

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS  
JANUARY 19, 2021  
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the January meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on January 19, 2021 in the Commissioners' room at 811 Washington, Concordia, Kansas with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Bill Czapanskiy and Ron Copple, and County Clerk Shella Thoman present.

County staff attending was: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Henry Eilert, Maintenance Manager; Jerry Collins, IT Director; Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator; James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director; Kathy Hajny, Scale Operator / Solid Waste Clerk.

Others attending: Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk; Toby Nosker, KNCK and Casey Fraser, Foley Equipment.

Kathy Hajny, Scale Operator / Solid Waste Clerk discussed the changes to the Republic County Solid Waste contract and reported the Transfer Station will be closed January 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> for repairs.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the Interlocal agreement with Republic County for Solid Waste for 2021.

James Quillen, Emergency Management Director reported the graphics were being put on the trailer and the trailer would then be shipped. Quillen recommended that Asch, Hake and Bray should take the 700 and 800 NIMS training. The City of Concordia received a grant and funds may be available to pay for the classes. Quillen is working on a purchasing policy and conflict of interest policy.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved the 2021 Employment agreement with James Quillen as Emergency Preparedness & Safety Director at a salary of \$38,803.96.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the 2021 Employment agreement with Henry Eilert, Maintenance Manager at an hourly rate of \$17.00 an hour.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the 2021 Employment agreement with Gerald (Jerry) Collins as Information Technology (IT) Director at an hourly rate of \$17.72.

Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator reported the COVID hospitalizations are still up over the state and it is taking multiple calls before a patient (with or without

COVID) can be transferred. The average stay for COVID positive patients is 10 – 14 days. Applied for a Sunflower grant that will cover wages. Discussed adding on call pay to the base salary, no change was made.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the 2021 Employment agreement with Brandi Bray as Health Department Administrator at a salary of \$51,061.14.

Caspers and Thoman signed new signature cards for bank accounts.

The Board recessed from 10:57 – 11:55 a.m. for the LEPC meeting.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator and Casey Fraser, Foley Equipment discussed purchasing a 2017 120 M 1 Motor grader and trading in a 1986 12 G Caterpillar for a trade difference of \$158,200.00. Asch will look at the machine and report back. Asch discussed the possibility of using flat rail cars for the bridge on 270<sup>th</sup> road. Demoed a brush/tree cutter from Murphy Tractor, total cost of everything needed would be \$64,000 - \$71,000, no decision was made.

Commissioner Copple discussed the possibility of tree trimming/cutting on Quail Road to reduce the moisture on the road, bridge work southeast of Glasco and pot holes on 150<sup>th</sup> Road going south off of Hill Street.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the 2021 Employment agreement with Andrew Asch as County Highway Administrator/Weed Director at a salary of \$44,858.06 plus an additional \$13,999.96 (for Weed Director duties).

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$123,476.72.

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| General Fund – \$49,824.41    | Road & Bridge – \$24,901.04          |
| Special Bridge - \$404.24     | Juvenile Reinvestment - \$44.64      |
| Auto Special - \$34.00        | Juvenile Justice - \$4,251.29        |
| Community Correc - \$4,340.58 | Appraisal - \$396.83                 |
| County Health - \$7,782.50    | Noxious Weed - \$1,094.05            |
| Election - \$3,415.55         | Solid Waste - \$20,375.33            |
| Court Services - \$2,431.22   | Co Tourism & Convention – \$3,065.04 |
| Vending Machines -\$26.00     | Employee Benefits - \$1,100.00       |

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

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the Capital Outlay Funds request for \$2,196.84 for the IT Department to purchase 1 HP Z2 G5 Workstation Computer system for the Sheriff's office

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the Cereal Malt Beverage for Rick Simpson at the Cloud County Fair Grounds for 2021.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board Approved annexing a tract of land .60 acres, more or less, in the Northeast quarter of Section 21, Township 5 South, Range 3 West of the 6th Principal Meridian in the Township known as Sibley in Cloud County as described in the City of Concordia Resolution No. 2021-2117.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Copple, the Board approved abatements 2021-16 thru 2021-218 with a net change totaling \$583.34 and a refund totaling \$567.74.

Commissioner Caspers participated in KNCK Roundtable on Friday January 15th. Commissioner Czapanskiy attended the Cloud County Resource Council meeting on Wednesday January 13<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Copple participated in the new Commissioners Orientation by Zoom.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved the January 11, 2021 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 12:30 p.m., until Monday January 25, 2021.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

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Gary Caspers, Chairman

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Bill Czapanskiy, Member

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Shella Thoman, County Clerk

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Ron Copple, Member