

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
MAY 6, 2024
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the May meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on May 6, 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; Ken Davis, Sheriff; James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director; Katie Kearn, Health Department receptionist; Richard Kindel, Truck Foreman; Perry Pearce, Bridge Foreman; Stacie LaBarge, Deputy Election Clerk; Matt Nevins, Jail Administrator; and Rob Walsh, County Attorney.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; Dannie Kearn; and Alisha Bond, Hub International.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director presented the delinquent Solid Waste report. The total amount presented to be collected through tax collection is \$33,856.50 including \$22,593 of delinquent and \$11,263.50 of fees. Hake reported that there was wind damage on the Recycling Center and Solid Waste buildings, and he was getting quotes for repairs.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the 2023 Solid Waste delinquent report totaling \$33,856.50, authorizing the County Clerk to add the listed charges to the property owners tax statement.

Ken Davis, Sheriff and Matt Nevins, Jail Administrator reported that Johnson Controls passed the fire suppression system with one minor repair. Are housing KDOC inmates on a limited number due to budget constraints at the State. Received \$6,900 for competency reimbursement. Commissioner Cleveland reported that he spoke to Mark Budreau about repairs to the concrete pad and he'd get to it in June.

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 9:29 a.m., including Ken Davis, Sheriff and Thoman.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved a 2-minute executive session for personnel exception to discuss non-elected personnel resuming open session at 9:32 a.m., including Davis & Thoman.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Cople, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Chad Shockley as a Corrections Officer at an hourly rate of \$17.50 effective May 1, 2024.

Rod Michaud, Interim Highway Administrator presented a new hire report, and classification changes. Tire bids were opened from Budreau Muffler, Commercial Tire Center, Kansasland and Poms Tire Service. Michaud will return next week with a recommendation report.

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 9:44 a.m., including Rod Michaud, Interim Highway Administrator, Richard Kindel, Truck Foreman and Thoman.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Cople, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Reese Reed as part-time Utility worker at the Highway Department at rate of \$16.80 effective May 13, 2024.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved the wage change for Devin Pearson from \$17.34 to \$18.04 effective May 6, 2024.

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 10:42 a.m., including Rod Michaud, Interim Highway Administrator, Perry Pearce, Bridge Foreman and Thoman

The Board recognized the resignation of part-time utility workers David Fisher, Steve LeDuc and Gerald Bray.

Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator and Katie Kearns reported that there were 13 attendees at the Concordia Bike rodeo and one additional bike check. May 11th will be Glasco's bike rodeo and there will be a pancake feed at Nicol Nursing Home. This is National Nurses week, and the office will be celebrating and appreciating the Nurses throughout the week. There are 41 active Home Health patients and since January we have collected \$68,221.58 from Medicare. The Medicare auditor will be here Wednesday May 8th.

The Board thanked Katie Kearns, Health Department Receptionist for her service and dedication to Cloud County and was announced as Employee of the Month. All employees of Cloud County can be nominated after completing one year of employment. Monthly employees are eligible for Employee of the Year.

Alisha Bond, Hub International presented a 2024 mid-year usage review for the County's Health and Dental plan. Employees present included Stacie Labarge, James Quillen, and Rob Walsh.

The Board received 2025 budget requests from the following:
County Appraiser - \$82,750 (not including payroll)

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$181,440.75

General Fund – \$39,350.29	Road & Bridge – \$66,730.32
Special Alcohol & Drug - \$800.00	Juvenile Justice - \$587.24
Appraisal - \$371.56	Juvenile Reinvestment - \$448.72
Community Correc - \$74.48	County Health - \$5,341.94
Noxious Weed - \$9,078.97	Election - \$223.59
Solid Waste - \$56,669.04	Co Tourism & Convention - \$436.62
Employee Benefits - \$1,175.00	Election C.O. - \$152.98

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

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved abatements 2024-95 with a net change of (\$171.76) and refund of \$171.76.

Commissioner Caspers attended the Childcare Coalition meeting at OCCK on Wednesday May 1st.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the April 29, 2024 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple and, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 11:53 a.m., until Monday May 13, 2024.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Gary Caspers, Chairman

Michael Cleveland, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Ron Copple, Member