

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS  
JANUARY 29, 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 29, 2024 in the Commissioners' room at 811 Washington, Concordia, Kansas with Chairman Gary Caspers, Member Michael Cleveland and County Clerk Shella Thoman present.

County staff attending was: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director; and James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported roads are starting to firm up they are continuing to work on them. Asch presented the annual Noxious Weed Eradication progress report for 2023 and the 2024 Management report.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress report for 2023.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved the 2024 Management Plan for the Noxious Weed.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved a 10-minute executive session for personnel exception to discuss non-elected personnel resuming open session at 9:20 a.m., including Asch and Thoman.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved a 5-minute executive session for personnel exception to discuss non-elected personnel resuming open session at 9:39 a.m., including Asch and Thoman.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Larry Jamison as an Equipment Operator effective January 29, 2024 at a wage of \$18.04 an hour.

James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director reported that February 7<sup>th</sup> KDEM and the incident site team will be here; LEPC will be February 12<sup>th</sup>; March 13<sup>th</sup> the Storm Spotter training will be at the College; June 5<sup>th</sup> will be a table top exercise; and October 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> will be a functional exercise. The EMPG check arrived.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director reported the new skid steer arrived Thursday and he's arranging for additional training.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved a 5-minute executive session for personnel exception to discuss non-elected personnel resuming open session at 9:59 a.m., including Hake

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Raquel Roop as a Corrections Officer effective February 1, 2024 at a rate of \$17.50 an hour.

Sales tax received January 26, 2024 totaled \$89,693.95 compared to the prior year totaling \$84,798.85.

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$295,037.39

General Fund – \$126,662.20	Road & Bridge – \$115,935.39
Special Alcohol & Drug - \$2,724.33	Juvenile Justice - \$2,941.46
Appraisal - \$382.45	Juvenile Reinvestment - \$473.24
Community Correc - \$220.90	County Health - \$1,891.14
Noxious Weed - \$3,604.72	Election - \$7,849.45
Solid Waste - \$29,774.74	Co Tourism & Convention - \$82.50
Employee Benefits - \$438.21	Election Capital Outlay - \$2,056.66

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 Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved abatements 2024-20 thru 2024-23 with a net change of (\$634.72) and refund of \$634.72.

Commissioner Cleveland and Caspers attended the County employee training day on Friday January 26<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Caspers attended the KWORCC Board of Trustees meeting on Thursday January 25<sup>th</sup> by Zoom and the CASA Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 10:42 a.m., until Monday February 5, 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