

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS  
JANUARY 25, 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 25, 2021 in the Commissioners' room at 811 Washington, Concordia, Kansas with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members and Ron Copple and Bill Czapanskiy, and County Clerk Shella Thoman present.

County staff attending was: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator; and Ken Davis, Sheriff.

Others attending: Kim Reynolds, CloudCorp Director and Toby Nosker, KNCK

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported a water leak at the shop and discussed the purchase of a 2019 John Deere 332G skid steer with tree attachment at a cost of just over \$85,000 including a 24 month / 2,000- hour warranty. No decision was made.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved Transfer 2021-0125-1 debiting Road & Bridge and crediting Special Machinery & Equipment/Reimbursement expense \$10,000 to fix the fund on receipt #21060.

Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator discussed closing the office to the public at noon due to inclement weather; most employees took the day off or were working from home. COVID results from the weekend: 4 positive, 21 negative, 0 hospitalized, 1 death. More vaccine was arriving this week. Vaccines were made available beginning last week to school officials. Residents wanting to get on the wait list for a vaccine should call the Health Department and individuals vaccinated should continue to wear a mask.

Ken Davis, Sheriff discussed maintenance at the Law Enforcement Center.

Kim Reynolds, CloudCorp Director presented a Wind Farm application for project: Get in the Cloud Small Business Grants in the amount of \$175,000 to encourage economic development while increasing the property value of existing structures or land. Reynolds reported that applications will be required to get more than 1 quote. The Get in the Cloud grant has been funded since 2014. In that time 43 projects totaling over \$933,000 has been awarded, benefiting all areas of Cloud County. \$661,184 of the grant funding has been spent with vendors and laborers in Cloud County and resulted in capital improvements of \$5,392,746 for the 41 completed projects.

Kim Reynolds, CloudCorp Director presented a Wind Farm application for project: Economic Development Tool Chest in the amount of \$25,000 to begin building an economic development tool chest that is proactive in aiding existing business with expansion and new business with development.

Reviewed a Wind Farm Funds application from Independent Connection Inc. in the amount of \$1,000, total cost of the project is \$8,476. The funds will be used for the cost of an Independent Living Specialist for the 16 “TNT” classes. The project will educate students of community members to ensure graduating students have employment skills and how to be active members of the community.

The Transfer Station will be closed Wednesday and Thursday this week for building repairs.

Received a comment suggesting it was time to think about painting the roofs at the Recycling Center.

Received a check from KCAMP in the amount of \$880.00 in recognition of the county having a loss ratio under 20% for a four-year period ending 2019.

Reviewed an updated Wind Farm application and instructions to include that payments will be made directly to the vendor and will not be reimbursed.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 2021-5 appointment of Brent Beck, Jewell County Commissioner as a member of the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Community Corrections/Juvenile Services Advisory Board representing Jewell County.

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$39,103.05

- Special Machinery & Equip - \$6,625.00
- CARES-COVID19 (Cloud County) - \$23,978.05.
- CDBG-V1 Grant expenses totaling \$8,500.00

The Board approved the following payroll expenses totaling \$166,059.19

General Fund – \$86,335.31	Road & Bridge – \$45,162.74
Appraisal - \$5,496.97	County Health - \$20,102.17
Noxious Weed - \$1,763.96	Election - \$1,550.27
Solid Waste - \$5,647.77	

Payroll Deductions & Benefits - \$220,738.83

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, the Board approved abatements 2020-19, 2020-20 thru 2020-25 with a net change totaling \$829.24.

Commissioner Caspers attended the Juvenile Detention Committee meeting in Junction City on Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> and participated in the Juvenile/Community Corrections Advisory Board meeting on Wednesday January 20<sup>th</sup> and the Cloud Corp Board meeting on Tuesday January 19<sup>th</sup> both by Zoom. Commissioner Copple and Czapanskiy participated in the Solid Waste annual meeting on Tuesday January 19<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Copple participated in New Commissioners Orientation hosted by Kansas Counties Association (KAC) by Zoom.

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

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 11:49 a.m., until Monday February 1, 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