

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
JANUARY 10, 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 10, 2021 in the Commissioners' room at 811 Washington, Concordia, Kansas with Chairman Gary Caspers, Members Bill Czapanskiy and Ron Copple, and County Clerk Shella Thoman present.

County staff attending was: Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator; James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director; Barry Porter, Appraiser.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; Kim Reynolds, CloudCorp Director; and Susie Haver, Tourism Director.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved appointing Ron Copple as Chairman for 2022.

Department Head meeting 9:18 – 10:26 a.m.

James Quillen – State filed a Disaster Declaration. Severe Weather Awareness week will be March 7th – 11th. A State wide tornado drill is scheduled for March 8th and a severe weather class will be March 28th. In the final classes before implementing the EverBridge system in Cloud County; multiple other Counties in North Central Kansas are also using the system provided by Homeland Security. All the repeaters & infrastructure are installed and vehicle radios that have been ordered have been delivered to Pierce Electronics. Will be attending training next week for Emergency Manager certification.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator – Working with KDEM on Disaster loss that is estimated at \$600,000 including material, equipment and labor. Discussed Chemical price increases.

Barry Porter, Appraiser- Personal property notices were mailed out.

Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator discussed the CDC guidelines for COVID-19. Testing numbers for November 2021 were 682 test and December totals were 601.

Shella Thoman, County Clerk – Discussed looking at the 2021 carryover cash that was budgeted, this will make a difference on budget authority. Other counties are offering additional insurance premium coverage when they participate in the Health & Wellness program.

Ron Copple, Commissioner – 911 sign down at 5 corners.

Kim Reynolds, CloudCorp Director discussed the ROZ program and presented a Resolution for participation for 2022.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Caspers, the Board approved Resolution 2022-4 authorizing participation in the Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan repayment program for the calendar year of 2022, with no additional dollars allocated for the purpose of matching payments.

Susie Haver, Tourism Director presented Tourism committee appointments for approval and reported that Marian Condray, Co-Director retired at the end of December. An open house to celebrate her retirement and Kansas Day will be January 29th from 9 – 12 at the Tourism office.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved appointing Betsy Reed (Kansas Creek Inn), Scott Seifert (Clyde Area Chamber), John Paul Breault (Brown Grand Theatre) and Jeannine Branfort (Clyde Hotel) to fill the terms through December 31, 2024 to the Cloud County Convention and Tourism committee.

Previewed the USDA grant request for radio equipment and request for payment for Law Enforcement Center repairs.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved adding the Drug-Free Workplace Policy to the County Handbook.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved hiring Ginger Sorenson as part-time Public Health / Family Planning nurse effective January 8, 2022.

The Board reviewed the Budget Status Report and Composition of Cash Balances and Investments for the month ending December 30, 2021 with an ending cash balance of \$23,169,958.66

The Board approved the following payroll expenses totaling \$173,378.36

General Fund – \$91,562.22	Road & Bridge - \$47,715.41
Appraiser - \$5,582.52	County Health - \$19,379.59
Noxious Weed - \$1,805.67	Election - \$1,574.43
Solid Waste - \$5,758.52	

Payroll Deductions & Benefits - \$71,115.56

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, unanimous vote the Board approved the January 3, 2022 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 11:50 a.m., until Monday January 17, 2022.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Ron Copple, Chairman

Gary Caspers, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Bill Czapanskiy, Member