

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
MARCH 29, 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 29, 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; Ken Davis, Sheriff; Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director; Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator; and Mishele Longfellow, Childcare Licensing Coordinator.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; Jacob Thoman and Samantha Viereck, Jamestown Country Club; Marlene Stamm, County Sanitarian; Lisa Mosher, Cloud County Fair; Kim Springer and Tony Miller, NCK CASA & Hope's Place; and Misty Knox, Clyde Area Foundation.

Jacob Thoman and Samantha Viereck, Jamestown Country Club presented a Wind Farm funds application for the Project: Jamestown Golf Course in the amount of \$4,500, total cost of the project is \$8,500. The project will assist in bringing a six-hole golf course west of the Jamestown City Park. The funds will be used for the remaining sand and oil for the greens. Green fees will be \$5 and under the age of 18 are free. Annual memberships are available for \$40 for an individual and \$60 for a family. They have offered the High School use at no cost. The Jamestown Country Club's mission is to create family friendly outdoor activities for Cloud County residents.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed which direction to move forward with on the bridge replacement on 270th. The Board asked for total cost of doing it ourself. Reported that chemical supply is going to be tough this year. Received tire bids from Commercial Tire Center Inc., Budreau Muffler Automotive & Tow; Kansasland Tire & Service and Pomp's Tire Service. Asch will review the bids and report back. Discussed purchasing a loader. Asch has received quotes from Foley's, Murphy's and Berry Tractor and is watching auctions on Big Iron. Prices range from \$75,000 - \$113,000 and are not all the same machine with a variety of hours. Requested permission to hire summer help to run the skid steer to clean up ditches. The position is not budgeted however there are funds available from being shorthanded. The Board agreed.

Recognized the retirement of Dave Lanoue effective March 23, 2021.

Marlene Stamm, County Sanitarian presented a quarterly report and reported for this time of year inspections have been very busy.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director reported that the CD pit was drying out from the recent rains and there is some corrosion starting on one of the trailers. Shipped out 42,194 lbs. of cardboard and 44,123 lbs. of mixed paper.

Ken Davis, Sheriff reported that he was looking into replacing another vehicle and will be sending several Corrections Officers to school in May.

Misty Knox, Clyde Area Foundation presented two Wind Farm funds applications:

Project: Clyde Area Foundation – Growing Our Impact in the amount of \$7,500, total cost of the project is \$11,000. The project will award grants annually to organizations in the Clyde area to make improvements and development of the community through projects related to educational, cultural, recreational and health needs.

Project: Clyde Area Foundation – Educating Our Next Business Owners in the amount of \$7,500, total cost of the project is \$25,000. The project will assist in establishing a specific scholarship fund to build an endowment for scholarships for graduates of Clifton-Clyde High School. The scholarship will focus on students that attend post-secondary education specifically targeting students who may return to the community and become future business owners, community leaders and tax payers.

Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator reported that the Kansas Governor's Public Health Conference would be this week and several employees would be attending virtually. Will be receiving 100 doses of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine this week and the State is moving to phase 5 allowing anyone over 16 to get the vaccine. Discussed the plaque to recognize using 2019 Wind Farm dollars to purchase the building. The Board agreed to a wall mount plaque for approximately \$185.

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 matters including Bray and resuming at 10:55 a.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Katherine Kearn as a Certified Nurse Aide to fill an open position at a rate of \$11.52 effective April 5, 2021.

Recognized the retirement of Tressie Robbins effective March 19th; and the resignations of Kelsey Tatro effective April 7th and Mishele Longfellow effective March 29th.

Lisa Mosher, Cloud County Fair presented a Wind Farm funds application for the Project: Fairgrounds sidewalk between the Hosie & the Commercial Buildings in the amount of \$2,475, total cost of the project is \$4,250. The project will construct a new sidewalk connecting the Commercial Building, the Hosie Building and the Ayers Shelter. The sidewalk will be wide enough to handle two wheelchairs passing and aid people with wheel chairs or walkers not having to go through the gravel or mud to get to another building. It will also allow the transfer of tables, chairs and other equipment easily between the areas.

