

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS  
JUNE 8, 2020  
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the June meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on June 8, 2020 in the Commissioners' room at 811 Washington, Concordia, Kansas with Chairman Bill Czapanskiy, Members Gary Caspers and Bill Garrison, and County Clerk Shella Thoman present.

County staff attending was: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Barry Porter, County Appraiser; Henry Eilert, Maintenance Manager; JoDee LeDuc, County Treasurer; Jerry Collins, IT Director; Jana Roush, Register of Deeds; Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director; Wanda Backstrom, Community Corrections / Juvenile Services Director; Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator; and James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director.

Others attending: Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk; Toby Nosker, KNCK; Quentin Smith, Cloud County Museum Board; Lisa Mosher and Danny McReynolds, Cloud County Fair Board; Kim Reynolds, CloudCorp; Barb Henry and Nancy Reynolds, Commission on Aging; Eric Voss, Concordia Fire Chief; and Robbin Cole, Executive Director Pawnee Mental Health.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported that the seal was failing on the work that was completed on 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Union Road and the Ames/Miltonvale blacktop, similar problems have been reported by other counties and he would be meeting with the supplier today. Requested that a stop sign be erected at 150<sup>th</sup> and Hawk.

On a motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 2020-18 acknowledging the installation of a Stop sign in the NW corner of 150<sup>th</sup> and Hawk Roads.

Department Head –

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director – Recycling Center will be closed Saturday's. Summer hours will begin Monday June 15<sup>th</sup> and will be from 6:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Jerry Collins, IT Director – Smart Board installed in the Meeting room.

Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk – Employee's are back to work but as equipment is issued, they will begin to go home and only 1 person will be in the office each day. Appearances are being done online.

James Quillen, Emergency Management Director – KDEM has extended the date for the Emergency plan to be completed. ESF-8 meets today. Applying for a grant for a drone.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator – Chemical Sales are picking up, seal is failing on multiple roads.

JoDee LeDuc, County Treasurer – Dropbox was installed May 11<sup>th</sup>; from May 12<sup>th</sup> through June 5<sup>th</sup> 351 people used it for 12 different offices. Outstanding tax payments total \$965,828.65, a paid to date percentage of 95.13% compared to the 95.38% in 2019. Delinquent letters were sent for personal property and will be sent for real estate in July. Real Estate tax sale is scheduled from June 16<sup>th</sup>, pictures of properties can be found in the west hallway on the main floor of the Courthouse.

Barry Porter, Appraiser – Participating in Conference calls each week, will be sending letters out to properties that will be inspected. Certified values to the County Clerk's office.

Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator – 2 pending cases, 169 negatives. Will be receiving 50 hygiene packs from Independent Connections. Receiving an Aetna grant and will set up a mobile food pantry. Have fans available for those in need. The state approved a 2<sup>nd</sup> Childcare licensing position, the position requires a bachelors degree and will be posted in the paper. Office is back to full staff. Fountain drinks could open today with plexiglass installed as a guard, discussing using grant money to assist with the cost of installation.

Henry Eilert, Maintenance Manager – Installed the Dropbox, mowing and will be cleaning out the boiler and planting grass on the south side of the building.

Jana Roush, Register of Deeds – Routine Business

Shella Thoman, County Clerk – August 4<sup>th</sup> is the primary election. Letters were sent out to all active registered voters in Cloud County regarding voting by mail. Voting by mail is not required, polls will be open. Applications for voting by mail must be received by July 28<sup>th</sup>. Ballots will begin to be mailed and advanced voting will start on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Letters were also mailed to Board workers; Board workers will be needed at every location. Discussed how to move forward with COVID pay if employees choose to go to a state that requires quarantine, no decision was made.

Bill Czapanskiy, Commissioner – Asked departments to reduce the number of credit cards in each office. A generic card is available in the Clerk's office if a Department needs one.

