

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS  
JUNE 17, 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 17, 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, Interim Highway Administrator; Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director; Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator; JoDee LeDuc, Treasurer; James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director; Jana Roush, Register of Deeds; Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; Dannie Kearn; Deb Ohlde, North Central Regional Planning Commissioner; Lisa Mosher, Brent Gering, Danny McReynolds, and K'Lynn Barr Cloud County Fair Board; Michael Rexhalla & Peggi Barrett, Pawnee Mental Health; Tony Miller, and Sheena Halverstadt, CASA; Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk; and Nathan Gentry, Radio Club; Nicole Reed, CloudCorp Director.

Deb Ohlde, North Central Regional Planning Commission and Nicole Reed, CloudCorp Director presented the Request to Release Funds for and Certification for the Community Development Block Grant CVR (Coronavirus Resiliency Project) for Citizens State Bank & Trust and DeRusseau Inc. and reviewed the Grantee's Environmental Review Checklist.

Department Head – 9:19 – 9:41 a.m.

James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director – Finishing the Courthouse Generator grant, completing follow up on the Tabletop Exercise and working on the Functional Exercise, discussed issues with the repeater located at the Transfer Station and reported that corrections were being made following Penetration testing.

Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk – Court will be closed Wednesday June 19<sup>th</sup> for Juneteenth.

Jana Roush, Register of Deeds – Routine Business.

Rod Michaud, Interim Highway Administrator – Hall Bros. will be starting on patching this week.

Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager- Assisted the Health Department cleaning out the wood shed; resolved issues with the air conditioning at the Courthouse.

Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator – Cleaned out the wood shed, 2 tents found in the back that could be used for emergency's, Maintenance will put them up to get exact information. June 13 – 19<sup>th</sup> is CNA week and updating the breast feeding room.

Shella Thoman – Budget preparation will be completed this week, asked that payroll information be turned in and sent training out through KCAMP and Curricula.

Gary Caspers – The floating holiday will be July 5<sup>th</sup>. Employee of the month applications are due each 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator reported that Health Department personnel would be doing fire extinguisher training with the fire department this week. Discussed an infant at work policy, reported that she will be attending the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments mid-year meeting next week; Katie spoke at Trinity United Methodist Church on Safe Kid Activities for the summer, crisis pantry and the fan drive and received a \$50 donation.

Lisa Mosher, Brent Gering, Danny McReynolds, and K'Lynn Barr representing the Cloud County Fair Board requested \$40,000 for the 2025 budget year. The request will be considered while preparing the 2025 budget. Future projects for the Fairgrounds included, installing a security system, upgrading the acoustics and finishing the concrete floors in the commercial building, replacing the hog pen panels, installing big fans in the arena area, reconfiguring the food stand windows, replacing the fence between the beef barn and racetrack; updating the bleacher seating, painting the Hoise, sheep/hog, arena and beef/horse building/barns, and adding a small storage building and camper hook-ups.

Michael Rexhalla, Chief Executive Officer Pawnee Mental Health requested an increase in the 2025 appropriations to \$108,962. Pawnee provided mental health and substance abuse treatment services to 451 unduplicated Cloud County Residents in 2023; over \$1 million in services to residents and over \$365,000 was uncompensated due to reasons such as no insurance or underinsurance. Cloud County currently spends approximately \$193.55 annually per resident served and are ranked 30 out of 105 counties in the state in per capita funding and 29 in the state percentage of county budget.

Tony Miller, and Sheena Halverstadt, CASA requested \$15,000 in funding for 2025. In 2023 a total of 44 child forensics interviews were completed at Hope's Place CAC; 55 total children were served through CASA's agencies. Anyone interested in volunteering at CASA can contact the office at 785-243-8200.

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 10:01 a.m., including Tonya Sulanka and Thoman.

The Board recessed for the Local Emergency Preparedness Committee (LEPC) meeting from 11:42 a.m. to 12:48 p.m.

Nathan Gentry visited with the Board regarding the upcoming radio days that will be held at the VFW in Glasco from 10:00 a.m. Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup> to 10:00 a.m. Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup> and presented a proclamation.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board officially recognized and designated June 16-23, 2024 as Amateur Radio Week in Cloud County.

Rod Michaud, Interim Highway Administrator presented the updated equipment list for rapid reporting.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved a 15-minute executive session for personnel exception to discuss non-elected personnel resuming open session at 1:23 p.m., including Rod Michaud and Thoman.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Cople, unanimous vote the Board approved extending executive session for 10-minutes for personnel exception to discuss non-elected personnel resuming open session at 11:33 a.m., including Rod Michaud and Thoman.

The Board acknowledge the new hires:

Kourtnee Pishney as a Corrections Officer at an hourly rate of \$18.38 effective June 17, 2024.

Olivia Beikmann, as a Corrections Officer at an hourly rate of \$18.38 effective July 17, 2024.

William Shockley as a Corrections Officer at an hourly rate of \$18.38 effective July 1, 2024.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 2024-11 voiding check #219762 on April 22, 2024 in the amount of \$495.00 to Riverside Clinical Services, LLC as the vendor never received the check.

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$410,258.04

General Fund – \$134,070.43	Road & Bridge – \$80,020.64
Juvenile Justice - \$4,927.89	Pawnee Mental Health - \$27,218.11
Appraisal - \$169.23	Juvenile Reinvestment - \$605.00
Community Correc - \$4,814.24	County Health - \$11,373.06
Noxious Weed - \$2,173.39	Services - \$36.00
Solid Waste - \$36,431.49	Co Tourism & Convention - \$11,254.60
Employee Benefits - \$.	Fair - \$9,193.07
Soil Conservation - \$7,697.20	OCCK - \$26,814.32
Historical Museum - \$11,835.72	Services for the Elderly - \$41,623.65

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

Commissioner Cleveland attended the Chemical Dependency Committee meeting on Friday June 14<sup>th</sup> and visited with Rod Michaud and Brandon Brundridge regarding Drone training.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the June 10, 2024 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 1:47 p.m., until Monday June 24, 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