

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
MARCH 22, 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 22, 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; and Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator.

Others attending: Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk; Toby Nosker, KNCK; Kim Reynolds, CloudCorp; Terry Koch & Wendy Genereux, City of Clyde; Shaley George, National Orphan Train; and Susie Haver, Cloud County Travel & Tourism.

Shaley George, National Orphan Train and Susie Haver, Travel & Tourism discussed the Kansas Nebraska Heritage Area partnership. The group started in 2016 and includes a 150 miles radius from Red Cloud Nebraska. The partnership should not be confused with President Biden's 30 x 30 plan. The mission of the partnership is to connect communities and attractions, instill pride of place and promote immersive experiences for residents and visitors to enhance appreciation for the region's unique landscape and nationally significant cultural history.

Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk discussed electrical upgrades and quotes received for the Courtroom. Benyshek will request additional information regarding the bids.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported that tire bids were due Friday March 26th and a Grader and Heavy Equipment Operator position is open. Discussed replacing a pull behind mower with a 60-inch side mount at a cost of \$12,300; funds would be used from the Weed Department.

Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator reported they were having problems with the soap dispenser staying on the wall and the washing machine is leaking and needs replaced. Will be sending several employees to the virtual Kansas Governor's Public Health Conference. Discussed wind issues at the front door and widening the driveway. Reported she would be looking into grants to possibly purchase the old Cares facility to install an outdoor adult exercise playground. Will be holding a vaccine clinic this week; anyone that is in need of the vaccine should contact the Health Department.

Henry Eilert, Maintenance Manager discussed a possible wage change for his Department, the Board will consider it at budget time, and discussed the Brownfields program. The program would provide a 50% match up to \$15,000 to remove asbestos from the old jail. Thoman sent a letter last week stating interest in the program and requesting an estimate of removal.

Terry Koch & Wendy Genereux, City of Clyde presented a Wind Farm funds application for the Project: Clyde Rehabilitation in the amount of \$80,000.00, total cost of the project is \$80,000.00. The project will address rehabilitation of two buildings in the downtown area.

The Board recognized the Wind Farm funds application for the Knights of Columbus Council #2114 Aurora for the Project: Windows in the amount of \$13,305.12, total cost of the project is \$15,000.00. This project would replace the west side downstairs windows along with 6 windows on the second level.

Shella Thoman, County Clerk reported that she was sworn in as the President of the North Central Kansas Clerk's Association and that the County's website and Time Clock system is currently down. Computer Information Concepts (CIC) hosts both systems and on Thursday they reported a security incident.

On behalf of Solid Waste Director Mike Hake, Thoman asked if the Transfer Station could drop their landline phone to save on monthly service fees and replace it with a cell phone, using the same phone number. Thoman reported that the disadvantage would be that the phone number would not be listed in the phone book, but would still be available on the County's website or by calling any County office. The Board agreed to the change.

Thoman presented a Notice of Sale of County Property to be sold by sealed bid on April 19th. Interested parties would need to submit a bid by 4:30 p.m. on April 15th. Properties available were properties that did not sell on previous tax sales. Additional information about each tract can be found at the Courthouse and will be posted on the County website when it's available. Tracts include:

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| Tract 1: 104 Lurton, Miltonvale | Tract 2: 0 Ash Street, Miltonvale |
| Tract 3: 319 West 5 th , Concordia | Tract 4: 502 West 2 nd , Concordia |
| Tract 5: 317-319 West 3 rd , Concordia | Tract 6: 301 East 1 st , Concordia |
| Tract 7: 0 East 11 th Street, Concordia | Tract 8: 0 East 11 th Street, Concordia |
| Tract 9: 0 Cemetery Road, Glasco | Tract 10: 0 Main Street, Glasco |

On a motion by Commissioner Cottle, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved publishing the Notice of sale of County Properties.

The Board recognized the resignation of Edward W. Jaeger from the Recycling Center.

The Board approved the following payroll expenses totaling \$186,535.81

General Fund – \$81,740.13	Road & Bridge – \$44,059.87
Appraisal - \$5,369.27	County Health - \$46,415.89
Noxious Weed - \$1,763.96	Election - \$1,536.92
Solid Waste - \$5,649.77	

Payroll Deductions & Benefits - \$215,098.18

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 abatements 2021-75 thru 2021-85 with a net change totaling \$23,324.46 and refund of \$23,248.68.

Commissioner Caspers attended the CloudCorp Board meeting on Tuesday March 16th and participated in the KNCK Entities Roundtable on Friday March 19th. Commissioner Copple attended Pawnee Mental Health Board meeting on Tuesday March 16th.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved the March 15th minutes as presented.

The Board adjourned at 12:07 p.m., until Monday March 29, 2021.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Gary Caspers, Chairman

Bill Czapanskiy, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Ron Copple, Member