

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
JUNE 21, 2021
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 21, 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 James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; Nathan Gentry; and Dave Williams, Master Tech Truck and Equipment.

Nathan Gentry presented a proclamation for Amateur Radio week and invited the public to the ARRL Amateur Radio Field Day on June 26-27 in Glasco.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board proclaimed June 20-26, 2021 as Amateur Radio week in Cloud County.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director reported problems with the backhoe and discussed looking for a 2nd machine to be used for a backup at the Transfer Station and when needed at the Highway Department. No decision was made. Sold 44,676 lbs. of cardboard.

James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director and Shella Thoman, County Clerk discussed a meeting they had with AlertMedia representatives. Their system is similar to the current Text Caster the County shares with the City of Concordia, but with expanded services including two-way communications for feedback through surveys and confirmations. Thoman asked if the Board wanted them to continue exploring options or continue using the current Text Caster. The Board agreed to continue looking at options.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported that they'd like to move forward with purchasing a copy machine from Century Office Supply at a cost of \$3,340 delivered and installed with funds being used from the Weed Department budget. 120th road from Iron to Hawk is closed for bridge repairs. Additional problem spots are showing up on the Ames/Miltonvale Road, it was suggested that the speed limit may need to be reduced for safety. Discussed purchasing a loader at \$23,000.

Asch and Dave Williams, Master Tech Truck and Equipment discussed purchasing 2 trucks replacing a 1993 and 1994 Ford at a cost of approximately \$186,146 each. Discussed paying out right for one and leasing the other or leasing both. No decision was made on payment method but to move forward with the purchase with a delivery of March / April 2022.

Commissioner Czapanskiy reported that it was recommended by Law Enforcement following an accident that a stop sign be installed going westbound at the intersection of 230th and Noble. Asch will look at the area.

Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator discussed the 2022 budget and funds received for COVID relief.

The Board opened bids for the County Maintenance truck, the highest bid was accepted. Ivon Owen Sr. - \$303.00; Joseph Brown - \$300.00; Andy Asch - \$110.00.

Reviewed budgets from Emergency Preparedness, Solid Waste, Recycling, Election, and Courthouse General.

Discussed purchasing the current postage machine or obtaining a new lease. Thoman will discuss with other Department heads.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Cople, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 2021-17 abating taxes and special assessments assessed against properties sold on sealed bid on the following properties:

MI0682/Tract #1 - \$114.38	CC1827/Tract #3 - \$13,620.50
CC1907/Tract #4 - \$11,953.75	CC1936/Tract #5 - \$6,484.10
CC1937/Tract #5 - \$3,707.87	CC2178/Tract #6 - \$19,933.23
GL0626/Tract #9 - \$260.30	

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board proclaimed June 2021 as Elder Abuse Awareness month in Cloud County and urges all citizens to work together to help protect elder adults from abuse, neglect, and exploitation because it is imperative that we refuse to tolerate the indignity of Elder Abuse.

Acknowledged the wages changes for Department employees in Community Corrections/Juvenile Services effective June 14, 2021:

Erin Garman - from \$26.38 to \$29.50	Christine Witt -from \$26.38 to \$29.50
Dawn Snyder - from \$26.37 to \$29.54	Jonna Trost - from \$24.51 to \$27.45
Jennifer Warkentin – from \$24.51 to \$27.45	

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$174,289.62.

General Fund – \$43,266.76	Road & Bridge – \$46,047.72
Special Bridge - \$27,678.12	Co Tourism & Convention – \$12,550.02
Employee Benefits - \$240.13	Juvenile Reinvestment - \$31.47
Vending Machines -\$49.00	Juvenile Justice - \$2,765.41
Community Correc - \$1,633.28	Appraisal - \$545.41
County Health - \$5,732.90	Noxious Weed - \$7,662.12
Election - \$1,647.13	Solid Waste - \$22,817.65
Special Alcohol & Drug - \$1,622.50	

The Board approved the following CDBG expenses totaling \$3,756.74 for Roll N' Smoke BBQ.

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 2021-182 and 2021-183 with a net change and refund totaling \$208.64.

Commissioner Caspers attended the Juvenile Detention Committee meeting on Wednesday June 16, in Concordia and the retirement reception for Sue Peltier, Monday June 14th.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved the June 14, 2021 minutes as presented.

The Board recessed at 11:00 a.m. to attend the Local Emergency Preparedness Committee (LEPC) meeting and resumed open session at 12:15 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 2:00 p.m., until Monday June 28, 2021.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Gary Caspers, Chairman

Bill Czapanskiy, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Ron Copple, Member