

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
JANUARY 22, 2024
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the January meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on January 22, 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; Kim Winsett, County Appraiser; James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director; and Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; Russell Gagnon, Blade Empire; Nancy Reynolds, Richard Hubert and Althea Sicard, Teddy Lineberry, Jan McCormick, and Gene & Lynette Saltzman.

James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director discussed the Memorandum of Understanding with DeMar's and a Resolution. Quillen reported that Cloud County will host a table top exercise in June and a functional exercise in October.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 2023-4 proclaiming a State of Local Disaster Emergency for Cloud County from certain inclement winter weather conditions January 8 – 19, 2024.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding with Jim L. and Mara Del DeMars Revocable Trust (Landowner) as the County desires to continue using the communication repeater located on the abandoned tower situated at 2750 Deer Road. Cloud County assumes ownership and maintenance responsibilities for the tower and pay an annual fee of \$2,000 to the Landowner for renting the land in which the tower is located.

Kim Winsett, County Appraiser discussed proposals from Kimble Mapping, Inc. and Surveying and Mapping, LLC (SAM) and transferring the remaining budget dollars from 2023 to the Equipment fund.

Winsett presented a Windfarm application for \$25,000 to realign the county maps. The benefit of the project will help with accurate valuing and identification of parcels and assist the taxpayers with identification of their property lines. The total project is \$100,000. The request will be taken into consideration.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved the proposal from Kimble Mapping, Inc. for realignment of the County at a cost of \$100,000 using \$25,000 from the ARPA funds for the 1st annual payment.

Richard Hubert, Althea Sicard, and Nancy Reynolds reported that the Senior Center has separated from the North Central Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging. The Center hopes that the separation will help them obtain quality staff and better meals. The separation will allow the Center to purchase locally and be more flexible on what is served. They expect the cost to raise \$1 to \$5 per meal for anyone under 60 and to \$6 for anyone under. The Board is working on replacement items and new staffing. Meals are temporarily discontinued.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed purchasing a tire machine and county roads.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved Andy Asch signing the tax exempt form.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 2023-5 authorizing the lease with Leasing Center Corp for a 2024 truck for a total of \$286,951 split in 5 annual payments.

Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator reported that April 7th they will host a Baby shower for all pregnant & new mothers up to 3 months. The event will take place at the First United Methodist Church basement at 2:00 p.m. For more information or preregistration please call the Health Department.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, 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 11:10 a.m., including Sulanka and Thoman.

Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager reported that the basement entrance key pass has been fixed, finished painting in the Appraisers Office, discussed the possibility of some training classes and discussed the elevator proposal.

Recognized the resignation of Tyler Tobald, part-time Deputy effective January 10, 2024.

Recognized the termination of Bobby Martinez, Corrections Officer effective December 29, 2023.

Recognized the resignation of Mitchell McMillan, Corrections Officer effective January 16, 2024.

The Board approved the following payroll expenses totaling \$186,847.97

General Fund – \$99,188.21	Road & Bridge - \$52,169.86
Appraiser - \$5,535.57	County Health - \$20,105.66
Noxious Weed - \$1,974.81	Election - \$1,701.72
Solid Waste - \$6,172.14	

Payroll Deductions & Benefits - \$244,845.40

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 2024-13 thru 2024-19 with a net change of (\$468.96) and refund of \$33.46.

Commissioner Copple attended the Pawnee Mental Health Board meeting on Tuesday January 16th in Clay Center. Commissioner Cleveland attended the Health Assessment Board meeting on Thursday January 18th. Commissioner Caspers attended the Cloud Corp Board meeting on Tuesday January 16th and the Juvenile / Community Corrections Advisory Board meeting by Zoom on Wednesday January 17th.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the January 15, 2024 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 12:06 p.m., until Monday January 29, 2024.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Gary Caspers, Chairman

Michael Cleveland, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Ron Copple, Member

