

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
AUGUST 9, 2021
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the August meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 9, 2021 in the Commissioners' room at 811 Washington, Concordia, Kansas with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Bill Czapanskiy and Ron Copple (by Zoom), and County Clerk Shella Thoman present.

County staff attending was: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Barry Porter, County Appraiser; Henry Eilert, Maintenance Manager; Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator; Robert Walsh, County Attorney; and James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director.

Others attending: Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk; Toby Nosker, KNCK; Kim Reynolds, CloudCorp Director; Eric Voss & Alan Charbonneau, Communications Committee; Emily Benedict, North Central Kansas Regional Planning; Marlene Stamm, County Sanitarian; Eric Johnson, Campbell & Johnson; Wyatt Hoch Foulston Siefken, LLP (by Zoom).

Wyatt Hoch Foulston Siefken, LLP (by Zoom) discussed the next steps for repairs at the Law Enforcement Center. Hoch and Eric Johnson, Campbell & Johnson will meet this week to prepare a contract. Hoch estimates it will cost \$100,000 - \$150,000 in attorney and expert fees to take the matter to court, those fees are unlikely to be recouped per statute and filing suit should not be until after repairs begin.

Department Head -

James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director – Will be attending IMT training next week. Formal request has been sent to KDEM for the approval of the Emergency Operation plan.

Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk – Office is fully staffed. Recently had an in-person hearing and have 2 jury trials scheduled for the month.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator - Coring was completed on 260th road and they'll begin making repairs soon. Spraying Scricea, finished spraying Johnson grass.

Barry Porter, County Appraiser – Property sales in an average year are 105-120, to date there has been 100.

Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator – Masks are required at the Health Department for visitors and staff that are away from their desk. Individuals that need testing should not enter the building but call when they have arrived. Will have expanded vaccine clinic hours on Fridays from 9:00 – 11:00, appointments are needed. Wednesday

vaccine walk-ins are available. Continuing with the food pantry. Next Monday afternoon they will be doing a vaccine clinic at the College for students and staff. Hospitals are full and it is difficult to transfer patients to another hospital for any medical need.

Henry Eilert, Maintenance Manager – Routine maintenance, helped with the Attorney's office remodel, working on bids for new panic buttons, added lighting to the Appraisers office.

Shella Thoman, County Clerk – Waiting to move forward with ballot set up to hear from USD 333 and the City of Concordia on possible questions to be on the ballot.

Emily Benedict, North Central Kansas Regional Planning presented grant close-out documents for the CDBG-CV grants. The Board opened and closed the Final Performance public hearing and approved signing the documents. Benedict presented a resolution accepting the North Central Kansas Solid Waste management committee report.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Copple, the Board approved allowing the Chairman to sign the CDBG-CV grant close-out documents.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Copple, the Board approved Resolution 2021-25 approving the participation in and adoption of the Solid Waste Management Committee update for the Region serviced by the North Central Kansas Solid Waste Management plan.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator reported that a letter was sent from Foulston Attorneys at Law to Coughlin Company 1, Inc. notifying them of upcoming work on 260th road. Spraying and looking for part-time help.

James Quillen, Eric Voss & Alan Charbonneau, Communications Committee requested that \$45,000 of the total approved on July 26, 2021 for fiber on the Communications project be re-allocated to radios. While the fiber optic cable is important the entities having digital capable radio equipment is priority and will save an annual fee.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Copple, the Board approved reallocating \$45,000 previously approved for fiber for handheld and mobile radios.

Henry Eilert, Maintenance Manager presented bids for asbestos removal from the old jail building and the Courthouse boiler. Bids ranged from \$64,577 to \$175,000 for the jail and \$18,256 to \$29,500 for the boiler.

Marlene Stamm, County Sanitarian presented a quarterly report. Stamm said that throughout all her counties sales and new builds are higher than normal.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved a wage and classification change for Shea McMillan from Office Manager at \$17.50 an hour to Cartographer at \$18.50 an hour effective August 15, 2021.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Copple, the Board approved Resolution 2021-26 voiding check #214186 on August 2, 2021 in the amount of \$226.16 to Central Office Service and Supply Inc. as the check was to the incorrect vendor.

The Board approved the following payroll expenses totaling \$168,254.71

General Fund – \$86,068.67	Road & Bridge – \$50,012.92
Appraisal - \$5,369.28	County Health - \$17,553.62
Noxious Weed - \$1,763.96	Election - \$1,541.37
Solid Waste - \$5,944.89	

Payroll Deductions & Benefits - \$68,869.66

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

The Board reviewed the Budget Status report and Fund Status Report and Composition of Cash Balances & Investments as of July 31, 2021 with an ending cash balance of \$15,180,089.70.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved the August 2, 2021 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 12:02 p.m., until Monday August 16, 2021.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Gary Caspers, Chairman

Bill Czapanskiy, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Ron Copple, Member