

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
MARCH 4, 2024
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the March meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on March 4, 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: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director; JoDee LeDuc, Treasurer; Ken Davis, Sheriff; Matt Nevins, Jail Administrator; Kim Winsett, County Appraiser; James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director; Jana Roush, Register of Deeds; and Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; Russell Gagnon, Blade Empire; Casey Fraser, Foley Tractor; and Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk.

Department Head – 9:15 – 10:09 a.m.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director – New trucks and skid steer are working good.

James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director – The deadline for the 191 class is today. Storm spotter training will be at 6:30 p.m. at the hospital meeting room. Wednesday March 6th will be a Statewide tornado drill at 11:00 a.m. Weekly tornado drills will be at 12:00 p.m. on Mondays. NCK Regional training on March 20th in Beloit, need one more Department to attend to count for Cloud County training. June 5th is the Emergency Preparedness tabletop.

Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk – Routine business. Jury trial scheduled.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator – Hauling rock and gravel. Six employees down. Part-time help started last week.

Ken Davis, Sheriff – Routine business. Five spots open for Corrections Officers. Discussed the possibility of hiring a company to conduct a wage study for the County. No decision was made.

Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager – New employee started today. Will begin working in the yard and grass will be planted the beginning of April on the old jail lot.

Kim Winsett, County Appraiser – Finishing up valuation statements and plan to mail Friday. Statements will be mailed through Copy Co, Inc. as it was cheaper to use them than our cost of postage and supplies.

JoDee LeDuc, Treasurer - Working on distribution and Sheriff's warrants for delinquent personal property.

Jana Roush, Register of Deeds – Discussed emergency window.

Shella Thoman, County Clerk, - Presidential Preference Primary has begun and is open for voting in the Courthouse through noon on March 18th. The County is signed up for the Give Back Kansas Challenge; the challenge runs from April 1st – May 31st. Discussed training days for next year. Employee of the month applications are due the 3rd Monday of each month.

Ken Davis, Sheriff and Matt Nevins, Jail Administrator discussed the 2 pads of concrete that need work; Cleveland will contact Budreau. Is expecting a contract with Ottawa County to house their inmates if Ottawa County needs housing. Have submitted reimbursement invoices to the State for housing inmates when an evaluation of competency was ordered. The request was for \$6,900. Discussing evaluations be moved from Pawnee to the state hospital to maximize reimbursement. Last contact with KDOC was February 13th; they were working on a list before scheduling transport. Garrett Hood asked what should be done with the old heating and air units; Nevins will contact Hood's for recommendations. The new ladders have been installed on bunks.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator and Casey Fraser, Foley Tractor discussed replacing the 2000 12H grader with a 2016 140M. Fraser will get cost for extended warranty. Received quotes for Shilling Construction for Quail Road totaling \$160,149 and Noble Rd totaling \$352,107. Will be attending the annual Weed Conference this week.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the lease purchase agreement with Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation for a 2016 140m AWD grader for \$205,400 on a 4-year lease after trade including a \$400 processing fee.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved the Request and Petition for Jim Weaver for a waterline ¼ mile north of Jade road on 170th Rd.

Recognized the resignation of Travis King, Corrections Officer effective February 23, 2024.

Recognized the termination of Shelby Lamb, Corrections Officer effective February 23, 2024.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 2024-06 voiding check #218865 on November 20, 2023 in the amount of \$396.72 to Safety-Kleen Systems Inc.

The Board reviewed the Budget Status report and Fund Status Report as of February 29, 2024 with an ending cash balance of \$15,894,420.30

Sales tax received February 27, 2024 totaled \$95,471.98 compared to the prior year totaling \$100,706.33.

The Board approved the following payroll expenses totaling \$180,274.06

General Fund – \$98,580.82	Road & Bridge - \$44,948.09
Appraiser - \$5,620.60	County Health - \$20,914.60
Noxious Weed - \$1,969.66	Election - \$1,735.72
Solid Waste - \$6,504.57	

Payroll Deductions & Benefits - \$76,295.66

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 abatements 2024-53 thru 2024-66 with a net change of (\$758.80) and refund of \$253.91.

Commissioner Copple attended the Pawnee Mental Health Board meeting on Tuesday, February 27th in Clay Center. Commissioner Cleveland attended a meeting with Kirkham Michael representatives, Andy Asch, Angie Danner & Devon Benfer regarding the U.P. Bridge replacement.

Commissioner Caspers attended the KWORCC Board of Trustees meeting on Thursday February 29th and the CASA Board of Directors on Tuesday February 27th.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved the February 26, 2024 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 11:59 a.m., until Monday March 11, 2024.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Gary Caspers, Chairman

Michael Cleveland, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Ron Copple, Member