

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS  
JUNE 20, 2022  
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the June meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on June 20, 2022 in the Commissioners' room at 811 Washington, Concordia, Kansas with Chairman Ron Copple, Members Bill Czapanskiy and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Shella Thoman present.

County staff attending was: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; and Barry Porter, County Appraiser (by conference call).

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; Susie Haver & Michelle Bombardier, Cloud County Tourism; Tony Miller & Kim Springer, NCK CASA; John Beck, Enel Green Power (Skyview Wind Project); Republic County Commissioners: Ed Splichal, Doug Garman, and Melvin Jeardoe; Kathleen Marsicek, Republic County Clerk (Republic County by conference call).

Susie Haver & Michelle Bombardier, Cloud County Tourism presented a 2023 budget request totaling \$143,075 (funds are collected through bed tax only) and presented a committee change for approval.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the appointment of Jolene Girard to the unexpired position previously held by Jeannine Branfort to the Cloud County Convention and Tourism Committee.

John Beck, Enel Green Power discussed the Skyview Wind Project. The wind farm will be a 180-watt farm, all in Cloud County and they plan to be operational by the end of 2023. Green Power is working on a Payment in Lieu of Tax (PILOT) agreement.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented a Petition and Request (utility permit) for approval. Reported they will be waiting until after harvest to seal, FEMA has completed their site review for 2 sections in regards to the December wind storm, will be ordering more chemical, and crews are now reporting to work at 6:30 a.m. (office hours remain normal). Camp road is closed from 250<sup>th</sup> Rd to 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Miltonvale beginning today and ending at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday. Gravel prices have increased from \$9.50 to \$10.50 a ton.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the Utility agreement with Twin Valley Telephone to bury fiber optic cable at 210<sup>th</sup> going down Milo.

Kim Springer & Tony Miller, NCK CASA presented a 2023 budget request totaling \$13,000 (no change from 2022), discussed what CASA and Hope's Place Child

Advocacy Center is about and the need for volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering can call the office at 785-243-8200.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved a 20-minute executive session for personnel exception to discuss non-elected personnel, resuming open session at 11:32 a.m. and including County Clerk Shella Thoman, County Appraiser Barry Porter, Republic County Clerk Kathleen Marsicek and Republic County Commissioners: Ed Splichal, Doug Garman, and Melvin Jeardoe (by conference call).

Acknowledged the wage change for Wanda Backstrom, Community Corrections / JV Services Director from \$20,000 to \$22,000 a year.

Received budgets from the following (totals do not include personnel cost):

Solid Waste - \$1,256,500 (updated)	Recycling - \$41,600 (updated)
Courthouse General - \$535,680	Appraisal - \$24,000
Election - \$119,345	Tourism - \$143,075
District Court - \$205,824 (includes personnel)	

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$655,560.37

General Fund – \$439,910.20	Road & Bridge – \$138,814.91
Juvenile Justice - \$2,827.53	Co Tourism & Convention - \$18,962.88
Appraisal - \$29.41	Juvenile Reinvestment - \$31.45
Community Correc - \$823.31	County Health - \$29,836.95
Noxious Weed - \$196.26	Election - \$4.12
Court Services - \$399.99	Solid Waste - \$23,723.36

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

Commissioner Copple attended KNCK Roundtable and attended a presentation by Darren Booth, Theel Insurance & Financial Services / Freedom Claims Management, Inc. on Friday June 17<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Caspers attended the Juvenile Detention Committee meeting on Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup> in Salina.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved the June 13, 2022 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 11:35 a.m., until Monday 27, 2022.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

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Ron Copple, Chairman

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Bill Czapanskiy, Member

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Shella Thoman, County Clerk

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Gary Caspers, Member