Robbin Cole, Executive Director Pawnee Mental Health, reported that offices were closed to the public April 4<sup>th</sup> and continue to be closed with an opening planned for July 1<sup>st</sup>. Patient meetings continued using Zoom. 535 Cloud County residents were served in 2019. Cloud County is in need of a Board member, meetings are in Clay Center the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. Interested individuals should contact the County Clerk's office. A 2021 Budget request was for \$87,290, the same as 2020.

Barb Henry and Nancy Reynolds, Commission on Aging reported that the Commission on Aging is a coalition of all 5 Senior Centers in Cloud County and funds are distributed throughout the County: Clyde - \$13%; Concordia - 68%, Glasco – 9%, Jamestown - \$3% and Miltonvale – 7%. Each city has representation on the Board. Current members are: Clyde – Roxanna Marcotte & Don Ramsey; Concordia – Nancy Reynolds, Althea Sicard & Mike Saunders; Glasco – Donna Shamburg; Miltonvale – Alice Copple and Doma Revell; and Jamestown – Roger Barrett and Katherine Paul. The 2021 budget request was for one-mill, no change from 2020. They received \$97,300 in 2020.

Kim Reynolds, CloudCorp presented a Development Agreement for Nextlink Internet. The agreement will require Nextlink to employ 10 people with an hourly wage of \$15.00 or above, require an annual report to be evaluated. CloudCorp, City of Concordia and the Counties obligation is \$50,000. \$10,000 will be forgiven each year the obligations are met. The County's responsibility is \$24,000 in aid to purchase the site that will be west of the Law Enforcement Center in the North Development. It is a \$500,000 investment.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign the development agreement with Nextlink Internet.

Quentin Smith, Cloud County Museum Board requested \$38,000 for the 2021 budget year, no change from 2020. The Museum received a PPP loan/grant of \$4,400 and a Dane G. Hansen COVID grant for \$5,000. The museum is currently closed to the public.

Lisa Mosher and Danny McReynolds, Cloud County Fair Board requested \$47,000 for the 2021 budget year, 2020's budget was \$40,000. Cloud County will host a fair but it will look different in 2020. There will be no carnival. Final details will be determined at the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk, Eric Voss, Concordia Fire Chief; Wanda Backstrom, Community Corrections / Juvenile Services Director James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director reported the doorways that have been prepared are not to code and discussed installing plexiglass in the doors to their offices. Voss indicated that the doors are not labeled as fire doors. The Board recommended getting quotes to install plexiglass in 2 – 4 doors for the District Court and Community Corrections / Juvenile Services offices.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign a letter of application to the Wal-Mart Foundation.

Received budgets from the following:

Cloud County Conservation District	2021 - \$25,000	2020 - \$25,000
Emergency Preparedness	2021 - \$45,220	2020 - \$43,296
Register of Deeds	2021 - \$91,456	2020 - \$88,456
Information Technologies	2021 - \$190,465.40	2020 - \$187,385
(2021 includes \$37,400 in Capital Outlay)		
District Court	2021 - \$197,869.33	2020 - \$197,869.00

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$106,907.40.

General Fund - \$27,766.35	Road & Bridge - \$41,718.07
Special Bridge - \$3,045.66	Employee Benefits - \$1,000.00
Juvenile Reinvestment - \$331.12	Auto Special - \$832.61
Juvenile Justice - \$1,038.34	Community Correc - \$1,940.37
Appraisal - \$1,313.92	County Health - \$19,132.07
Noxious Weed - \$2,486.31	Election - \$173.37
Solid Waste - \$2,375.55	Co Tourism & Convention - \$3,753.66

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

Sales tax received May 26, 2020 totaled \$71,766.83 compared to the prior year totaling \$79,139.39. Sales tax is from April sales.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Garrison, unanimous vote the Board approved the June 1, 2020 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Garrison, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 12:30 p.m., until Monday June 15, 2020.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

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Bill Czapanskiy, Chairman

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Gary Caspers, Member

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Shella Thoman, County Clerk

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Bill Garrison, Member