

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
FEBRUARY 5, 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 5, 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; Kim Winsett, County Appraiser; Ken Davis, Sheriff; and Matt Nevins, Jail Administrator.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; Amy Williams, Cloud County Dependency Committee; Deb Ohlde, North Central Regional Planning; and Nicki Reed, CloudCorp Executive Director.

Amy Williams, Cloud County Dependency Committee (CCDC) presented a 2023 year summary and 2024 funding agreement. The funding agreement provides 50% of funding for public education and prevention and 50% for counseling and treatment for indigents (services for residents of Cloud County by providers in Cloud County) to include 25% for the Addiction Recovery Center and 25% for Pawnee Mental Health.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved the funding agreement for the calendar year 2024 with the Cloud County Chemical Dependency Committee in consideration of and limited to actual funds available in the alcohol tax fund, the receipt from Cloud County of an amount not to exceed \$28,197.

Ken Davis, Sheriff and Matt Nevins, Jail Administrator reported that the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) audit is 100% complete and are coordinating with KDOC to when inmates will be brought back. Commission on commissary will increase from 5% to 12.5% without any increase to inmates. Discussed concrete repairs that need to be done; the Board will contact Budreau Construction. A total of \$65,659.87 was transferred from the inmate welfare bank account to the County General equipment reserve fund with the County Treasurer. Have been in contact with the Ottawa County Sheriff's office regarding housing inmates; the Ottawa County jail will be closing their jail by the end of February at the latest. Gathering information to submit an invoice to the State to be reimbursed for days of housing from the date of being deemed incompetent to transfer to a mental institution for restoration. Ordered a year's supply of inmate items (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, ect.) to save on shipping and purchasing ladders for the inmate's bunks.

Deb Ohlde, North Central Regional Planning; and Nicki Reed, CloudCorp Executive Director discussed the CDBG #23-CVR-002 CDBG CVR Grant Business Plan / Criteria. The Grant provided by the Kansas Department of Commerce has granted \$141,642 in CVR

business funds to assist for-profit businesses in Cloud County with their working capital needs. Businesses (outside of Concordia) that are interested in details should contact the CloudCorp office. No decision was made.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director discussed pick-up truck issues they are having at the Recycling Center and Transfer Station. The Board recommended Hake begin looking for replacement vehicles.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed reverting a couple miles of old highway 24 to gravel; repairs are needed and funding is not available. No decision was made.

Recognized the resignation of James (JD) Beam, equipment operator at the Highway department effective February 16, 2024.

Kim Winsett, County Appraiser visited with the Board about the Neighborhood revitalization program and rules to further familiarize herself with the program and expectations.

Recognized the resignation of Eric Gennette, Courthouse Maintenance effective February 16, 2024.

The Board reviewed the Budget Status report and Fund Status Report as January 31, 2024 with an ending cash balance of \$16,395,555.84.

The Board approved the following payroll expenses totaling \$185,578.97

General Fund – \$98,375.62	Road & Bridge - \$49,721.43
Appraiser - \$5,532.65	County Health - \$22,175.78
Noxious Weed - \$1,968.18	Election - \$1,725.72
Solid Waste - \$6,079.59	

Payroll Deductions & Benefits - \$78,926.17

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 Cople, unanimous vote the Board approved abatements 2024-25 thru 2024-31 with a net change of (\$391.48) and refund of \$51.78.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Cople, unanimous vote the Board approved the January 29, 2024 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 12:35 p.m., until Monday February 12, 2024.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Gary Caspers, Chairman

Michael Cleveland, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Ron Copple, Member