

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
JANUARY 31, 2022
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the January meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on January 31, 2021 in the Commissioners' room at 811 Washington, Concordia, Kansas with Chairman Ron Copple, Members Bill Czapanskiy and Gary Caspers, and County Clerk Shella Thoman present.

County staff attending was: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Wanda Backstrom, JJA/Community Corrections Director; and Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; and Kim Reynolds & Nikki Reed, CloudCorp.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator discussed chemical increases. Asch estimated the chemicals that are expected to be purchased in 2022 totaled \$87,733.20, the same amount of chemicals at the 2021 prices would have been \$51,825.60. \$80,100.00 was budgeted for commodities (including chemical purchases). Hawk Road between 260th and 270th is closed. Working on tree projects and cutting down wash boards. Spoke to David Green, to date he has not sent a letter to Coughlin Company.

Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator reported they will have 3 students interning, KDHE will do all the COVID-19 investigations and presented new COVID-19 close contact / quarantine information.

Kim Reynolds & Nikki Reed, CloudCorp presented a Wind Farm grant request for \$150,000 for the Get in the Cloud grant funds. The Get in the Cloud Grant has been funded since 2014; in that time over \$1,052,000 has been awarded to 47 qualified projects. Less than \$300,000 of the grant funds have been spent outside Cloud County. Total cost of the 44 completed projects is \$5,567,745 in capital improvements in Cloud County and resulted in a valuation increase of approximately \$1,233,000 from 2013-2021.

Wanda Backstrom, JJA/Community Corrections Director discussed selling a vehicle from her department. Backstrom will publish in the Blade-Empire for 2 consecutive weeks that she is accepting sealed bids for a 2013 Avenger with 98,167 miles.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Jeffrey B. Thoman as Maintenance Manager effective February 2, 2022.

Sales tax received January 26, 2022 totaled \$76,053.53 compared to the prior year totaling \$63,224.05.

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$96,366.36.

General Fund – \$39,423.36	Road & Bridge – \$12,505.98
Court Services - \$18.00	Solid Waste - \$20,081.60
Employee Benefits - \$464.17	Juvenile Reinvestment - \$31.46
Juvenile Justice - \$17,107.18	Election - \$452.89
Community Correc - \$94.80	Appraisal - \$320.58
County Health - \$5,533.55	Noxious Weed - \$75.77
Co Tourism & Convention – \$151.30	Auto Special - \$105.72

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

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, the Board approved abatements 2022-22 thru 2022-33 with a net change totaling \$1,895.42 and refund totaling \$143.49.

Commissioner Caspers participated in the KWORCC Board of Trustees Thursday January 27th by Zoom. Commissioner Copple participated in the North Central Regional Planning Commission meeting on Thursday January 27th and the Pawnee Mental Health board meeting on Tuesday January 25th.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the January 24, 2022 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 10:59 a.m., until Monday February 7, 2022.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Ron Copple, Chairman

Bill Czapanskiy, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Gary Caspers, Member