

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
MARCH 11, 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 11, 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: Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator; Doug Colby, Deputy Sheriff; and James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; Nicki Reed, CloudCorp Director; Wonda Phillips, National Orphan Train; and Jason Martin & Jessica Presler, City of Jamestown.

James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director reported that the Miltonvale Tower generator was scheduled to be installed this week and discussed renting or purchasing the propane tank needed. The Board recommended renting the tank at \$300 a year. KDEM would be meeting today to discuss the winter storm damage. The G0191 Emergency Operations Center / Incident Command System Interface course is tomorrow. Discussed continuing work on the Continuity of Operations plan, the asset inventory system and vehicle replacement.

Nicki Reed, Cloud Corp director presented a Windfarm grant request for \$150,000 for the Get in the Cloud grant funds. The Get in the Cloud grant has been funded since 2014; in that time nearly \$1,434,083 has been awarded to 60 qualified projects. Less than \$350,000 of the grant funds were spent on vendors outside of Cloud County. Total project input costs are over \$6.8 million to date.

Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator discussed recent water damage. Reported that the Governor's conference was good, staff had attended additional training in Hays for Kan be Healthy exams on Friday, and staff would be attending the G0191 class tomorrow.

Wonda Phillips, National Orphan Train presented a Windfarm application from the National Orphan Train Complex in the amount of \$60,000. The project total is projected at \$124,531.49 and will replace the brick platform around the Depot that consists of bricks fired around 1917. The NOTC is the largest draw for tourism in Cloud County; in 2023 they received more than 4,300 visitors.

Doug Colby, Deputy Sheriff presented a Wind Farm application from the Cloud County Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$4,231.54. The project total is projected at \$4,231.54 and will be used to purchase roadside trauma kits for all County and City of Concordia Patrol cars as well as the Law Enforcement Center.

Jason Martin & Jessica Presler, City of Jamestown presented a Windfarm application from the City of Jamestown in the amount of \$25,000. The project total is projected at \$55,000 and will be used to purchase a new tractor allowing public works to safely and efficiently clear roadways. The multi functions of the tractor will also allow employees to use the tractor for regular maintenance and event preparation.

The Board received a Wind Farm application from the Cloud County Highway Department in the amount of \$30,000. The project total is projected at \$60,000.00 and will be used to purchase road rock for major rural roads in the County. Placing rock on County roads improves the quality of roadway for traffic safety and benefits the economy for a good road for farmers and ranchers in the county to transport their products and products they purchase for operations.

The Board reviewed the Budget Status report as of February 29, 2024

Acknowledge the wage change for Leah Robinson, Community Corrections/JV Services Secretary II from \$19.05 to \$20.47.

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$424,698.30

General Fund – \$47,534.62	Road & Bridge – \$85,992.09
Special Bridge - \$220,859.77	Juvenile Justice - \$617.61
Appraisal - \$4,906.29	Juvenile Reinvestment - \$835.20
Community Correc - \$484.72	County Health - \$2,857.36
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Election C.O. – 9,534.39	Special Alcohol & Drug - \$500.00
Court Services - \$150.00	Carlson Hometown Governor. - \$26,010.00
Solid Waste - \$22,593.15	Co Tourism & Convention - \$144.34
Employee Benefits - \$1,175.00	

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 2024-67 thru 2024-74 with a net change of (\$1,158.50) and refund of \$994.20.

Commissioner Copple attended the North Central Regional Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday March 6th in Beloit.

Commissioner Cleveland attended the Chemical Dependency Committee meeting on Friday March 8th and the City of Clyde Council meeting on Tuesday March 5th.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the March 4, 2024 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 11:26 a.m., until Monday March 18, 2024.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Gary Caspers, Chairman

Michael Cleveland, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Ron Copple, Member