

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
MAY 28, 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 28, 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: Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator; and Rob Walsh, County Attorney.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; Dannie Kearn; Richard Hubert, Althea Sicard, Keith Best, and Don & Joyce Menard, Cloud County Senior Center representatives; John Markel, Kirkham Michael (by conference call).

Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator reported that Katie Kearn recently completed the University of Kansas School of Medicine support for Tobacco Recovery (STaRT) training and is a certified Tobacco Specialist and that it appears lightning struck the Health Department over the weekend losing power to the immunization's refrigerators. The State will do an evaluation today to determine if any immunizations were compromised.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved the classification change for Katherine Kearn from receptionist to MCH Coordinator with a wage change from \$16.80 to \$17.30 effective June 3, 2024.

Richard Hubert, Althea Sicard, Keith Best, and Don & Joyce Menard, Cloud County Senior Center representatives discussed the 2025 budget request for the Cloud County Commission on Aging. The request is for 1 mill and will be distributed based on the July 1, 2023 population numbers certified to the Secretary of State. Hubert reported that the Concordia Senior Center has reopened for dine-in and Meals and Wheels.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved a 15-minute executive session for attorney-client privilege to discuss land acquisition resuming open session at 11:19 a.m., including Robert Walsh, County Attorney and Thoman.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved a 15-minute executive session for personnel exception to discuss non-elected personnel resuming open session at 11:35 a.m., including Robert Walsh, County Attorney and Thoman.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved extending executive session for 15-minutes for personnel exception to discuss non-elected personnel resuming open session at 11:45 a.m., including Walsh and Thoman

The Board called Jon Markel, Kirkham Michael. Cleveland and Marleen Stamm, County Sanitarian will be meeting with the Reedy's regarding the UP Bridge.

The Board drafted a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) reimbursement agreement for employees that do not currently have a CDL and added a CDL renewal benefit that the County will reimburse the cost of CDL renewal for employees that hold a CDL in accordance with their job description. The Board agreed to reimburse employees who are receiving short term disability benefits, the county's share of employee only (\$626.58 for 2024) for COBRA coverage following FMLA. Employees must be receiving STD benefits; the benefit ends on the last day of the month STD ends.

Sales tax received May 2024 totaled \$87,872.78 compared to the prior year totaling \$90,471.39.

The Board approved the following payroll expenses totaling \$184,498.12.

General Fund – \$100,010.83	Road & Bridge - \$50,061.14
Appraiser - \$5,541.34	County Health - \$20,612.95
Noxious Weed - \$1,388.83	Election - \$1,704.72
Solid Waste - \$5,178.31	

Payroll Deductions & Benefits - \$222,926.68

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

Commissioner Cople attended the Cloud County Resource Council meeting on Tuesday May 21st. Commissioner Cleveland met with Kirkham Michael and the Reedy's regarding

the UP-bridge replacement on Tuesday May 21st. Commissioner Caspers attended the CASA volunteer appreciation BBQ on Tuesday May 21st.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the May 20, 2024 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 12:23 p.m., until Monday June 3, 2024.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Gary Caspers, Chairman

Michael Cleveland, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Ron Copple, Member