

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS  
FEBRUARY 3, 2025  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the February meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on February 3, 2025 in the Commissioners' room at 811 Washington, Concordia, Kansas with Chairman Michael Cleveland, Members Dannie Kern and Ron Copple, and County Clerk Shella Thoman present.

County staff attending was: Rod Michaud, Highway / Weed Administrator; Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator; JoDee LeDuc, Treasurer; Ken Davis, Sheriff; Kim Winsett, County Appraiser; Dawn Synder, Community Corrections/ Juvenile Services Director; Matt Nevins, Jail Administrator; and Emily Thoman.

Others attending: Tom Claussen, Mitchell County Commissioner; Dr. David Dupy, Md (both by conference call); and Julie Willoughby, DVACK.

Dawn Synder, Community Corrections/ Juvenile Services Director discussed the funding agreement for 2025. Funds will be used for Public Education & Prevention (50%) and Counseling & Treatment for Indigents: Addiction Recovery Center (25%) and Pawnee Mental Health (25%). Funds available for Chemical Dependency are based on alcohol sales in Cloud County.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Kern, unanimous vote the Board approved Funding Agreement for Calendar year 2025 with the Cloud County Chemical Dependency Committee in an amount not to exceed \$22,358.

Ken Davis, Sheriff and Matt Nevins, Jail Administrator discussed the Law Enforcement Center. KDOC prisoners have all been removed, this will allow for the County to save on meal costs not having to contract with a company providing a dietician and decrease the number of employees on staff. Beginning February 1<sup>st</sup> the Sisters of St. Joeseph began providing 3 meals a day for the inmates.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Kern, unanimous vote the Board approved the re-hire of Joy Fenske as Sheriff Office Clerk effective February 4, 2025 at a level D-4.

Rod Michaud, Highway / Weed Administrator reported that Vale Road between 80<sup>th</sup> and 90<sup>th</sup> is closed due to a train derailment. Michaud reported \$40,000 in cost and damages from the January Winter Storm. They are patching and dragging roads and discussed the LTAP training for employees.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Kern, unanimous vote the Board approved the transfer of Deven Bilbrey from Maintenance at the Courthouse to Road Maintenance at the Highway Department effective 2/10/2025 at a level D-3.

Julie Willoughby, DVACK discussed Teen Dating Violence Awareness month.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Kearn, unanimous vote the Board proclaimed February 2025 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness month and urges citizens to recognize and assist all those who serve the rights and needs of victims of teen dating violence.

Kim Winsett, County Appraiser discussed the funding agreement with Kimble Mapping, Inc. The agreement will assist with the 2025 GIS Map Maintenance.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Kearn, unanimous vote the Board approved the Kimball Mapping offer to perform services.

Tonya Sulanka, Health Department Administrator discussed the Tuberculosis outbreak in the KC Metro area that started earlier in 2024. The general public is at very low risk; it is not as easily spread compared to COVID-19, RSV or the flu. If the public has any questions or concerns, they can call the Health Department. The Community Baby Show is March 29<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. The Governors Public Health Conference is set up for March 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. They will not be open to walk-ins for Tetanus, Tuberculosis test or vaccines. They are still waiting on the auditors for Medicare. Revisions have been made on the Infection Control Policy and the Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement (QAPI).

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Kearn, unanimous vote the Board approved a 15-minute executive session for personnel exception to discuss non-elected personnel resuming open session at 10:57 a.m., including Tonya Sulanka.

The Board discussed the position of District Coroner with Dr. David Dupy and Tom Claussen, Mitchell County Commissioner .

JoDee LeDuc, Treasurer presented a letter that will be sent to property owners regarding the February 19<sup>th</sup> tax sale.

Shella Thoman, County Clerk presented Township appointments following the receipt of those wrote in and elected in the General election declining the position, including, Eddie Mottin, Karla McMillan, Gregg Burns, Jason Wheeler, Kent Johnston, Cynthia Fellows and Keith Portenier.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Kearn, unanimous vote the Board appointed the following Township members due to the previous elector declining the position:

Starr Township Treasurer – Richard Phelps  
Buffalo Township Treasurer – Noel Hanson  
Colfax Township Treasurer – Terry Tate  
Center Township Trustee – Richard Peterson  
Lincoln Township Trustee – Jack Widen  
Lincoln Township Treasurer – Michelle Widen  
Summitt Township Trustee – Marvin Henning

On a motion by Commissioner Kearn, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved appointing Ron Copple to the North Central Regional Planning (NCRP) committee.

On a motion by Commissioner Kearn, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the Cereal Malt Beverage license for Rick Simpson at the Cloud County Fair Grounds and Mark Headrick at the Cloud County Fair Grounds.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Kearn, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 2025-09 voiding check #139299 on February 10, 2020 in the amount of \$373.09 to Family Support Registry and check #139301 on February 10, 2020 in the amount of \$128.30 to Tennessee Child Support.

The Board discussed the Kansas Association of Counties Foundations in County Government Program.

The Board recognized that \$1,537.87 was received from the KCAMP Risk Avoidance Grant program for a flammable storage cabinet for the Courthouse.

The Board approved the following payroll expenses totaling \$189,575.16

General Fund – \$99,280.85	Road & Bridge - \$49,965.88
Appraiser - \$5,825.71	County Health - \$20,449.39
Noxious Weed - \$1,460.27	Election - \$2,180.59
Solid Waste - \$10,412.47	

Payroll Deductions & Benefits - \$80,889.13

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 Kearn, unanimous vote the Board approved abatement 2025-37 with a net change of (\$414.16) and refund of \$414.16.

Commissioner Copple attended the North Central Regional Planning Commission meeting on Thursday January 30<sup>th</sup> in Beloit and the Pawnee Mental Health Board meeting in Clay Center on Tuesday January 28<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Cleveland attended the KWORCC Board of Trustees meeting Thursday January 31<sup>st</sup> by Zoom.

On a motion by Commissioner Kern, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the January 27, 2025 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Kern, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 12:19 p.m., until Monday February 10, 2025.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

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Michael Cleveland, Chairman

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Dannie Kern, Member

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Shella Thoman, County Clerk

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Ron Copple, Member