Preservation Society; Stacy Letourneau, Football Commissioner / Team Parent; Amy Lange, John Christensen, Thea McMillan, Anna Jackson & Casey Roe, Concordia Swim Team; and Marlene Stamm, County Sanitarian.

James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director reported that the area Fire Chiefs met last week to discuss the burn ban and Everbridge system. He met with the Emergency Preparedness Director at Park Villa and will be attending the Clyde City Council meeting on Wednesday. The Appraisers Office and the Health Department attended the KEMA NCK Regional Exercise in Beloit with him on March 20th. The LEPC meeting will be on April 15th. Will be attending the Kansas Public Sector Cybersecurity Summit on April 18th. Reported that the Rural Water District requested assistance; Wal-Mart was great to work with when residents were in need of drinking water. The Storm Spotter meeting was moved to April 11th at the College. Reported that 8 of the 12 Counties in the region are using the Everbridge system. Regional Homeland Security dollars are being used to pay for the system; the cost is an approximate savings of \$32,500 for the County. The System will provide critical information quickly during and following a disaster. The County encourages residents to create an account. Discussed possibilities for vehicle replacement.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported they are working on 90th road north of Highway 24. Presented 2 classification changes and his retirement notice. Asch, Copple and Cleveland will be attending the NCK Regional Highway Administrators meeting on Wednesday in McPherson.

The Board recognized the retirement of Andrew Asch, County Highway Administrator effective April 26, 2024.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved the wage change for Richard Stromberg from \$17.18 to \$18.04 due to the end of the introductory period effective April 7, 2024.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Cople, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Mason Ferron as an Equipment Operator at the Highway department at an introductory wage of \$17.50 for 6 months effective April 1, 2024.

Stacy Letourneau, Football Commissioner / Team Parent presented a Windfarm application for uniform replacement project in the amount of \$5,000. The project total is projected at \$5,500 and will replace game day uniforms.

John Christensen, Thea McMillan, Anna Jackson, Casey Roe & Amy Lange, Concordia Swim Team presented a Windfarm application for their dive block replacement project in the amount of \$5,000. The project is projected at \$30,000 and will replace the eight (8) dive blocks. The Concordia swim meet hosts 300-600 athletes and their families to Concordia yearly.

Marian Condray & Barbara Shunn, POW Camp Concordia Preservation Society presented a Windfarm application for a Restoration of WWI Amphibious Jeep project in the amount of \$10,000. The project is projected at \$55,000 and will restore a 1944 WWI Jeep built during WWI by Ford. The restoration of this rare Jeep is expected to bring WWII enthusiasts and researchers to the area. Due to the rarity of the jeep is currently valued at \$112,500; following restoration it will be valued at \$250,000.

Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator reported that the Cloud County Community Baby Shower will be April 7th. Katie Kearn will be attending the Road Safety class and Bike Rodeos are scheduled for May 4th in Concordia, May 11th in Glasco and May 18th in Aurora. All Rodeos will be from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. 2025 Grants are due and quarterly grants are due April 15th. Declared by Governor Kelly April 1 -7 is National Public Health Week in Kansas. The Board of County Commissioners appreciate the work the Health Department employees do to keep Cloud County safe and secure.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Ayla M. Collins as a CNA/HHA at an introductory wage of \$16.00 an hour effective April 8, 2024.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved the wage change for K'Lynn Barr, Health Department Receptionist from \$16.00 to \$16.80 an hour effective April 1, 2024, due to the end of the probationary period.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney reported that he was touching base with the Klenda Austerman Attorneys at law regarding the tax sale.

Marlene Stamm, County Sanitarian presented a quarterly update, that the region has received a \$50,000 grant for assistance and her resignation as of May 2nd.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 2024-07 voiding check #139853 on December 11, 2023 in the amount of \$85.97 to AFLAC as the policy was terminated.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Kinley Hanson as Corrections Officer at an introductory wage of \$17.50 effective March 25, 2024.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved the wage change for Gary R. Will, Courthouse Maintenance from \$16.00 an hour to \$16.80 an hour effective April 7, 2024, due to the end of the probationary period.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board certified the 2024 Presidential Preference Primary election results and the March 25, 2024, Presidential Preference Primary minutes.

The Board received a Windfarm grant application from 12 x 12 Recovery for roof repair in the amount of \$16,224.80. The project is projected at \$16,224.80 and will replace the roof at the 12 x 12 recovery building.

The Board received a Windfarm grant application from the 125th Watermelon Festival Committee for the Saturday Night Main Stage project in the amount of \$13,000. The project to projected at \$19,000+ and will provide live music at the Festival on Saturday night.

The Board received a Windfarm grant application from the Cloud County Genealogical Society for the computer archiving our history project in the amount of \$1,314.97. The project total is projected at \$1,314.97 and will be used to purchase a desktop computer, scanner, printer for research and documentation.

The Board received a Windfarm grant application from the NCK CASA & Hope's Place Child Advocacy Center for the reception, family room and forensic interview upgrade project in the amount of \$4,000. The project total is projected at \$4,000 and will upgrade specific areas in the office including replacing the carpet and furniture.

The Board received a Windfarm grant application from the Jamestown City Library for the Summer Reading Program Stem project in the amount of \$500.00. The projected total is projected at \$1,200 and will provide the library with a LEGO Stem set.

The Board received Windfarm grant application from the Saron Baptist – Danish Lutheran Church Association for the historical church repair project in the amount of \$10,000. The project total is projected at \$10,000 and will preserve the historical churches with necessary painting and general repair. The Churches are a 150 and 120 years old.

The Board received a Windfarm grant application from the 12th Judicial District Supervised Visitation and Child Exchange Service for a Staff training project in the amount of \$1,000. The total project is projected at \$8,810.70 and will provide updating training for 8 staff members through the Kansas Highway Patrol.

The Board received a Windfarm grant application from Hungry Hollow Ministries for the Mission team's support grant in the amount of \$2,000. The project is projected at \$4,000 and will assist with scholarships to assist with expenses for the Forgotten Ministries mission trip.

The Board received a Windfarm grant application from David Sprague for the Innovative RV Park and Storm Shelter project in the amount of \$61,250. The Board requested that county Clerk Thoman contact Sprague and recommend he contact CloudCorp for assistance through the Get in the Cloud grant.

The Board reviewed the Budget Status report of March 31, 2024.

Sales tax received March 26, 2024 totaled \$79,964.18 compared to the prior year totaling \$83,991.35.

The Board approved the following payroll expenses totaling \$174,466.20

General Fund – \$90,860.51	Road & Bridge - \$47,146.97
Appraiser - \$5,578.84	County Health - \$20,225.10
Noxious Weed - \$1,983.64	Election - \$1,927.42
Solid Waste - \$6,743.72	

Payroll Deductions & Benefits - \$76,077.82

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 2024-86 thru 2024-88 with a net change of (\$563.60) and refund of \$20.28.

Commissioner Copple attended Pawnee Mental Health Board meeting in Clay Center on Tuesday March 26th. Commissioner Caspers attended the KWORCC Board of Trustees meeting by Zoom on Thursday March 28th.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the March 25, 2024 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 12:09 p.m., until Monday April 8, 2024.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Gary Caspers, Chairman

Michael Cleveland, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Ron Copple, Member