

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

Regular session of the July meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 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: Rod Michaud, Highway / Weed Administrator; Ken Davis, Sheriff; Kim Winsett, County Appraiser; James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director; and Matt Nevins, Jail Administrator; and Road & Bridge staff.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; Dannie Kearn; Brent Gering, Concordia Police Chief; John Markel, Kirkham Michael (by conference call); and Carol Torkelson, North Central Regional Planning (by conference call).

Ken Davis, Sheriff and Matt Nevins, Jail Administrator reported that they received a total of \$22,400 in competency funding and are working on switching the parking lot lights to LED. Received a new contact for food service; looking into other ways of providing food to the inmates. KDOC will be picking up the 5 KDOC inmates and dropping off 5 new inmates.

Carol Torkelson, North Central Regional Planning (by conference call) discussed the Environmental Review report.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved the Chairman signing the Environmental Review for activity/project for Citizens State Bank & Trust, Glasco and DeRusseau Inc., Clyde.

James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director presented a quote for repairs for the repeater tower at the Transfer Station and discussed how expenses and upkeep should be planned for the future. No decision was made.

Rod Michaud, Highway / Weed Administrator reported that he would be attending the Tank Certification class on September 26<sup>th</sup>; and reported that 2 employees were enrolling in the Drone school.

Called John Markel, Kirkham Michael to discuss KDOT's spring cost share project award for Noble Road. Markel will prepare an agreement.

The Board visited the Highway Department with all staff present.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the classification change for Devin Pearson from Equipment

Operator to Road Supervisor with a wage increase to \$21.06 an hour effective July 1, 2024 for a 6 month probationary period.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved the request and petition from OneOK North System LLC crossing 210<sup>th</sup> Road to repair an existing gas line.

The quarterly Public Health meeting will be in Beloit on July 10<sup>th</sup>. The State auditor is working on the Home Health audit this week. Will be putting an ad together for a new MCH Director.

The Board reviewed the Budget Status report and Fund Status Report as of June 30,2024 with an ending cash balance of \$15,550,182.18.

Recognized the resignation of Katherine Kearn effective July 9, 2024.

The Board reviewed KSA 73-201 regarding governmental employment and promotion.

The Board recessed from 12:10 – 1:00 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Cople, unanimous vote the Board approved Transfer 2024-0701-1 fixing the fund on check #219990 debiting Juvenile Reinvestment grant – Contractual and crediting Juvenile Justice – Contractual \$170.00

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$190,832.08

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| General Fund – \$21,258.25    | Road & Bridge – \$55,172.34              |
| Special Bridge - \$3,501.19   | Juvenile Justice - \$7,700.68            |
| Appraisal - \$343.32          | Juvenile Reinvestment - \$741.08         |
| Community Correc - \$2,508.00 | County Health - \$10,806.54              |
| Noxious Weed - \$186.50       | Election - \$172.31                      |
| Court Services - \$3,000.00   | Special Machinery & Equip - \$50,437.72  |
| Solid Waste - \$24,620.64     | Co Tourism & Convention - \$406.53       |
| Employee Benefits - \$188.21  | Election Capital Outlay - \$750.00       |
| Grants - \$429.98             | Special Alcohol & Drug - \$1,212.21      |
| Clerk Tech Fund - \$3,698.29  | Register of Deeds Tech Fund - \$3,698.29 |

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

Commissioner Cople attended the North Central Regional Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday June 26<sup>th</sup> in Beloit and the Pawnee Mental Health meeting in Clay Center on Tuesday June 25<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Caspers attended the KWORCC Board meeting by Zoom on Thursday June 27<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Caspers and Cople attended the Pawnee Mental Health lunch meeting on Tuesday June 25<sup>th</sup>.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the June 24, 2024 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 4:40 p.m., until Monday July 8, 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