The Cloud County Fair will be July 6th – 10th. Mosher also inquired about the possibility of using American Recovery Act funds to make improvements at the Fairgrounds for bleachers tops, picnic tables, and benches. Cloud County is expected to receive \$1.7 million.

Kim Springer and Tony Miller, NCK CASA & Hope's Place discussed the work of the organizations and asked that the community wear blue on April 9th. By wearing something blue you are spreading awareness and telling children that you want them to have a happy and healthy childhood. Springer requested the Board proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention month and recognize the important role CASA volunteers have in advocating for the best interests of abused and neglected children in Cloud County and asked to put out pin wheels and awareness signs in the Courthouse yard. Springer invited the community to a Superhero Fun Run day in Concordia on April 17th.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board Proclaimed April as Child Abuse Prevention month.

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 matters including Mishele Longfellow.

Received the following Wind Farm applications.

Organization: Cloud County Fair. Project: Carnival Ticket discount in the amount of \$4,000, total cost of the project is \$4,000. The project will provide a discount to pre-sale carnival tickets that are sold the week before the fair.

Organization: Crosspoint Church. Project: Playground Park Revitalization in the amount of \$30,298.42, total cost of the project is \$60,000. The project will revitalize and restore the park area, at 803 Valley, into a clean, safe, and usable space for the community. New playground equipment for all ages offering a variety of games and play spaces, and adding benches and picnic tables is the vision for families to come together to eat and play.

Organization: Cloud County Historical Society Museum. Project: LED Lighting in the amount of \$8,179.46, total project \$8,179.46. The project would replace the fluorescent lights bulbs with LED in 225 fixtures throughout the museum. The electric bill is one of the highest museum expenses and LED lighting uses 20 to 25% the energy of fluorescent and last 40% longer, additionally, LED doesn't put off heat like fluorescent thus saving on the A/C bill.

Organization: C&R Fire District #1. Project: New Fire Truck in the amount of \$35,000, total project \$60,000. The project would allow the Fire Department to purchase a F-350 XL Ford and would allow the Department to quickly respond to local fires and help the department put out the fires with more efficiency.

Organization: Cloud County Resource Center. Project: Event Center Upgrades in the amount of \$3,342.71, total project \$4,000. The project would allow the purchase of 20 8-foot banquet tables and 100 folding plastic chairs. The 2019 awarded funds of \$2,500 were unable to be used as the items were unable to be shipped.

Organization: USD 224 Clifton-Clyde. Project: AG Shop Equipment upgrade in the amount of \$8,200, total project \$33,000 -\$34,000. The project would update much of the equipment the metal shop to provide real world experiences inside and outside of the classroom. The investment will boost workforce development by better training students to meet the labor requirements of numerous Cloud County employers.

Organization: Prairie Independent Living Resource Center, Inc. Project: Assistive Technology Demo Units for older Kansans in the amount of \$3,704, total project \$10,000. The project will provide services to Kansan's age 55 and older that are blind or have low vision.

Sales tax received March 25th totaled \$70,023.22 compared to the prior year totaling \$64,327.28.

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$122,277.11.

General Fund – \$43,020.62	Road & Bridge – \$46,569.44
Employee Benefits - \$7,093.15	Juvenile Reinvestment - \$500.00
Juvenile Justice - \$1,887.62	Special Alcohol & Drug - \$500.00
Appraisal - \$416.80	Special Law Enforce Trust - \$630.83
County Health - \$3,227.40	Noxious Weed - \$39.86
Election - \$33.38	Solid Waste - \$18,358.01

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

Commissioner Caspers participated in the KWORCC Board of Trustees meeting on Thursday March 25th by Zoom. Commissioner Copple participated in the Pawnee Mental Health Board meeting on Tuesday March 23rd by Zoom; the North Central Regional Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday March 24th by Zoom; and a watched a Grant Review webinar and the KCAMP Risk Management webinar on Thursday March 25th.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the March 22, 2021 minutes as presented.

The Board adjourned at 12:37 p.m., until Monday April 5, 2021.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Gary Caspers, Chairman

Bill Czapanskiy, Member

Sheila Thoman, County Clerk

Ron Copple, Member