

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
FEBRUARY 1, 2021
UNOFFICIAL 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 1, 2021 in the Commissioners' room at 811 Washington, Concordia, Kansas with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Bill Czapanskiy and Ron Cople, and County Clerk Shella Thoman present.

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

Others attending: Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk; Toby Nosker, KNCK; Keili Frey & Dawn Snyder, Chemical Dependency Committee; and Bill Wells, Glasco VFW.

Keili Frey & Dawn Snyder, Chemical Dependency Committee requested funding for the calendar year 2021. The CDC agrees to providing programs and services and allocating 50% of the funds to Public Education and Prevention, 25% to the Addiction Recovery Center and 25% to Pawnee Mental Health for counseling and treatment for the indigent. Expenses in 2020 included \$12,644.08 to indigent counseling and \$3,800 to public education & prevention including \$1,800 to after prom parties. Funds are received from alcohol sales.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Cople, unanimous vote the Board approved the Funding agreement for Calendar Year 2021 for the Cloud County Chemical Dependency Committee in the amount of \$18,966.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed purchasing the skid steer with tree attachment and 2017 grader. The Board approved moving forward with the purchase from Murphy Tractor for \$80,000 and replacing the 1986 grader with the 2017 grader on a 4-year payment schedule. Commissioner Cople asked about the sign on the Glasco bridge and reported missing signage on Noble Rd and asked about an equipment list.

The Board recognized the termination of Mandy Jensen effective January 27, 2021.

Ken Davis, Sheriff reported that they found exposed wiring when preparing for the annual fire inspection and asked if there was an update on the Law Enforcement Center. Commissioner Czapanskiy reported that he had talked to Eric at Campbell & Johnson and Tom Richards and repairs have been stalled for bidding. He was unable to talk to Wyatt Hoch, Foulston Siefken.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Cople, unanimous vote the Board approved the request for capital outlay funds from the Sheriff's Department for \$41,134.01 to purchase a 2020 Durango Pursuit AWD vehicle.

Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator reported that there were 1,020 people on the waiting list for the vaccine, individuals that have called to be on the waiting list will be notified for their vaccine and do not need to call the Health Department again. The department is receiving approximately 100 doses a week but should begin to receive more. The current positivity rate is approximately 8%. Bray felt like after the completion of phase 2 there was a possibility of lifting the mask mandate. Received a Sunflower Grant for \$5,000 to assist with overtime hours.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director discussed vehicles getting stuck at the Transfer Station when it was wet. The recommendation from KCAMP is that the County not pull them out due to liability. Contractors have contacted Hake in regards to fees for the demolition material of the Cloud County Health Center. An Engineer will be out this week to look at the current site and the possibility of a new pit if the County were to accept the material. No date from the contractors was provided.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved signing the Solid Waste Disposal Interlocal Agreement for 2021 between Cloud County and Republic County.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the 2021 Employment contract with Michael “Mike” Hake as Solid Waste / Recycling Director at a salary of \$48,510.02.

Bill Wells, Glasco VFW Post 7697 presented a Wind Farm application for project: Replacing roof on building in the amount of \$2,500, total cost of the project is estimated to be \$8,000. The existing roof is worn and in need of being replaced to ensure all the new repairs will not be damaged. The VFW is used by the community for weddings, funerals, meetings, dances and fundraisers.

Wind Farm Fund applications are available through March 30th on the County’s website.

Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk discussed the need for electrical upgrades in the Courtroom due to all the new equipment needed for jury trials. Benyshek will obtain quotes for the work.

Thoman reported that they were ready to finish paying out all SPARKS funds and asked about the work to be done by Hall Bros. There is approximately \$18,000 left in the account and the cost for the work will be just over \$21,000. After discussion the remaining balance in the fund will be paid to the Highway Department who will pay Hall Bros after the work is complete.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved the Annual Peopleware agreement with Computer Information Concepts (CIC) for \$42,770.00.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved adopting the 2021 state private vehicle mileage rates. Rates include \$.56 per mile for a privately owned automobile and \$.54 per mile for a privately owned motorcycle.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board appointed Ron Copple to the Pawnee Mental Health Board.

The Board approved reimbursement for Hungry Hollow Ministries \$475.35 of the \$500.00 Windfarm request for the 2019 Local Missions projects. Payments for Wind Farm funds are to be paid directly to the vendors.

The Board recognized the wage change for Kaetlin Hyman, Community Corrections/JV Services resource officer from \$20.66 to \$21.18 effective January 28, 2021.

Sales tax received January 25th totaled \$63,224.05 compared to the prior year totaling \$61,099.80.

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$381,697.36.

General Fund – \$195,129.15	Road & Bridge – \$42,867.94
Special Bridge - \$1,222.59	Employee Benefits - \$490.13
Juvenile Reinvestment - \$55.30	Services for the Elderly - \$24,325.00
Juvenile Justice - \$2,770.79	Historical Museum – 9,500.00
Community Correc - \$1,089.18	Appraisal - \$1,505.25
County Health - \$10,537.84	Noxious Weed - \$340.66
Election - \$7,248.33	Solid Waste - \$17,255.51
Court Services - \$1,954.72	Fair - \$10,000.00
OCCK - \$26,921.50	Pawnee Mental Health – \$21,822.50
Soil Conservation - \$6,250.00	

Grants (KDEM) - \$410.97

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 2020-27 thru 2020-40 with a net change totaling \$1,295.26 and refund of \$93.12.

Commissioner Caspers participated in the KWORCC Board of Trustees meeting by Zoom on Thursday January 28, 2021.

Commissioner Copple participated in the North Central Kansas Regional Planning Commission meeting on Thursday January 28th and the Pawnee Mental Health Board meeting on Tuesday January 26th, both by Zoom.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the January 25, 2021 minutes as presented.

The Board adjourned at 12:08 p.m., until Monday February 8, 2021.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Gary Caspers, Chairman

Bill Czapanskiy, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Ron Copple, Member