

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
FEBRUARY 14, 2022
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the February meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on February 14, 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: Ken Davis, Sheriff; Andy Asch, Highway Administrator; Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager; Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator; Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director; James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director; Jana Roush, Register of Deeds; JoDee LeDuc, County Treasurer; Jerry Bunch, Corrections Officer; Ron Buckland, Equipment Operator; Ron Bergstrom, Shop Foreman; Austin Howard, Jail Administrator; Brent Trost, Equipment Operator; and Melissa Chaplin, Deputy County Treasurer.

Others attending: Toby Nosker, KNCK; Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk; Marc Budreau, Budreau Construction; Eric Johnson, Campbell & Johnson; and John & Luke Hood, Hood Heating Air Plumbing & Electric.

The Board recognized six employees for their 8-years of service including Jerry Bunch, Corrections Officer; Ron Buckland, Equipment Operator; Ron Bergstrom, Shop Foreman; Austin Howard, Jail Administrator; Brent Trost, Equipment Operator; and Melissa Chaplin, Deputy County Treasurer. Recognized three employees for their 16- years of service including Commissioner Gary Caspers, County Treasurer JoDee LeDuc and County Clerk Shella Thoman.

The Board opened the public hearing regarding the pre-application with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, for financial assistance to acquire and/or develop 51 handheld radios of radios that will be distributed to First Responder departments throughout the County.

James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director presented Resolution 2022-7 for approval.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 2022-7 proclaiming the adoption of standards of conduct and procurement procedures set forth in those regulations of the USDA Rural Development.

Department Head meeting – 9:25 – 9:57 a.m.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director – Waiting on door repairs and wells were tested. Recycling truck was hit and turned into insurance.

Kristi Benyshek, District Court Clerk – Ford dealership is not offering oil change discounts to County employees anymore. E-waste will be coming for a pick-up if anyone has anything to add. Jury trial scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday.

Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager – Discovered a cracked drain pipe on the 1st floor drain that resulted in a leak in the basement restroom.

Andy Asch, Highway Administrator – Received a copy of the draft letter to be sent to Coughlin Company. Chemical prices have significantly increased. Gravel prices will be increasing.

Brandi Bray, Health Department Administrator – Working with All Systems to finish up the Security system. One of the older air units has a crack and needs replaced, cost has increased \$1,400 since the last time they purchased new units. They now have a supply of rapid tests so anyone that wants tested can be. Will be closing a day for a Mental Health 1st Aid staff training day.

JoDee Leduc, County Treasurer - \$12.9 million dollars has been collected in taxes, it is 63.46% and comparable to previous years.

Shella Thoman, County Clerk – Sent the final report to KCAMP for the Law Enforcement claim. Need a count of how many computers each office has that would need to be covered under contract if we use a provider.

James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director – Storm Spotters Meeting March 28th. State wide Tornado drill March 8th at 10:00. LEPC meeting February 22nd at 11:00.

Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager discussed a cracked drain pipe in the men's bathroom, he's waiting on a quote from Hood's to replace the pipe. Discussed small equipment purchases and moving forward with filling the open position. The Board agreed to the purchases and advertising for the position.

Eric Johnson, Campbell & Johnson and John & Luke Hood, Hood Heating Air Plumbing & Electric discussed ongoing repairs at the Law Enforcement Center. The fire alarm needs to be updated to bring it up to code. Delivery of equipment is 13 weeks out.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanisky, second by Commissioner Caspers, the Board approved change order #4 for the Law Enforcement Center repairs totaling \$139,082 to provide fire alarm upgrades to be compatible with the HVAC system.

Recognized the resignation of Garrett Kimminau, Corrections Officer effective February 9, 2022.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Czapanskiy, unanimous vote the Board approved Bryan Cleveland as the non-lawyer member representing Cloud County to the 12th District Judicial Nominating Commission.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Caspers, the Board approved Resolution 2022-8 establishing a county wide burn ban effective immediately until rescinded.

The Board approved the following expenses totaling \$231,727.04.

General Fund – \$83,951.43	Road & Bridge – \$51,950.98
Special Bridge - \$5,011.34	Juvenile Justice - \$213.38
Court Services - \$72.00	Solid Waste - \$17,516.24
Employee Benefits - \$1,125.00	Juvenile Reinvestment - \$360.93
Community Correc - \$393.02	Appraisal - \$171.36
County Health - \$44,645.33	Noxious Weed - \$13,082.56
Co Tourism & Convention – \$2,445.64	Election - \$225.83
Law Enforcement Center - \$10,562.00	

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 Caspers, the Board unanimously approved abatements 2022-7 with a net change totaling \$649.02.

Commissioner Copple attended the Cloud County Resource Council meeting on Wednesday February 9th. Commissioner Czapanskiy participated in the Chemical Dependency Committee meeting by Zoom on Friday February 11th.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the February 7, 2022 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Czapanskiy, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 12:06 p.m., until Tuesday February 22, 2022.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Ron Copple, Chairman

Bill Czapanskiy, Member

Shella Thoman, County Clerk

Gary Caspers, Member