

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS  
APRIL 29, 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 29, 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: Rod Michaud, Interim Highway Administrator; Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator; Kim Winsett, County Appraiser; Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager; and Kris Price, Highway / Weed Clerk.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; Carol Torkelson, North Central Regional Planning; Nicki Reed, CloudCorp Director; and John Markel, Kirkham Michael.

Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager presented a proposal from Bruce Brown for 2 elevator sump systems totaling \$3,785.00. Thoman will make arrangements with TKE Elevator to secure the elevator while work is being completed. Thoman discussed job descriptions and requested that during budget time wages be evaluated to be in line with responsibilities.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved accepting the bid from Bruce Brown for 2 elevator sump systems totaling \$3,785.00.

Carol Torkelson, North Central Regional Planning; Nicki Reed, CloudCorp Director presented environmental review documents.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved the Chairman to sign the environmental review documents for the Glasco and Miltonvale CDBG projects.

Kim Winsett, County Appraiser reported that there were 49 informal protests following value notices, personal property valuations will be mailed this week and State law is changing, renditions will no longer be required to be sent to residents.

Rod Michaud, Interim Highway Administrator reported that tire bids are due next week.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved a 10-minute executive session for land acquisition exception to discuss the UP Bridge returning to open session at 10:26 a.m., including Rod Michaud, Interim Highway Administrator, Kris Price, Highway / Weed Clerk, John Markel, Kirkham Michael and Thoman.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved the Chairman to sign the land acquisition offers.

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 returning to open session at 10:44 a.m., including Rod Michaud, Interim Highway Administrator, and Thoman.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved an additional 5-minute executive session for personnel exception to discuss non-elected personnel returning to open session at 10:49 a.m., including Rod Michaud, Interim Highway Administrator, and Thoman.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved an additional 5-minute executive session for personnel exception to discuss non-elected personnel returning to open session at 11:01 a.m., including Rod Michaud, Interim Highway Administrator, Kris Price, Highway / Weed Clerk, and Thoman.

The Board, John Markel, Kirkham Michael and Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator reviewed what needed to be done regarding the Health Department Driveway. Markel will prepare an agreement of services.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Skyler Edmundson as a Corrections Officer effective April 29, 2024 at an hourly rate of \$17.50.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved Transfer 2024-429-1 to fix the fund on check 219721 debiting Weed Capital Outlay (fund 165) and crediting Noxious Weed Capital Outlay (fund 160) \$51,824.72.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board proclaimed May 2024 as Mental Health month and calls upon the businesses, schools, government agencies, healthcare providers, organizations and citizens of Cloud County to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, it's relationship to a strong, vibrant community, the steps our citizens can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental health conditions.

Sales tax received April 26, 2024 totaled \$77,672.60 compared to the prior year totaling \$80,012.62.

Received a thank you letter from the City of Jamestown for the Wind Farm funds.

The Board approved the following payroll expenses totaling \$179,007.08

General Fund – \$93,323.51	Road & Bridge - \$49,923.93
Appraiser - \$5,529.72	County Health - \$21,598.28
Noxious Weed - \$1,975.73	Election - \$1,714.12
Solid Waste - \$4,941.79	

Payroll Deductions & Benefits - \$75,883.76

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$57,160.00

General Fund – \$57,160.00

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

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved abatements 2024-94 with a net change of \$787.52, no refund

Commissioner Copple attended the North Central Regional Planning Commission meeting in Beloit on Thursday April 25th and the Pawnee Mental Health Banquet in Clay Center on Tuesday April 23rd

Commissioner Cleveland attended the retirement celebration for Highway Administrator Andy Asch. Commissioner Caspers attended the CASA Board meeting on Tuesday April 23<sup>rd</sup> and the KWORCC Board of Trustees meeting on Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup>.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the April 22, 2024 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 11:40 a.m., until Monday May 6, 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