

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
MARCH 15, 2021
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the March meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on March 15, 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; Ken Davis, Sheriff; Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator; and James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director.

Others attending: Eric Voss, Concordia Fire Chief; Toby Nosker, KNCK; Phil Gilliland, Dave Garnas, Lacy Champlin, Curtis Walter & Ashley Hutchinson, Cloud County Health Center.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator presented the 2020 Noxious Weed annual report and the 2022 plan, reported they were looking at a loader and have positions open.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved the transfer of Travis Mills from Road & Bridge to the Recycling Center effective March 8, 2021 (no wage change).

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Brandon Brundridge as an Equipment Operator at an introductory rate of \$15.00 an hour effective March 29th to fill an open position.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Cople, unanimous vote the Board approved the 2022 Annual Noxious Weed Management plan.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Cople, unanimous vote the Board approved the Annual Noxious Weed eradication progress report for 2020.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Cople, unanimous vote the Board approved the Transfer 2021-0315-1 debiting Weed Capital Outlay - Appropriations and crediting Noxious Weed \$20,974.00 to fix the fund on check #213403 to Murphy Tractor & Equipment.

Recognized the resignation of Rick Casey Equipment Operator effective March 12, 2021 and the retirement of Robert Martin, Equipment Operator effective February 26, 2021.

Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator presented a grant application for the State of Kansas Department of Health and Environment for local aid for the grant period July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022. Programs and requests include: Child Care Licensing Program -

\$144,684.18, COVID-19 ELC Expanding Infrastructure -\$143,729.00, Family Planning - \$17,394.16, Immunization Action Plan - \$4,605.00, Maternal & Child Health - \$50,373.38, Public Health Emergency Preparedness - \$12,891.00 and State Formula - \$7,000.00.

Bray is looking into using the \$143,729.00 for COVID-19 ELC Expanding Infrastructure for salary's, internet and telephone cabling upgrades, and new phones and key card entry systems.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved a 10-minute executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss Health Department personnel including Bray to resume open session at 10:02 a.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the Chairman to sign the State of Kansas grant application totaling \$380,676.72.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Caspers, Commissioner Copple abstained, 2 yea the Board approved \$31,400.40 in grant money to be disbursed to the Health Department employees and to cover related county benefits.

Phil Gilliland, Dave Garnas, Lacy Champlin, Curtis Walter & Ashley Hutchinson, Cloud County Health Center presented a Wind Farm funds application for the project: Cloud County Health Center Building a New Hospital for Cloud County - added MRI Suite in the amount of \$150,000, total cost of the project, including the MRI machine, is \$1.5 million. The request will be considered following the March 30th deadline for applications. Applications can be found on the County website.

James Quillen, Emergency Management Director and Eric Voss, City of Concordia Fire Chief discussed the recent fire at the Jamestown Wildlife Area. Twenty departments including an estimated 70 firefighters assisted with the fire that burned 926 acres. The investigation is ongoing. Quillen presented a State of Disaster declaration for approval and reported that the County is expected to receive an additional \$1.7 million through the U.S. Senate's American Rescue Plan – Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. These funds will not be required to be distributed to cities and school similar to the previous \$1.7 as they will receive their own funds directly.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 2021-2 and proclamation proclaiming a state of disaster due to the grassland fires.

Ken Davis, Sheriff discussed the food service at the Law Enforcement Center and reported he does not intend to make changes to the procedure currently.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 2021-10 voiding check #139464 on February 22, 2021 in the amount of \$328.77 to Butler & Associations P.A. as the garnishment was released and the payment was not needed.

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$479,971.29.

General Fund – \$33,525.18	Road & Bridge – \$136,082.25
Vending Machines - \$26.00	Co Tourism & Convention – \$831.03
Employee Benefits - \$68,012.00	Juvenile Reinvestment - \$31.44
Court Services - \$1,957.37	Juvenile Justice - \$399.24
Community Correc - \$422.35	Appraisal - \$301.72
County Health - \$11,391.29	Noxious Weed - \$44,062.25
Election - \$22.00	Solid Waste - \$17,625.32
Fair - \$16,752.33	Pawnee Mental Health – \$36,652.73
Soil Conservation - \$10,450.50	OCCK - \$44,857.56
Historical Museum - \$15,902.55	Services for the Elderly - \$40,666.18

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 abatement 2021 with a net change totaling \$19.24 (no refund).

Commissioner Copple attended the Resource Roundtable on Wednesday March 10th. Commissioner Czapanskiy participated in the Chemical Dependency Committee meeting on Friday March 12th by Zoom.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved the March 8th minutes as presented.

The Board recessed from 11:00 a.m. – 12:02 p.m. to attend the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting.

The Board adjourned at 1:09 p.m., until Monday March 22, 2021.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Gary Caspers, Chairman

Bill Czapanskiy, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Ron Copple, Member