

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS  
JULY 12, 2021  
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the July meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 12, 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; Barry Porter, County Appraiser; Henry Eilert, Maintenance Manager; Jerry Collins, IT Director; Ken Davis, Sheriff; Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director; Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator; JoDee LeDuc, County Treasurer; Jana Roush, Register of Deeds; Robert Walsh, County Attorney; and James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director.

Others attending: Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk; and Toby Nosker, KNCK.

Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator presented a new hire for a Home Health nurse to fill an open position.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Madison Sibley as Home Health RN at a wage of \$20.36 effective July 12, 2021.

Department Head – 9:20 – 10:00 a.m.

James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director – Emergency Operations plan final approval will be December 1<sup>st</sup>, preliminary will be sent in for feedback on corrections. The LEPC has viewing rights. Attended PIO training and will be attending the KEMA Conference and Incident Management training. Will be submitting an application to join the Incident Management Team and it will need to be approved by Commissioners. Meeting with the Communications Team Tuesday evening to discuss new funding sources for the Communication upgrade.

Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk – New employee started last week. Electrician is almost finished with the Courtroom electrical upgrades and everyone is back working in the office as of July 1.

Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator – Emergency food pantry has been busy; assisted 16 in May, 11 in June and 9 to date in July. Took the Emergency Preparedness trailer to the Fair and schedule back to school vaccines. Will be attending an administrator orientation. 2020 had a large turn over in Health Officers/Administrators across the state.

Jerry Collins, IT Director – Discussed Global Internet facts for 2021. LinkedIn had a security breach; Internet Explorer is being phased out. NexTech conducted an inspection

and 6 of the 12 County departments have email and password information for sale on the dark web.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator – Working on rock and asphalt jobs, tree work, and spraying for Johnson grass.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser – Data collecting, several Neighborhood Revitalization Plan filings, house sales are high.

Robert Walsh, County Attorney – Will be having their 1<sup>st</sup> in person hearing since the pandemic started and the courtroom is set up for safety.

JoDee LeDuc, County Treasurer – Delinquent taxes are approximately \$476,000. Last July they were 3.46% and this year it is 2.39% a difference of \$196,000.

Henry Eilert, Maintenance Manager – Cleaned the ball, painted lines in the parking lot, installed pedestals for the hand swipes for the automatic doors, building walls at the Health department, removed cardboard from vents and staying busy with mowing.

Jana Roush, Register of Deeds – Thanked maintenance for installing new light bulbs in her office.

Shella Thoman, County Clerk – Working on budgets.

Discussed using some of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for employee payroll purposes.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed the Ames/Miltonvale Road and the option to out-right purchase rather than lease purchase trucks that will be received in the spring.

Ken Davis, Sheriff – Discuss the repairs to the HVAC system at the Law Enforcement Center.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved allocating \$47,300.00 of the American Resource Recovery Act funds to the HVAC system at the Law Enforcement Center.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 2021-21 accepting the amended bylaws and Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Kansas County Association Multiline Pool (KCAMP).

The Board approved the following payroll expenses totaling \$170,030.45

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| General Fund – \$90,779.64 | Road & Bridge – \$49,399.31 |
| Appraisal - \$5,369.28     | County Health - \$15,449.35 |
| Noxious Weed - \$1,763.96  | Election - \$1,536.92       |
| Solid Waste - \$5,731.99   |                             |

Payroll Deductions & Benefits - \$73,657.87

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

The Board reviewed the Fund Status Report and Composition of Cash Balances & Investments as of June 30, 2021 with an ending cash balance of \$15,170,049.15

Commissioner Czapanskiy attended the Chemical Dependency Committee meeting on Friday July 9<sup>th</sup> by Zoom.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved the July 6, 2021 minutes changing committee to committed and the vendor does not accept check payment.

On a motion by Commissioner Cople, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 11:31 p.m., until Monday July 19, 2021.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

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Gary Caspers, Chairman

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Bill Czapanskiy, Member

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Shella Thoman, County Clerk

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Ron Copple, Member