

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS  
JULY 15, 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 July 15, 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 Administrator; Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director; Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator; JoDee LeDuc, Treasurer; Ken Davis, Sheriff; Kim Winsett, County Appraiser; James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director; Jana Roush, Register of Deeds; Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager; and Leah Robinson, Secretary 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Community Corrections / Juvenile Services.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; Dannie Kearn; Greg Thoman; Ryan McMillian; Katherine Doud, Blade Empire; Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk; Deb Lange, Cloud Corp Assistant; and Susie Haver, Cloud County Tourism.

Rod Michaud, Highway Administrator, Ryan McMillan and Greg Thoman discussed Trail Road and KSA 68-117 petitioning access to public highways. McMillan would like Trail Road extended.

Department head 9:30 – 10:10 a.m.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director – Having some problems with the new trailer that they are addressing.

Jana Roush, Register of Deeds – Routine business.

James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director – Paperwork for the generator is complete. Communication Team met; fire department will take care of their equipment on the Transfer Station tower, County will maintain the rest. Will be meeting once a quarter.

Leah Robinson, Secretary 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Community Corrections / Juvenile Services – Closing out the fiscal year and making budget adjustments.

Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk – Jury trail for today was cancelled. Received a grant for the law library computer and looking into getting security camera feed.

Ken Davis, Sheriff - Security currently is a police action and will discuss additional measures with the Commissioners at the regular appointment.

JoDee LeDuc, Treasurer – The end of the month is the deadline to pay taxes to not have your name in the newspaper publication.

Danny Kearn – Complimented the Department heads on how well they are doing their jobs.

Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager – IT room was having air conditioning issues. Recommends that weekend checks continue.

Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator – Seven local aid grants are due today. Meeting with Nightengale on Medicare compliance. Getting estimates on fire alarms.

Kim Winsett, County Appraiser – Will be working the northeast portion of the County and walking all of Clyde this year. Attended a meeting for the St. Joseph addition.

Rod Michaud, Highway Administrator – Started work on Oat Road east of the US 81. Pilots are enrolled for the drone demonstration at K-State.

Shella Thoman, County Clerk - Last day to file for write-ins is today at noon, last day to register to vote is Tuesday, advance voting will begin Wednesday and will run through noon on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Polls will open at 7:00 on election day. Discussing video possibilities for video feed to Courthouse offices.

Deb Lange, CloudCorp Assistant presented the July Slate Selection. The Grant Committee reviewed applications and according to the guidelines recommends awarding the following projects: Randall Farmers Cooperative Union for a new bio-fuel station in the amount of \$40,000; 3M Taxidermy for a taxidermy shop in Glasco in the amount of \$25,000; RW Developers to renovate a downtown building creating two commercial spaces in the amount of \$20,000; G. Hood Construction to start a small wood working shop in the amount of \$20,000; Sunflower Stores, LLC dba Concordia Dairy Queen to replace the retaining wall in the amount of \$20,000, H&P Rentals, LLC to renovate a downtown building, moving Monique & Company to a larger space in the amount of \$20,000, and Jaeger Cattle Company to build permanent fencing and feed bunks in the amount of \$5,000.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved distributing \$150,000 of Wind Farm funds to the Get in the Cloud Small Business grants as recommended by the Committee.

Rod Michaud, Highway Administrator reported that testing for the Noxious Weed general knowledge is August 29<sup>th</sup> in Topeka. Will be advertising for a Grader Operator position.

Susie Haver, Cloud County Tourism presented a 2025 budget request for \$272,921, the estimated carry over and income from transient guest tax and presented a committee appointment request. The Tourism Board accepted the resignation of John Paul Breault and recommended the appointment of Janet Pearson.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved appointing Janet Pearson to the Cloud County Tourism Board representing the Brown Grand Theatre.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved giving notice to the Cloud County Clerk of the intent to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate.

The Board recognized the termination of Denise Vignery, Corrections Officer effective July 15, 2024 (never reported to work).

The Board recognized the resignation of Kourtnee Pishney, Corrections Officer effective July 9, 2024.

Received a budget request from the Cloud County Community Resource Council requesting a \$2,500 increase to purchase additional food

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$1,795,029.76

General Fund – \$66,474.10	Road & Bridge – \$976,495.41
Special Bridge - \$34,143.20	Juvenile Justice - \$3,729.98
Appraisal - \$748.97	Juvenile Reinvestment - \$205.12
Community Correc - \$2,363.74	County Health - \$15,723.79
Noxious Weed - \$491.08	Election - \$4,806.02
JCAB Grant- Juvenile - \$59,001.45	Court Services - \$753.13
Solid Waste - \$22,804.12	Co Tourism & Convention - \$9,242.28
Employee Benefits - \$1,175.00	Cares – COVID Grant - \$203,815.82
Auto Special - \$36.00	
Special Highway Improvement - \$393,020.55	

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

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved abatements 2024-101 thru 2024-104 with a net change of (\$1,365.72) and refund of \$719.04.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the July 8, 2024 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 2:09 p.m., until Monday July 22, 2024.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

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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