

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS  
MARCH 25, 2024  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the March meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:07 a.m. on March 25, 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; and Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; Casey Fraser, Foley Tractor; Lucas Nease, Mayor of Glasco; Bruce Graham and Darren Bates, Miltonvale Tootle Park Project; Jo & Pat Girard, Guardians of the St. Joseph Church Foundation; Tony Miller, Taylynn Peltier and Jennifer Kindel, CASA.

Commissioner Caspers left the meeting from 9:07 – 9:44 a.m.

Lucas Nease, Mayor of Glasco presented a Windfarm application in the amount of \$40,000. The total project is projected at \$101,500 and will replace the 1958 firetruck with a new Quick Response Fire Truck.

Casey Fraser, Foley Tractor thanked the Board for their business.

Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager updated the Board on the elevator pumps.

Darren Bates, Mayor of Miltonvale and Bruce Graham presented a Windfarm application for the Miltonvale Tootle Park Playground project in the amount of \$80,000. The project total is projected at \$450,000 and will replace playground equipment at the City Park.

Tony Miller, Taylynn Peltier and Jennifer Kindel, CASA presented a proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month and encouraged the public to wear blue on April 5<sup>th</sup> to spread awareness and show support for ending child abuse.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board proclaimed April as Child Abuse Prevention month and recognized the important role CASA volunteers have in advocating for the best interests of abused and neglected children in Cloud County.

Pat and Jolene Girard presented a Windfarm request in the amount of \$50,000. The total project is projected to be \$143,826 and will repair and paint the ceiling, main altar, two side altars, communion rail, baptismal font and statues and remove and install new flooring.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported that they will be doing transmission repairs on a 2010 grader and received chemical bids. Asch will choose the lowest of each bid.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved the request and petition for a utility line for Benson Keil of K & K Land LLC crossing 130<sup>th</sup> and Gold diagonally.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Cople, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Danny Lahodny as a part-time equipment operator at the Highway department effective March 25<sup>th</sup> at an introductory rate of \$16.80.

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 11:14 a.m., including Asch and Thoman.

The Board received a Windfarm application from USD 224 Clifton Clyde School Age Program in the amount of \$2,000. The project is projected to be \$20,000 and will start a licensed summer school age program for students currently enrolled in the pre-kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade to assist parents with after school care.

The Board received a Windfarm application from the Cloud County Historical Society in the amount of \$2,646.36. The project is projected at \$2,646.36 and will reinstall loose window gaskets, caulk areas where gaskets have shrunk, remove and reinstall several windows to repair gaskets behind the glass and calk the perimeter of the aluminum windows.

Acknowledged the classification change for Dawn Snyder from Community Corrections / Juvenile Services Assistant Director to Director with a salary change to \$86,374 yearly to fill an open position due to the retirement of Wanda Backstrom.

The Board chose the North Central Kansas Medical Center as the caterer for the Area Commissioners meeting.

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$657,922.31

General Fund – \$140,220.74	Road & Bridge – \$138,675.05
Special Bridge - \$24,875.00	Juvenile Justice - \$2,719.07
Appraisal - \$5,984.44	Juvenile Reinvestment - \$334.00
Community Correc - \$945.99	County Health - \$17,183.71
Noxious Weed - \$363.81	Election - \$4,077.86
Court Services - \$165.55	Safety Committee Fund - \$1,226.72
Solid Waste - \$22,076.78	Co Tourism & Convention - \$3,706.14
Employee Benefits - \$188.21	Special Alcohol & Drug - \$400.00
Election CO - \$859.56	Pawnee Mental Health - \$58,941.97
Fair - \$20,549.82	Soil Conservation - \$16,772.14
OCCK - \$58,562.29	Services for the Elderly - \$88,450.09
Historical Museum - \$25,643.37	CARES – COVID 19 - \$25,000

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 2024-81 thru 2024-85 with a net change of (\$143.82) and refund of \$13.58.

Commissioner Copple attended the North Central Regional Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday March 20<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Caspers attended the CASA Board meeting & the Cloud Corp Board meeting Tuesday March 19<sup>th</sup> and the Juvenile Detention Committee meeting in Lincoln on Wednesday March 20<sup>th</sup>.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the March 18, 2024 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 11:39 a.m., until Monday April 1, 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