

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
MAY 20, 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 20, 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; Ken Davis, Sheriff; Kim Winsett, County Appraiser; James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director; Jana Roush, Register of Deeds; Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager; Dawn Synder, Juvenile Justice / Community Corrections Director.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk; Dannie Kearn; and Sheila Nelson-Stout, Patrick Wallerius, Kendra Krier and Susan Sprague, OCCK, Inc.

Department Head Meeting- 9:16 – 9:48

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director – Still gathering quotes for wind damage repairs on roofs.

James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director – Approximately 80 people are enrolled for the June 5th tabletop exercise.

Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk – Business as usual.

Jana Roush, Register of Deeds – Routine Business

Rod Michaud, Interim Highway Administrator – Will be finishing up the first portion of Noble Road this week and hand patching.

Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager – Finished security painting outside and will be working on the basement steps in the next month.

Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator – Aurora Bike Rodeo had 19 participants, handed out 65 bicycle helmets at the Touch & Truck event; getting estimates on signage; applied for MCH program grant; will be attending the immunization conference this week; and the department will be having mental health training.

Kim Winsett, County Appraiser – Will be attending the County Appraisers conference in June; staff are attending classes; and preparing to certify values.

JoDee LeDuc, Treasurer – Working on the last big distribution and discussed the tax foreclosure sale (44 parcels are listed with a total redemption cost of over \$564,500).

Shella Thoman, County Clerk – The filing deadline is June 3rd at noon, looking for individuals to complete some KCAMP training and will be sending budget worksheets out in the next couple of weeks.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved a 15-minute executive session for land acquisition exception to discuss the U.P. bridge project resuming open session at 10:32 a.m., including Jon Markel, Kirkham Michael; Rod Michaud, Highway Administrator; and Thoman.

Dawn Synder, Juvenile Justice / Community Corrections Director presented grant applications for approval.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board the 2025 Adult & Juvenile Comprehensive Plan Grant documents.

Recognized the wage classification change for Kaetlin Hyman to Resource / IIP Officer and a wage change from \$21.18 to \$26.74.

Sheila Nelson-Stout, Patrick Wallerius, Kendra Krier and Susan Sprague, OCCK, Inc. presented a 2025 budget request asking that their 2023 funding be restored to \$107,686 (funding was reduced \$30,000 for 2024).

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved filing the Court petition to continue moving forward with the tax foreclosure sale.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved the hiring Denise Vignery as a Corrections Officer as a corrections officer at an hourly rate of \$17.50.

Received a 2025 budget request from Juvenile Detention for \$6,450.44 and the Sanitarian for \$18,462.66

Recognized the resignation of Damian Regnier as a Corrections Officer effective May 14, 2024.

The Board reviewed KSA 25-4169a regarding the use of public funds, vehicles, or other equipment to influence voters.

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$245,467.37

General Fund – \$116,653.46	Road & Bridge – \$66,489.04
Special Bridge - \$2,400.00	Juvenile Justice - \$2,833.28
Appraisal - \$201.03	Juvenile Reinvestment - \$305.01

Community Correc - \$292.94	County Health - \$7,386.29
Noxious Weed - \$13,781.19	Election - \$400.46
Court Services - \$72.00	Special Alcohol & Drug - \$1,700.00
Solid Waste - \$757.88	Co Tourism & Convention - \$23,107.86
Employee Benefits - \$188.21	Safety Committee Fund - \$114.00
Weed Capital Outlay - \$8,784.72	

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 2024-99 with a net change of (\$24.24) and refund of \$24.24.

Commissioner Copple attended the Aurora Bike Rodeo on Saturday May 18th. Commissioner Cleveland attended the Risk Management Committee meeting on Wednesday May 15th and the North Central Kansas Health Centers Heart Association Breakfast on Friday May 17th. Commissioner Caspers attended the Juvenile Detention Committee meeting in Junction City on Wednesday May 15th.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the May 13, 2024 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 11:25 a.m., until Tuesday May 28, 2024.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Gary Caspers, Chairman

Michael Cleveland, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Ron Copple, Member