

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
JUNE 3, 2024
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the June meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on June 3, 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: Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator; Kim Winsett, County Appraiser; James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director; Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager; and Lacey Huff, Health Department Office Manager.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; Dannie Kearn; Julie Willoughby, DVACK; Nicki Reed, CloudCorp Director; Deb Ohlde, North Central Regional Planning; and Casey Fraser and Ryan Standley, Foley Tractor.

Julie Willoughby, DVACK presented an Elder Abuse Awareness month proclamation.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board proclaimed June 2024 as Elder Abuse Awareness month in Cloud County and urges all citizens to work together to help protect elder adults from abuse, neglect, and exploitation because it is imperative that we refuse to tolerate the indignity of Elder Abuse.

Nicki Reed, CloudCorp Director presented a 2025 funding agreement request. The request remains unchanged at \$58,000 including \$3,000 for the Small Business Development Center. The request will be considered when preparing the 2025 budget.

Deb Ohlde, North Central Regional Planning presented environmental review records for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for the Chairman to sign. The Board agreed to post a notice of intent to request release of funds on the County's website rather than publishing it in the newspaper. Environmental review documents are available for public viewing in the County Clerks office.

Kim Winsett, County Appraiser reported that the valuations have been sent to the Clerk's office. Planning on sending notifications to property owners when they will be in the area data collecting.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, 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 11:14 a.m., including Kim Winsett, County Appraiser and Thoman.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved the classification change for Mark Coleman from Data Collector to Appraiser 1 including a wage change from \$17.48 to \$18.00 effective June 2, 2024.

Casey Fraser and Ryan Standley, Foley Tractor discussed rapid reporting options on the County machinery.

James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director and Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager reported the generator project grant was approved with 75% of the cost being covered. The generator will provide the entire Courthouse with power whereas the current generator only operates the meeting room and Emergency Operations Center. Discussed replacing the Health Departments manual generator with the generator from the Courthouse. Wednesday will be the County Tabletop exercise, there are approximately 80 people registered. The Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan is due this year; a meeting will be June 12th at the fairgrounds at 9:00 a.m. LEPC is scheduled for June 17th.

Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator and Lacey Huff, Health Department Office Manager reported that there was \$665.65 lost in vaccines from the power outage. They are asking for fans for their fan drive and working on policy and procedures for the Pharmacy contract.

The Board recognized the wage change for James Belden from \$22.94 to \$23.94 effective May 19, 2024.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 2024-10 voiding check 21876 on November 6, 2023 in the amount of \$8.52 to Katie Kern as the vendor did not receive the check.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Cople, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Theodore Gregory as a Corrections Officer at a rate of \$17.50 an hour effective May 29, 2024.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Cople, unanimous vote the Board approved the Chairman to sign the Contract for Governmental Services between Washington County, Marshall County, Clay County, Cloud County and Republic County for the Development of Coordinated Environmental Planning and the Implementation of Environmental Programs.

The Board recessed from 11:49 a.m. – 1:17 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved a 20-minute executive session for personnel exception to discuss non-elected personnel resuming open session at 1:49 p.m., including County Highway Administrator Applicant 1 and Thoman.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved a 20-minute executive session for personnel exception to discuss non-elected personnel resuming open session at 2:15 p.m., including County Highway Administrator Applicant 2 and Thoman.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved a 20-minute executive session for personnel exception to discuss non-elected personnel resuming open session at 2:37 p.m., including County Highway Administrator Applicant 3 and Thoman.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved a 10-minute executive session for personnel exception to discuss non-elected personnel resuming open session at 2:50 p.m., including Thoman.

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$259,199.03

General Fund – \$21,866.86	Road & Bridge – \$109,667.26
Special Bridge - \$11,542.18	Juvenile Justice - \$1,582.99
Appraisal - \$459.61	Juvenile Reinvestment - \$165.63
Community Correc - \$1,664.79	County Health - \$6,422.76
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Court Services - \$1,174.25	Employee Benefits - \$1,175.00
Solid Waste - \$100,322.84	Co Tourism & Convention - \$664.58

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

Commissioner Caspers attended the KWORCC Board of Trustees meeting on Thursday May 30th by Zoom.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Cople, unanimous vote the Board approved the May 28, 2024 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 2:54 p.m., until Monday June 10, 2024.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Gary Caspers, Chairman

Michael Cleveland, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Ron Cople, Member