

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS  
JULY 8, 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 8, 2024 in the Commissioners' room at 811 Washington, Concordia, Kansas with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Michael Cleveland and Ron Cople, and County Clerk Shella Thoman present.

County staff attending was: Rod Michaud, Highway Administrator; Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director; Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator; Dana Ringer, Heavy Equipment Operator – Solid Waste; LeAnn Kolle, Home Health Director; Katie Kearn, MCH Coordinator; and Lisa Widen, Office Clerk – Highway Department.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; and Dannie Kearn.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director reported that 42,374 lbs. of cardboard was sold at \$110 a ton.

The Board thanked Dana Ringer, Solid Waste Heavy Equipment Operator, for his years of service and was announced as Employee of the Month. Any employee who has completed one year of employment can be nominated.

Rod Michaud, Highway Administrator reported that work by Hall Brother's was completed on the Ames / Miltonvale Road and discussed purchasing a used broom; bidding on the broom ends on Thursday.

The Board agreed to use the remaining ARPA (COVID-19) funds on the Ames / Miltonvale road repairs.

Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator reported that quarterly grants for Aid to Locals are due on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Sulanka and Ginger Sorenson will be attending the Regional Public Health meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Sulanka and LeAnn Kolle, Home Health Director discussed last week's Home Health federal audit and deficiencies that will need to be addressed to be compliant. The Department is taking applications for the MCH Coordinator.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved the wage change for Ayla Collins from \$16.00 to \$16.80 effective July 15, 2024 due to the end of her probationary period.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved a 5-minute executive session for personnel exception to conduct an exit interview resuming open session at 10:47 a.m., including Katie Kearn and Thoman.

The Board complimented Katie for the work she's done at the health Department and wished her luck.

Shella Thoman, Cloud County Clerk presented the Board with employee suggestions for the \$1,000 donation to a non-profit for winning the Kansas Gives Back Challenge. The Board approved donating the funds to the Concordia Lions Club to support the Wednesday night suppers

The Board continued work on the 2025 County budget.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 2024-12 confirming the following members of the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Juvenil/ Community Corrections Advisory Board for the term July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026:

- Brandi Hake, Court Services Representative
- Chuck Lambertz, City of Concordia Representative
- Jennifer O'Hare, Lincoln County Commissioners Representative
- Jenny Parker, Social Services Agency Representative
- Anthony Perez, Mitchell County sheriff Representative
- Katie Schroeder, Defense Attorney Representative
- Gary Caspers, Cloud County Commissioners Representative
- Ed Duskie, Jewell County commissioners Representative

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved following the Internal Revenue Service's standard mileage rate effective July 1, 2024 as follows:

- \$.67 per mile for privately owned automobile
- \$.65 per mile for privately owned motorcycle
- \$1.76 per mile for privately owned airplane
- \$.21 per mile for moving mileage rate

The Board approved the following payroll expenses totaling \$183,446.41

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| General Fund – \$95,851.37 | Road & Bridge - \$51,717.10 |
| Appraiser - \$5,592.53     | County Health - \$20,698.44 |
| Noxious Weed - \$1,400.79  | Election - \$1,775.33       |
| Solid Waste - \$6,410.85   |                             |

Payroll Deductions & Benefits - \$76,061.03

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 the July 1, 2024 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 12:02 p.m., until Monday July 15, 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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Sheila Thoman, County Clerk

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Ron Copple, Member